



North Devon Youth Cricket Association

N.D.Y.C.A.

League Rules and Regulations 2010



1.0 Association Officers

Chairman
Secretary/League Co-ordinator
Treasurer
Club Welfare Officer
Result Secretary
District Coordinator (Coaches)
District Coordinator (Players)
Plus one club representative

2.0 AGM Attendance

- 2.1 Clubs wishing to participate in any of the following season's competitions must attend the AGM.
Competitions: Under 10 Pairs, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15

3.0 Entrance Fees

- 3.1 The registration fee payable by each team will be set at the previous year's AGM.
3.2 The Treasurer will issue each Club a registration invoice, payable by 30th April.

4.0 Team Management

- 4.1 All Clubs should have one nominated official for their Youth Teams with whom the Association Committee can communicate. This person should be nominated to the Secretary by APRIL 1st.
- 4.2 All Clubs should endeavour to ensure their officials involved in the League, i.e. Team Manager, Coach, Umpire and Scorer, have been CRB checked within the past 3 years. There will occasionally be exceptional circumstances where requirements might need to be waived. In this instance all parties to the match need to be aware of the circumstances and be mindful of their changed responsibilities and duty of care. This applies to Team Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Scorers, all who have the right to report the instance to the Association and also record the matter on the Results Sheet.

5.0 Player Eligibility and Registration

- 5.1 Eligibility
5.1.1 Male players must be under the age of the specified age group by 1st September of the

previous year.

5.1.2 Female Players are allowed to play down on the following basis:

5.1.2.1 If a female player has played for her County at her age group in that season then the player would be allowed to play down by year group.

5.1.2.2 If a female player has played for her District but not the county at her age group in that season then the player would be allowed to play down by 2 years.

5.1.2.3 If a female player has only played for her club at her age group in that season then the player would be allowed to play down by 2 years.

Note: This is a local and not a county or national rule. Clubs may be subject to different eligibility conditions when competing in county and national competitions and should take advice from these bodies before selecting sides.

6.0 Fixtures

6.1 **All fixtures should be submitted to the Results Secretary by 15th March.**

6.2 Matches must be played on the date agreed unless any of the following circumstances apply:

A revised date is agreed by both Team Managers and submitted to the Results Secretary 7 days before the date of the original fixture.

Adverse weather or ground conditions.

The Teams concerned agree to bring a match date forward. In this case the Results Secretary must be advised before the new match date.

A request for postponement due to exceptional circumstances is agreed by the Secretary. Such requests must be made at least 14 days before the match date where possible.

The home Club's ground becomes unavailable for the fixture to take place, e.g. County or National Youth Cricket competition match or a Senior Cup Match.

6.3 If a match fails to take place on the date agreed for any reason other than those started above, it cannot be replayed as a league fixture.

6.4 Matches can only be postponed because of adverse weather or ground conditions within 24 hours of the scheduled start time (see 7.2.2.) of that match.

6.5 Every effort should be made to replay fixture postponed due to adverse weather or ground conditions, but if this is not possible, both teams will be awarded the appropriate points for a cancelled match. See 8.1.5 and 8.2.2 for the points allocation in this case.

6.6 If a match fails to take place on the agreed date for any reason other than those started in the rule 6.2, the team responsible for calling off the match will receive zero points, and their opposition will receive maximum points. In this instance 'agreed date' means either the date agreed or the revised date resulting from circumstances outlined in rule 6.2.

6.7 If for any reason a fixture is not played on the agreed fixture date, the home manager must inform the Results Secretary within 48 hours, by any means available, giving reasons.

- 6.8 Clubs should endeavour to conclude all their League matches by 31st July. At this stage the various League leaders will represent the North Devon District in the John Stevens (Under 11) and Bob Bridges (Under 13 and Under 15) Competitions.
- 6.9 League matches replayed after the 31st July will only count in the competition with the prior agreement of the Results Secretary, who will otherwise assume a match not played by this date is not going to be played at all. Result sheets for such matches must be received by the Results Secretary within 72 hours of the match.
- 6.10 The Final League Tables will be decided by the 31st August.
- 6.11 The Association reserves the right to withhold points awarded as necessary if it is felt that too few matches have been played by a team/s, or there is any suspicion that the point's award mechanism is being abused or manipulated in some way.

7.0 Match Rules

7.1 General Rules

- 7.1.1 Apart from the exceptions and additions described in sections 7.2. and 7.3., the current Laws of Cricket apply, along with all ECB legislation and recommendations applicable to Youth Cricket. This includes ball dimensions, helmet usage, fielding placing and fast bowling directives. Note that all age-related legislation/directives refer to the age of the player, not the age limit of the competition.
- 7.1.2 Wide Ball (Law 25) – Judging a Wide. Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law. As a guide, if it passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a 'normal cricket stroke' both from where he/she is standing at the crease and from where he should normally be standing at the crease, the Umpire should call and signal 'wide'.
- 7.1.3 All high-pitched deliveries (any ball that passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease), regardless of pace, shall be called and signalled a 'no ball'. It will be left to the discretion of either Umpire to make the initial call and signal.
- 7.1.4 In determining the size of boundaries, Clubs are requested to take into account the age-group taking part in the game.
- 7.1.5 Umpires must be at least 16 years of age, appropriately dressed and only subject to extreme climatic conditions should always wear an Umpires white coat. Umpires must have a good working knowledge of the Laws of Cricket, and also be aware of the specific laws/directives relating to fielding proximities to the bat and also the League rules relating to Wides (see 7.1.2) and No balls (see 7.1.3).
- 7.1.6 All teams should provide a scorer not involved in the game.

7.2 Rules for 11-a-side matches (Under 11, 13 and 15)

- 7.2.1 Clubs should endeavour to adhere to the age-related pitch and stump dimensions in the Laws of Cricket, but the Association recognises that strict adherence is not always practical.
- 7.2.2 Ideally, morning games should start at 10.00 AM and evening games at 6.00 PM.
- 7.2.3 The home side is responsible for providing a good quality ball, 4 ¾ ozs for the Under 11s and Under 13s and 5 ½ ozs for the Under 15s. It need not be new.
- 7.2.4 The match duration is 20 overs per side. This may be reduced by agreement between both Team managers before the start of play.
- 7.2.5 Bowlers may bowl up to 4 overs, provided this does not violate the ECB Fast Bowling Directives.
- 7.2.6 **Under 11 batters retire as soon as their score reaches or exceeds 30.**
- 7.2.7 A retired batter may return to the crease when all others in his/her team have batted. In the event of more than one batter retiring, they must return to the crease in the order in which they retired.
- 7.2.8 In 11-a-side Under 11 and 13 matches, the penalty for a wide or no-ball is 2 runs in all overs including the last. No extra ball is bowled, except in the last over of each innings.
- 7.2.9 If a batter retires for any reason other than medical condition or reaching the retirement score for the age group, he or she is considered to be retired out and may not return.

Rules for Pairs matches -Under 10

- 7.3 Clubs should endeavour to play on a 20-yard pitch and adhere to the stump dimensions in the Laws of Cricket, but the Association recognises that strict adherence is not always practical.
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- 7.3.4 The match duration is 20 overs per side 10 aside
or (16 overs- 8 aside **—only by mutual agreement in advance between the two managers**)
- 7.3.5 The batting side is divided into pairs. Each pair bats for 4 overs. Pairs change at the end of the 4th, 8th, 12th and 16th overs
- 7.3.6 Batsmen have unlimited 'lives' but each 'life' results in a deduction of 5 runs from the total. No batsman who is out for any reason shall face the next ball.

- 7.3.7 Bowlers may bowl up to 4 overs, provided this does not violate the ECB Fast Bowling Directives.
- 7.3.8 Each team commences its innings with a score of 100 runs.
- 7.3.9 The winning team is the side scoring the higher number of runs after deductions for the fall of wickets. In the event of the scores of each team being equal after deductions for the fall of wickets, the match is tied.
- 7.3.10 The penalty for a wide or no-ball is 2 runs in all overs including the last. No extra ball is bowled, except in the last over of each innings.

8.0 Match Results and League Points

8.1 11-a-side, Under 11, Under 13 and 15)

- 8.1.1 10 points are awarded for a win, 5 points for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
- 8.1.2 1 batting point is awarded for the 1st 60 runs (U11's 1 batting point for the 1st 20 runs), and 1 additional point for every 20 runs up to a maximum of 5 points achieved once a score of 140 (100 for Under 11's) and above has been scored.
- 8.1.3 1 batting point is awarded to a winning side batting 2nd for every 2 wickets standing at the end of the innings having passed the opposition's score, subject to a maximum of 5 batting points.
- 8.1.4 1 bowling point is awarded for each 2 wickets taken. If the batting team has less than 11 players, when they are all out the bowling side receives 5 points, irrespective of the number of wickets taken.
- 8.1.5 Every effort should be made to replay postponed fixtures, but if this is not possible, both teams will be awarded 5 points for the fixture.
- 8.1.6 If a team fails to honour a fixture then 20 points will be awarded to the other side and the fixture shall not be rearranged. Eight players shall constitute a side for a match to be played and a Club's inability to raise a side shall not be sufficient reason for the cancellation (or rearrangement) of a fixture.

8.2 Under 10 Pairs

- 8.2.1 4 points will be awarded to the winning team, 2 points to both teams for a tie or 0 points to the losing team.
- 8.2.2 Every effort should be made to replay postponed fixtures, but if this is not possible, both teams will be awarded 2 points for the fixture.
- 8.2.3 If a team fails to honour a fixture then 4 points will be awarded to the other side and the

fixture shall not be rearranged. Eight players shall constitute a side for a match to be played and a Club's inability to raise a side shall not be sufficient reason for the cancellation (or rearrangement) of a fixture

9.0 Result Notification

- 9.1 A result sheet must be completed, checked and signed by both team managers at the end of a match. It is the responsibility of the winning Team manager to ensure that the results sheets are with the results secretary within 5 working days of a match taking place. If a match is abandoned a sheet must be posted by the Home Team Manager and only replaced if the match is replayed.

10.0 Awards

- 10.1 The winner of a league is the team with the highest points. In the event of more than one team having the same points, the league position is shared.

11.0 Complaints

- 11.1 All complaints regarding the behaviour of member clubs should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- 11.2 The committee will meet to hear complaints within fourteen days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- 11.3 The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven days of the hearing.
- 11.4 There will be the right of appeal to the committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within fourteen days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

Any complaints must be telephoned to the Secretary within 24 hours and confirmed in writing within 72 hours.

12.0 Spirit of Cricket

- 12.1 At all times the spirit of cricket is paramount, although friendly competition should be encouraged.
- 12.2 All visiting sides and supporters should be made to feel welcome at the home club's ground and should ensure they treat the home club's facilities with respect.
- 12.3 All sides should treat their opposition with respect and fairness at all times, regardless of the match situation.
- 12.4 Individuals should be encouraged to enjoy the game and the company of both their colleagues and opposition.

- 12.5 Players should be dressed mainly in white, and clothing should be as clean as possible. Full safety equipment should be worn, including batting helmets.
- 12.6 The umpire's decisions are to be accepted immediately and in good grace without adverse comment, with players encouraged to 'walk'. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated at any time.
- 12.7 Players should be encouraged to understand the Laws of Cricket.

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