

Bath and District Youth Cricket League Playing Rules

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1. **General**

- 1.1 All matches are to be played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket as published by the MCC unless otherwise stated or agreed.
- 1.2 The League strongly endorses the ECB directives on fast bowling, proximity of fielders to play and any other guidance issued from time to time and should be adhered to in all fixtures.
- 1.3 The wearing of helmets for batsmen and fielders (including the wicket-keeper) within the 'danger' area is mandatory for all matches in all competitions. The League accepts no liability arising from individual Member Clubs failure to comply.
- 1.4 The League encourages Umpires, Coaches and other Officials to give advice during the game to aid game continuity, develop players and to achieve the objectives of the game.
- 1.5 The League is comfortable for the Laws of Cricket to be adapted by mutual arrangement prior to the commencement of a game, provided this is not to the detriment of the game, i.e. LBW laws, wides, no-balls, double bouncers, etc.
- 1.6 Where no agreement is made the Law of Cricket will prevail or alternative rules as prescribed herein shall apply (see specifically Under 11 Rules).

2. **Player Eligibility**

- 2.1 Players shall be members of the Club they are representing and shall only play for one club in the BDYCL during the course of a season unless otherwise agreed by the Management Board.
- 2.2 In the event that a Club shall have two or more sides competing in the same League competition, then the player shall only play for one of those sides during the season (unless explicitly agreed by the Management Board).
- 2.3 To compete in U-15 competitions, no player shall be older than 14 on the 31st August of the applicable season, for U-13 competitions, no player shall be older than 12 on the 31st August of the applicable season, and for U-11 competitions no player shall be older than 10 on the 31st August of the applicable season. The above age groups apply to girls and boys alike although it is agreed that girls may play two years older than boys, thus an Under 13 can compete in the Under 11 competitions and so on.

2.4 Players are free to play for different age groups in a Club, provided they meet the above criteria, i.e. an U-11 player may also play for his Club at U-13 and U-15 level.

3. Fixtures

3.1 All fixtures are to be played on the arranged date unless they have been mutually re-organised for a more convenient date by competing clubs, in which case, the Secretary or League Administrator must have been advised in writing of the revised fixture before the commencement of the Season.

3.2 Any rearranged fixtures after the commencement of the League season, for whatever reason, will not be considered an official league game. Where points need to be awarded, the Management Board shall adjudicate.

3.3 With the exception of the Final, all cup competitions games will be arranged and played at the convenience of the competing clubs in accordance with the Cup draws.

3.4 In the event that Cup Fixtures are not completed either within the arranged fixture or by way of a reserve date by the closing date, the League will arbitrate, and where necessary is empowered to decide the fixture by way of a bowl-out or any other fair means. All Clubs' co-operation to meet pressing deadlines/Final date is essential.

3.5 Weekday fixtures shall commence no later than 6.00pm unless otherwise agreed by the competing clubs.

3.6 League fixtures for the U11 and U15 have been arranged for Monday evenings and U13 games for Tuesday evenings. Whilst the freedom to rearrange is offered per the above rules, we expect Member Clubs to remain sensitive to School and Representative Cricket.

3.7 The arranged fixtures will prevail if no alternative timing can be arranged.

4. Results

4.1 The Home side shall be responsible for the reporting of match results to the League Administrator, in writing or by email, within 3 days of the match.

4.2 Games that did not take place on the arranged date, for whatever reason (weather, default etc.) also need to be reported.

5. Playing Conditions

The Playing Conditions as recommended by the ECB shall be adopted wherever possible, which are currently as follows:

	Ball Weight	Pitch Length	Stump Dimensions
Under 11	4.75 oz	20 yards	27" x 8"
Under 13	4.75 oz	21 yards	27" x 8"
Under 15	5.5 oz	22 yards	28" x 9"

However, in the line with the spirit of the BDYCL, provided child welfare and safety is maintained, and a fair contest can be achieved, then the inability to fulfill the specific criteria above shall not prevent a match taking place.

6. Tied Games League and League Cup – All Age Groups

In the event of a game finishing with scores equal, then the team that has taken the most wickets shall be declared the winners. If still equal, the side with the highest score at the end of the penultimate over shall be the victors; if still equal, scores shall be compared at the end of the prior and so on.

7. League Only – All Age Groups

7.1 The winning team shall be awarded 4 points and the losing team 0 points. In the event of a fixture being cancelled, points shall be shared (2 points each) unless one team has been unable to field a side or

cancelled the fixture for reasons other than weather or unplayable conditions. In such cases, the defaulting side shall be awarded 0 points and their opposition 4 points.

- 7.2 No points shall be awarded for a rearranged fixture unless this was advised to the League Officials in accordance with 3.1.

8. U13 and U15 Competitions

- 8.1 Both the League and League Cup competitions shall consist of one innings per side of 20 overs with each bowler limited to 4 overs.
- 8.2 In the event that on completion of the League calendar two or more teams has accumulated equal points resulting in a tied division, then the team who fared best in the head to head game(s) shall be the winners.
- 8.3 If the sides cannot be separated by these means then the team with the most wins shall be the League winner. If still equal, then a playoff game will take place including a round-robin competition where there is a three-way tie.

9. Under 11 Competitions

- 9.1 The U11 11-a-side League shall consist of one innings per side of 16 overs, with each bowler bowling a maximum of 3 overs. (A 20 over game may be played by prior agreement in which case, the maximum overs per bowler will be 4).
- 9.2 The U11 8-a side League shall consist of one innings per side of 16 overs, whereby the batting side is divided into pairs and each pair shall bat for 4 overs. Each batsman has 'unlimited lives' but each dismissal and loss of a 'life' shall result in 5 runs being deducted from the total, which starts at 200 for each side. No batsman who is out for any reason shall face the next delivery except for a run out whereby the non-striker shall face the next delivery whomever the victim may have been. Each fielder excluding the wicket-keeper must bowl one over but no more than 3. The winning team shall be the side that has the highest total after deductions. Teams in the League are permitted to play a game in accordance with the 11-a-side rules by mutual agreement.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise agreed, the Rules for all U11 matches shall be as follows - overs will consist of 6 balls with wides and no balls penalised with 2 runs but not rebowled, with the exception of the final two overs of each innings when wides and no balls would count as one penalty run each but be rebowled until 6 legitimate balls have been completed. There shall be no LBWs.
- 9.4 The U11 League Cup Competition shall be played in accordance with the 8-aside Rules.

10. U9 Competitions

A separate body of rules not detailed herein will cover the U9 Competitions.

11. Bath and North East Somerset – National Knock-out Qualifying Competition

Both the U13 and U15 competitions will be played in accordance with the individual Competition Rules as laid down by the ECB and distributed to Member Clubs. All competing Clubs shall have paid their appropriate affiliation fees and meet the necessary qualification criteria. In the event the winners of our competition are non-compliant, the League shall nominate the next best-placed team for the Regional Playoffs.

12. Rules Not Covered.

The Management Board shall arbitrate where appropriate on the Rules or in the absence thereof. The Management Board's decision shall be final.