

LEINSTER SCHOOLS' CRICKET COMPETITIONS (BOYS)

RULES 2009

1. AGE LIMITS:

Senior League: Under 19 years, 1st July previous year.

Second XI League: Under 19 years, 1st July previous year.

Junior League: Under 15 years, 1st July previous year or 1st April if boy is in 3rd year.

Under-14 League: Under 14 years, 1st July previous year or 1st April if in 2nd year.

Under-13 League: Under 13 years, 1st July previous year or 1st April if in 1st year.

2. CONTROL OF MATCHES:

Senior League:

(i) The League shall be divided into two sections.

(ii) Matches shall be of one innings each.

(iii) Each innings shall have a maximum of 35 overs.

(iv) The team that scores the most runs will be the winner.

(v) If both teams score equal runs the match will be a tie.

(vi) **Points:** 16 points for a win, 8 for a tie, 5 for a weather-ruined draw. One bonus point will be awarded for every **two** wickets taken in an innings and one bonus point for every **20 runs** scored over 50 runs with a maximum of 5 points. Where a side batting first is dismissed or declares at a score less than 150 and the side batting second wins the match, the latter will receive bonus points for runs scored on the usual basis or start with a maximum of 5 points and deduct one point for every two wickets lost during the innings. The number of bonus points ultimately received by the side batting second will be the greater achieved when the above formula is used.

(vii) Matches not played owing to ground or weather conditions - 3 points each.

(viii) No bowler may bowl more than 10 overs in a match. (Subject to Section 7 on spells per age of player)

(ix) All matches must be played on the dates specified, but matches **not started** owing to ground or weather conditions may be rescheduled, **before the next game**, always provided **both** schools agree.

(x) Matches should start at 2.30 p.m. and the tea interval should not exceed 20 minutes. No match shall continue after 7.30 p.m. except that 20 overs shall be bowled in the last hour, starting at 6.30 p.m.

(xi) No bonus points shall be awarded in the Final.

(xii) **Final:** .

The Final shall be played on Tuesday and Wednesday, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and continuing until 8.00 p.m. each day, with a tea interval of 30 minutes. Each side shall have one innings of 40 overs. If a result is imminent at the end of the first day an extra 30 minutes may be played providing **both** schools agree.

Alf O'Connell League:

- (i) Each side shall have one innings of not more than **20 overs**.
- (ii) **Eight** members of a school's 1st XI and **eight** members of its Junior XI shall not be eligible to play in this competition. No player's name shall appear on **both** these lists. The names of these 'starred' players must be submitted to the Hon. Sec. before a school's **first** match in this league. If any 'unstarred' member of a school's Junior XI plays a match in the Senior 1st XI league, he automatically becomes starred **in addition** to the original eight from the Junior XI. Schools may enter two teams but the players on these teams are not interchangeable, as a player shall play for only **one** team in this league in any season. An 'unstarred' player cannot be considered for any representative cricket during that season.
- (iii) No player who has been awarded an **Interprovincial cap** shall play in this league.
- (iv) Matches started and interfered with by rain shall be regarded as drawn unless finished within **three hours** of the start.
- (v) Matches not started owing to ground or weather conditions **must** be rescheduled.
- (vi) The venue for each match shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- (vii) **Points:** 3 points for a win, 2 for a tie, 1 for a draw.
- (viii) No bowler shall bowl more than **five overs** in a match.
- (ix) When all the matches in a section are completed and two or more teams have an equality of points then the team taking **most wickets** in that section should go forward as the winner of the section. If any team has not completed all its matches, the results of its matches to date will be discounted.

Junior and Under-14 Leagues:

- (i) The league shall be divided into two or more sections.
- (ii) Each side shall have **one** innings.
- (iii) Neither side shall bat for more than **30 overs**.
- (iv) If matches are started and rain prevents further play the result shall be a draw unless both schools agree **beforehand** to a replay of the entire game.
- (v) **Points:** 16 points for a win, 8 for a tie, 5 for a weather-ruined draw. One bonus point will be awarded for every **two** wickets taken in an innings and one bonus point for every **20 runs** scored over 30 runs with a maximum of 5 points. Where a side batting first is dismissed or declares at a score less than 130 and the side batting second wins the match the latter will receive bonus points for runs scored on the usual basis or start with a maximum of 5 points and deduct one point for every two wickets lost during their innings. The number of bonus points ultimately received by the side batting second will be the greater achieved when the above formula is used.
- (vi) No bowler shall bowl more than **8 overs** in a match, and must be aware of section 7 about spells and players age.
- (vii) In the final neither side shall bat for more than 35 overs.
- (viii) Matches may be played on Saturday mornings or Sunday provided both schools agree.

Under-13 Cup:

- (i) Each school shall enter only one team.
- (ii) The first round must be **completed** by the second Wednesday in May.
- (iii) Each side shall have one innings of not more than **25 overs**.
- (iv) In the event of a tie the match shall be replayed.
- (v) If a match is started and is stopped by weather conditions it shall **continue** on a subsequent day.
- (vi) The venue shall be decided by the draw - details with notification of draw.
- (vii) No bowler shall bowl more than **seven overs** in a match.
- (viii) The length of the pitch shall be 22 yards, the ball 4 and 3/4 oz.: the stumps full-sized, 28 inches.
- (ix) The **final**, also of 25 overs, shall be played on a neutral ground with umpires appointed by the Schools' Committee.

3. EQUIPMENT: Under-14 League – 4^{3/4} oz. ball must be used. For other matches (not U-13) the equipment shall be as in the M.C.C. laws. A four-piece leather ball must be used in all Senior League and Junior League matches. ALL boys batting in schools cricket must wear a helmet, box AND faceguard.

4. UMPIRES: For all matches except finals and semi-finals an adult representative from each school shall umpire with the proviso that if both schools agree outside umpires may be obtained. The schools concerned shall be responsible for payment of official L.C.U.A. umpires.

5. GROUNDS: For all matches the grounds are arranged by a draw organised by the Schools' Committee. The **Nottinghamshire Pitch** (artificial mat) is recognised as **Grade A** for all league matches.

6. GENERAL: Second XI, Junior and Under-14 League matches must be completed by the dates laid down by the Schools' Committee. The results of all competition matches should be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. within three days. In the event of a **TIE** in a **Semi-final** match the team losing least wickets is deemed the winner (if wickets are the same then a bowl-out will take place). If a **TIE** happens in a final then a replay or a shared cup will happen. Schools not represented at the annual fixtures meeting may lose home advantage for the Second XI, Junior and Under-14 League matches.

7. SAFETY DIRECTIVES

(ECB GUIDELINES)

FAST BOWLING.

Age	Maximum Overs per Spell	Maximum Overs per Day
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MATCHES

Up to 13	4 overs per spell	8 overs per day
U-14, U-15	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U-17	6 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U-19	7 overs per spell	21 overs per day

PRACTICE SESSIONS

Up to 13	30 balls per session	2 sessions per week
U-14, U-15	36 balls per session	2 sessions per week
U-17	36 balls per session	3 sessions per week

BATTING

All boys playing cricket for their school must wear a certified helmet, box and faceguard for match and practice.

FIELDERS

Up to 13 No fielder can be closer than 11 yards from the batter except the wicketkeeper or any other fielder **behind square** on the **off** side.

U-14, U-15 No fielder can be closer than 8 yards from the batsman except the wicketkeeper or any other fielder **behind square** on the **off** side.

U-19 All fielders must wear a cricket helmet with faceguard , an abdominal protector and shinguards if fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat.

Wicketkeepers are recommended to wear gumshields and light helmet.