

SCHOOLS' UNDER 14 LEAGUE RULES

1. Schools will be zoned into Sections with each Section played as a league.
2. Each League is to be completed by 19th May. Do not wait for Block fixtures scheduled for later dates.
3. Section winners will play a knock-out competition in May/June on grounds decided by the draw.
4. The maximum length of an innings is 25 overs. If the players have to leave the field for any reason, the number of overs will be reduced by one for every three minutes off the field.
5. No bowler may bowl more than 5 overs.
6. Points shall be awarded as follows:
Win – 4 points, Tie – 2 points each, No match or no result – 1 point each
7. If the side batting first is prevented by adverse weather from receiving 10 overs, the match shall be abandoned.
8. If adverse weather conditions prevent completion of the second innings, the team batting second shall have a Target Score. The Target is determined by the formula: Target Score = Number of overs available multiplied by the average number of runs per over scored by the team batting first. If the team batting second is prevented by adverse weather conditions from batting for at least 10 overs, there shall be no result.
9. Each Section shall be won by the team having the greatest number of points. In the event of a tie, the team with the faster rate of taking wickets shall be the winner. The rate is the number of wickets taken per 100 balls bowled.
10. The winning team is to telephone the result, including the number of overs bowled by each team, to the Honorary Competition Secretary within 24 hours of the match being played.
11. In the Final, if the scores finish level, the teams will hold the trophy for six months each. In all other tied matches, the winning team will be that which has:
 - (a) lost the smaller number of wickets, then
 - (b) scored the higher number of runs per over, then
 - (c) the higher run rate in the first 10 overs, then
 - (d) the higher run rate in the first 20 overs. If still tied, or if 20 overs not bowled, then
 - (e) toss of a coin.
12. Age limit – Under 14 on 1st July in the year before competition.
13. All Under 14 fixtures (and younger) to be played with a 5.5 oz. Ball and on a 22 yard pitch.
14. Neutral Umpires shall be appointed for the Final.

E.C.B. Recommendation

It is recommended that no fielder who is under 15 years of age, except the wicket-keeper, shall be allowed to field nearer than 8 yards measured from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.