

Nidderdale Junior Cricket League
U15/17 Cricket Rules

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

1. The league shall be known as The Nidderdale Junior Cricket League and shall be administered by a Sub Committee of the Management Committee of the Nidderdale Amateur Cricket League.
2. The junior league shall be administered by a committee which shall consist of; President, Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Match Manager and/or Secretaries of all competitions within the league's jurisdiction plus a member to be appointed by the league management committee with a special interest in Junior Cricket. The junior committee will have the power to co-opt an additional two members onto the committee

The committee shall be responsible for the organization of U17, U15, U13, U11, U9 leagues and Joe Lumb and Lords Taverners representative sides. Each age group and representative side shall have its own secretary and/or team manager who shall be a member of the junior league committee.

The committee shall meet as often as business requires. Its meetings shall be minuted and the contents of the minutes shall be conveyed to the secretary of the league management committee.

3. The Annual General Meeting of the junior cricket league shall take place during the month of November each year. All clubs with a team competing in the junior league shall be given the minimum of 3 weeks written notice of this meeting. At the AGM the following business shall be included on the agenda: Reports from Treasurer, General Secretary, Secretaries and/or Team Managers, rule alterations, election of officers. Each club shall have one vote.
4. Each club shall pay an annual subscription which shall be U17 £35.00, U15 35.00, U13 35.00 pairs cricket £20.00.

Prior to the toss being made the match may, with the agreement of both team managers, be reduced by a maximum of 6 over's per side. No evening match shall start later than 7.00pm.

The subscription for a club with a "B" team in any age group shall be 50% of that age group's subscription.

Subscriptions should be paid to the Junior Cricket League Treasurer by 31st May each year.

5. The final date for entering a team in any age group shall be 1st February of each year.

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6. Each club shall receive 4 handbooks for one team competing in the league and 2 handbooks for each additional team competing in the league.
7. All winners and runners-up and man-of-the-match trophies to be returned polished and engraved, to the respective age group Secretary by June 30th each year. The league reserves the right to impose a fine not exceeding £10.00.
8. A set of rules for all age groups will be published each year in the junior league handbook. Any matter not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the junior sub-committee whose decision will be final.
9. Any future ECB directives shall be included in the rules for all age groups.
10. A player leaving his present club to join another club at any time of the year must notify his present club in writing before he is eligible to play for his new club. It is the responsibility of his new club to make sure that this rule has been carried out.

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U15/17's LEAGUE CRICKET RULES

1. At the 1st September prior to the current season only players under the age of 17 are eligible to play in the U17 league and players under the age of 15 are eligible to play in the U15 league.
2. The competition will be run on a league basis. Two points for a win and one each for a draw, a tie or an abandoned game.
3. U17 matches shall be played on Thursday evenings commencing at 6.30pm; U15 matches shall be played on Sunday mornings commencing at 10.00am. Clubs failing to fulfill any fixture for any cause except weather conditions shall forfeit two points.

Special permission may be granted from the U17 Secretary or the U15 Secretary for a club to re-arrange a game under exceptional circumstances. A team not having sufficient players is NOT exceptional circumstances.

Any matches re-arranged shall be deemed to be a draw if the matches due on the scheduled date do not result, due to weather conditions, in any club gaining two points or a draw. If a re-arranged fixture is unable to be played due to weather conditions and on the scheduled day a club or clubs gained two points or a draw, then further re-arrangements will be granted until a match is able to be played. All re-arranged matches must be played by one week after the final fixture date.

4. a. Each innings shall consist of not more than 22 over's.

Prior to the toss being made the match may, with the agreement of both team managers, be reduced by a maximum of 6 over's per side. No evening match shall start later than 7.00pm.

- b. All matches shall be played on a 22 yard pitch.
- c. In the U17 league no bowler shall bowl more than 6 over's.
In the U15 league no bowler shall bowl more than 5 over's.
The ECB Fast Bowling Directives shall be adhered to at all times.
- d. Each team to supply its own match ball, which shall be in good condition.
- e. Each club to supply its own umpire and scorer.
- f. In the U15 league no fielder, 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.
- g. In the U15 league a batsman shall retire on reaching 35 runs but shall be able to return after the dismissal of the last man provided that the batting side has a full team.

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5. All players shall be junior members of the club they represent. No player shall play for more than one club in any one season without the prior consent of The Junior Secretary. A player may play for one club in the U17 competition and another in the U15 competition.
6. Results (including abandoned games) of U17 and U15 matches shall be posted by the home team on the junior league website within 24 hours of the match being played. Any club failing to do this may be fined £5.00 for each missing result.
7. It is the responsibility of the home club to advise the visiting club if the match is cancelled.
8. Teams playing over-aged players will be heavily penalized at the discretion of the junior sub-committee.
9. If entries are received from a wide area, the competition will be zoned. If this is done, the top team in each section will play-off for the championship trophy.

In the event of two teams playing off for the trophy and for any reason the match is abandoned, it must be completely re-played.

Neutral umpires will be provided for all play-off finals.

In the event of two or more teams tying for the zone championship, final positions shall be determined on the basis of the team that has won most matches. If still undecided averages will be calculated, the bowling average to be divided into the batting average.

10. If a match is to be played on an artificial wicket then the home club must notify their opponents 48 hours before the match. Artificial wickets may not be used for play-offs or cup semi-finals.
11. Any complaint, dispute or protest will be settled by the Junior League Committee. All parties shall have the right to be represented. In the case of a serious disciplinary complaint the Nidderdale Amateur Cricket League's disciplinary rules shall apply.

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U15/17's CUP CRICKET RULES

1. Teams in the U17 league shall compete for the Arthur Barrett Cup. Teams in the U15 league shall compete for the R.H. Mellor Trophy presented by Knaresborough Forest C.C.
2. The competition to be governed by The Nidderdale Junior Cricket League Committee.
3. The names of all teams to be placed in a box and drawn out in pairs. The first out of each pair to be the home team.
4. All matches shall commence at 6.30om except the semi-finals and final of The Mellor Trophy which shall be played on a Sunday at Knaresborough Forest C.C.
5. In the event of a match being abandoned it shall be re-played completely. The two clubs must arrange a suitable evening and notify the Junior Secretary of such a date. In the event of a tie the match shall be decided by the team which has lost fewest wickets. In the event of those being equal the winning team shall be the team the most runs from the bat.
6. A player must have played in at least 3 league or cup matches before being eligible to play in the final of any cup competition unless special permission is given by The Junior Secretary.

Competing teams in the final shall submit a list of their teams to the Junior Secretary three days before the match is due to be played.

7. All other rules as outlined in the junior league rules shall apply.