

Nidderdale Junior Cricket League  
U9/11 Pairs 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 31<sup>st</sup> May each year.

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

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**GENERAL LEAGUE RULES (Cont.)**

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**U9/11 PAIRS CRICKET RULES**

1. The competition shall be known as “Nidderdale Junior Pairs Cricket Competition”. Entry shall be open to all Clubs and Schools in the area covered by the two leagues.
2. a. The competition shall be run on a league basis. Two points for a win and one point each for a draw, a ties or an abandoned game.  
b. If because of the number of teams entering the league teams may be grouped into two or more sections, where possible on a geographical basis.  
c. Games should be played sometime during the fixture week. However, should this not be possible because of the weather or both teams’ grounds being unavailable, the fixture may be re-arranged by mutual agreement of both clubs. Any match not played shall be accredited a draw. Matches shall start at 6.30pm unless both teams agree an alternative time.

In the U11 league, games should be played during the fixture week. However, should this not be possible, because of the weather or both teams’ grounds being unavailable, the fixture may be re-arranged by mutual arrangement of both clubs. Any match not played shall be accredited a draw. Matches shall start at 6.30pm unless both teams agree an alternative time.

3. In the event of two or more teams finishing on equal points, final positions shall be determined on the basis of the team that has won most matches. If still undecided the averages will be calculated on the matches between those teams, the bowling average to be divided into the batting average.
4. Results of all matches (including abandoned matches) shall be posted by the home club on the league website within 24 hours of the match being played.
5. At the 1<sup>st</sup> September prior to the current playing season only players under the age of 11 are eligible to play in the U11 league and players under the age of 9 are eligible to play in the U9 league.
6. Each team shall comprise of 8 players.
7. The pitch shall measure 20 yards (under 11’s) 18 yards or manager’s discretion (under 9’s) and must be on the square. All clubs should abide by this ruling.

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**U9/11 PAIRS CRICKET RULES (Cont./2)**

8. Equipment  
Ball - 4.75oz for under 11's  
Eastern Incrediball size 4.75oz for under 9's  
Pads – pads and gloves to be worn for under 11's  
pads optional for under 9's.
9. Stumps as normal
10. Each game shall consist of one innings per side. Boundaries shall count as four runs. Clear boundaries shall count as six runs. Large grounds would benefit from shortening the boundaries for these games.
11. The batting side shall be divided into pairs, each pair batting for 4 overs. Pairs change at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> overs.
12. Batsman shall have unlimited “lives” but each time he is dismissed 6 runs shall be deducted from the U11's and 4 runs deducted from the U9's and shown on the score sheet as a wicket lost. The umpire shall signal to the scorers the fall of wicket (using the normal “out” signal). The game not to proceed until the scorers have acknowledged the umpire's signal.
13. In the U11's all fielders must bowl, with the exception of the wicket keeper. No person may bowl more than 3 overs, in the U9's all players shall bowl 2 overs each.
14. No fielders will be allowed within 10 yards in front of the striker's wicket at the instant of delivery.
15. At the fall of each wicket, the batsman shall change ends. This shall not apply if a wicket falls on the last ball of an over.
16. At the start of an innings the Scoreboard shall show a total of 200. Runs will be added as scored in the normal manner. For each wicket lost 6 runs shall be deducted from the total for the U11's and 4 runs for the U9's. A running total shall be shown, plus the number of wickets. In the league section of the competition; if both sides have the same score the match will be declared a tie and each side awarded 1 point. In the knockout section in the event of the score being equal at the end of the game the winner will be the side losing the least number of wickets. In the event of both still being equal, then each person shall bowl one ball (over arm) at the wickets, the side hitting the wickets most being the winners. If still tied, each side shall bowl at the wickets and the first side to hit the wickets when the other has not in the same number of balls shall be the winner.
17. Each side shall provide a responsible person to umpire their games who will be allowed to assist their teams in the field.

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**U9/11 PAIRS CRICKET RULES (Cont./3)**

18. In the U11's a maximum of 3 wides to be allowed per over. Should any further wides be bowled:- wide to be indicated – one run given – no extra ball to be bowled i.e. a maximum of 9 balls may be bowled in an over. In the U9's all bowlers shall bowl 2 overs each.
19. LBW's to be given at the discretion of the umpire i.e. providing the batsman is back on his stumps and LBW should be given.
20. In the case of a dispute the final decision will be made by the results secretary and the pairs representative.