

Wetherby Cricket League Rules 2010 – Junior

Under 17 Competition

- 17.1.1** Team comprising this section shall be composed of Juniors who shall be under the age of 17 at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of competition.
- 17.2.1** All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Monday, and shall start at 6.30pm, matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Hon. Junior Secretary
- 17.3.1** Matches shall be played on a 22 yd pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 28”x 9”.
- 17.3.2** Both teams shall use a senior size hardball, i.e. 5 1/2oz.
- 17.4.1** Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of 20 overs (of 6 balls) or a complete innings which ever is the less. Evening matches played before the second Monday in May shall be restricted to a maximum of 16 overs per side.
- 17.4.2** In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could effect the game, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of 12. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.
- 17.4.3** Coaching from the middle (by Umpire/Manager) or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible.
Note: this delays the smooth running of the game and adds to the development of young cricketers. The captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.
- 17.5.1** A minimum of FIVE bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than 4 overs in a 20 overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side are reduced under 17.4.2, the minimum requirement shall be:
19 overs 4x4 & 1x3; 18 overs 3x4 & 2x3; 17 overs 2x4 & 3x3;
16 overs 1x4 & 4x3; 15 overs 5x3; 14 overs 4x3 & 1x2;
13 overs 3x3 & 2x2; 12 overs 2x3 & 3x2.
In a match reduced to 15 overs or less, no player shall bowl more than 3 overs.
- 17.5.2** Batsmen must retire on 50 runs, but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.
- 17.5.3** No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.
- 17.6.1** The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be 3 points for a win, 2 points for a tie and 1 point for an incomplete match. The home team shall email the results to the Results Co-Ordinator by 10pm on the day of the match. Additionally, a Match Result Sheet must be emailed by the home team by 10pm on the third day following the match to the Hon. Junior Secretary or their nominated representative.
- 17.6.2** In the event of two (or more) Divisions being in existence, the top team from each division shall play off on a neutral ground to decide the Trophy holder for the year.
- 17.6.3** Any home team failing to e-mail a Match Result Sheet by 10pm on the third day following the match to the Hon Junior Secretary or their nominated representative shall be fined the sum of £10.00. When a match is cancelled due to weather then both sides shall email to the Hon Junior Secretary or their nominated representative a Match Result Sheet by 10pm on the third day following the match listing the players who would have taken part in the match.

- 17.7.1** In the Nicholas Priestley Cup and Divisional Play-off, to be qualified to play in the semi-final and final for a club, players must be registered to that club and have played at least two U17 league matches for that club before the semi-final or the play-offs.
- 17.7.2** The full names and age groups of all players taking part in a match must be exchanged between the two managers and the official list handed to the Umpires and Scorers not later than 15 minutes before the time set for the commencement of the match.
- 17.8.1** At least two responsible adults shall accompany each junior team in all matches. They shall be responsible for the good behaviour of the players and for ensuring that the matches are played to the Spirit of the Game.
- 17.8.2** Club secretaries of the Junior teams in membership of the League shall forward to the Hon Junior Secretary not later than the second Saturday following the fulfilment of the clubs commitments details of the Club's top averages for batting and bowling. Qualifications for the batting should be 200 runs and for bowling 15 wickets; qualifications would include junior section matches, play-offs, and the Nicholas Priestley Competition.
- 17.9.1** One umpire will be appointed by the League for each match and will stand at the non-strikers end at all times, and the club batting must provide a competent person to officiate at the strikers end, The remuneration of the appointed umpire shall be £12.00 to be shared equally between both clubs. This must be paid during the interval between innings.

Games are to be played in accordance with the Spirit of the Game.

ECB REGULATIONS RELATING TO JUNIOR PLAYERS

The following ECB regulations relating to junior players must be applied in all matches played under the auspices of the Wetherby Cricket League (WCL)

Helmets (Batting and Wicket Keeping)

- a) All players under the age of 18 **MUST** wear an approved helmet, fitted with an approved grill when batting, or during practice with a hard ball, or wicket keeping if standing up to the stumps. In all normal circumstances the use of consent forms will not be allowed other than on religious grounds.
- b) In Senior matches the club captains, coaches and umpires have a responsibility to ensure the regulation is enforced.
- c) In junior matches the team managers, coaches and umpires have a responsibility to ensure the regulation is enforced.
- d) Umpires should obtain an assurance from the player and team manager if they have any doubt about the age of the player. The helmet requirement ceases on the player's 18th birthday.

Fielding

The following fielding restrictions will apply in all games played under the auspices of the WCL. Captains are required to ensure the restrictions are not infringed.

Umpires are required to stop the game until all junior players are suitably positioned.

Under 13 years old (as at midnight 31st August of the previous season)

Players in this age group cannot field closer than 11 yards from the middle stump except behind the wicket of the offside.

Under 15 years old (as at midnight 31st August of the previous season)

Players over the age of 13 but under 15 cannot field closer than 8 yards from the middle stump except behind the wicket of the offside.

Under 18 years old (as at midnight 31st August of the previous season)

Players over the age of 15 but under 18 should wear a helmet when fielding within 6 yards of the middle stump except behind the wicket of the offside.

Bowling

Captains, coaches and umpires are required to ensure that there is no infringement of the current bowling restrictions relating to the number of overs bowled by juniors.

The following restrictions relate to a fast bowler who is defined as a bowler to whom the wicket keeper in the same age group would, in normal circumstances, stand back to take the ball.

Age	Max. overs in a spell	Max. overs in a day
Upto 13 yrs	5	10
U14 & U15	6	12
U16 & U17	7	18
U18 & U19	7	18

(Note – ages relate to midnight 31st August of the previous season)

Team Managers must indicate the age group of all players under 19 years of age on the team sheet, which must be handed to the umpires prior to the start of the match. Failure to act within the above regulations may render the Club, Manager or Coach liable in the event of an injury and may invalidate insurance cover.