

Wetherby Cricket League Rules 2010 – Junior

Under 9 Competition

- 9.1.1** Team comprising this section shall be composed of Juniors who shall be under the age of 9 at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of competition. Girls are allowed to play two years overage.
- 9.2.1** All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Sunday, and shall start at 10.00am, matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Hon. Junior Secretary
- 9.3.1** Matches shall be played on a 17 yd pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 27”x 8”.
- 9.3.2** Both teams shall use a junior size incrediball or equivalent.
- 9.3.5** Boundaries shall be between 25yd minimum and 35yd maximum parallel to the pitch.
- 9.4.1** Each side shall occupy the wicket for 16 overs (of 6 balls) for an 8-a-side game
- 9.5.1** Players shall bowl from one end only and the fielding side shall rotate clockwise after each over.
- 9.5.2** Batsmen shall bat in pairs for four overs, and the normal rules of ‘ Kwik Cricket’ shall apply. Wherever possible each batsman shall face the same number of deliveries per over. Whenever a batsman is out the batsmen shall change ends, except on the last ball of the over, and five runs shall be deducted from the score.
- 9.5.3** In the event that a team does not have a full complement of eight players, then their opponents are entitled to select which players shall bat and bowl again.
- 9.5.4** The accepted rules of cricket shall apply with the following exception regarding the “no ball”. A ball that bounces over shoulder height whilst the batter is in the normal batting stance shall be deemed a “no ball”. In addition to this, any ball that is above waist height on the FULL shall also be deemed a “no ball”. A “wide ball shall also be called a “no ball”. A “no ball” shall result in a “free hit” from the batting tee which shall be placed on the batting crease in front of the wicket. The “free hit” must be hit in front of the batting crease on the offside (i.e. the side in front of the batter whilst in their normal batting stance). No further runs shall be awarded for the “no ball” and no runs shall count if the ball goes behind the batting crease or onto the onside. A full set of rules is set out in appendix D.
- 9.6.1** The side with the highest net total score shall be the winner. If the net scores are equal the side that has lost the fewer wickets shall be the winner. 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.
- 9.6.2** 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.
- 9.7.1** In the event of a Divisional Play-off, to be qualified to play in the Play-Off for a club, players must be registered to that club and have played at least two matches at Under 9 for that club.
- 9.8.1** 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.

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

Under 9 Playing Conditions

Teams comprising this Section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 9 at midnight on the 31st August prior to the year of competition. Any exceptions to this rule shall be agreed between the managers before the match.

- Teams shall be normally 8-a-side.
- Pitch 17 yards between stumps.
- Boundaries – 25yd min, 35 yd max parallel to the pitch.
- 16 x 6 ball overs.
- 2 overs per bowler.
- Fielding team rotate in a clockwise direction after each over.
- Fielders to be no nearer than eleven yards from the batter at the moment of delivery.
- Batsmen to bat in pairs for 4 overs, each batsman to face the same number of deliveries per over.
- Batsmen to take guard on middle/leg stump to avoid covering the wicket.
- No LBW's
- No “no ball” for overstepping (run up)

All runs and extras are scored according to the accepted laws of cricket with the following exceptions.

- A ball that bounces over shoulder height whilst the batter is in the normal batting stance shall be deemed a “no ball”. In addition to this, any ball that is above waist height on the FULL shall also be deemed a “no ball”. A “wide ball shall also be called a “no ball”.
- Any “wide ball” shall be called a “no ball”.
- A “no ball” shall result in a “free hit” from the batting tee which shall be placed on the batting crease in front of the wicket.
- In the case of a “free hit” the fielding team must assume the positions they were in at the moment the deliver was made.
- The “free hit” must be hit in front of the batting crease on the offside (i.e. the side in front of the batter whilst in their normal batting stance). No runs shall be awarded for the “no ball” and no runs shall count if the ball goes behind the batting crease or onto the onside.
- The batter cannot be out bowled, caught, stumped or hit wicket from a “free hit” but can still be run out.
- Any ball that bounces more than once or rolls along the ground is deemed a fair delivery, unless the bowler is deliberately rolling it along the ground to obviously gain an advantage. The umpire may decide to re-bowl deliveries if considered accidentally unfair.

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.