

WEST SURREY YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE

Rules and Regulations 2017

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The MCC Laws of Cricket shall apply except for the deductions of penalty runs and as stated hereafter.

Age groups shall be determined by players' ages on the 1st September prior to each season.

Age Group/ League	Players	Pitch (Yds)	Stumps	Fielders	Ball	Match Overs	Dismissal	Max overs per bowler	Minimum Bowlers	Batter Retire at [^]	County/ District Players	Wides & No Balls	
U17	11	22 yards	n/a	n/a	5½ oz hard	20	Out	4	n/a	Over 49	n/a	1 run	
U15	11					20	Out	4	n/a		n/a		
U15 Dev	11					20	Out	3	7	Over 29	No County boys. Max 1 District* boy		
U14	11					20	Out	4	n/a	Over 49	n/a		
U14 Dev	11					20	Out	3	7	Over 29	No County boys. Max 1 District* boy		
U13	11	21 yards	25" min from the ground	Min 11 yards away	4¾ oz hard	20	Out	4	7		n/a	n/a	2 runs not re-bowled, 1 run last over and re-bowled
U13 Dev	11					20	Out	3	7	Over 29	No County boys. Max 1 District* boy		
U12	11					20	Out	4	7	Over 29	n/a	n/a	
U12 Dev	10					20	-4	3	7		No County boys. Max 1 District* boy		
U11	11					20 yards	25" min from the ground	Min 11 yards away	4¾ oz hard	20	Out	4	
U11 Dev	10	20	-4	3	7	n/a				No County boys. Max 1 District* boy			
U10	10	19 yards	20	-4	4					7	n/a		
U10 Dev	10	20	-4	3	7	n/a				No County boys. Max 1 District* boy			
U9	8 or 10 a side by agreement	18 yards	20	-4	3					n/a	n/a		
U9 Dev		16	Jnr Incredi	16 if 8 a side / 20 if 10 a side	-4	3	6 if 8 a side / 7 if 10 a side	No County boys. Max 1 District* boy					
U8 Dev				-4	3	No County boys. Max 1 District* boy							

* If teams don't have a WSYCL team at that age group, otherwise District players not permitted

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General WSYCL Rules

1. Fixtures/Matches

- a. All competitions are open to both boys and girls.
- b. No player may represent more than one club in the League in the same season without the agreement of the Committee.
- c. If any team plays any over-aged players the game shall be awarded to the opposing side.
- d. If both teams play one or more over age players, then NO POINTS will be awarded for the match in question.
- e. To encourage more girls to play cricket, girls may play in all WSYCL competitions up to 2 years below their age group i.e. an U13 girl could play in any age group from U11 upwards. County level girls are exempt from the Development League restrictions; however, clubs are encouraged to play girls at the correct level for their ability and the league reserves the right to disallow players if they are deemed to be of too high a level for the league in which they are playing.
- f. A team may request a re-organisation of a fixture up until the freeze date (Sunday 9th April 2017). Fixture changes up to this date must be notified on the Play-Cricket website. After that date fixtures should normally only be re-arranged because of bad weather (as determined by the home team). Although it is not encouraged, and either team has an absolute right to refuse, dates can also be changed if it genuinely suits the needs of both teams. Changes of fixture dates for these reasons should be notified on the Play-Cricket website by the home team. Teams are encouraged to make every effort to re-organise games (especially where the match date is early in the season) so that players can get as many matches as possible. See rule 6 on conceded matches.
- g. All under 8 matches must be held as daytime matches.
- h. All matches may be played on non-turf pitches. Home clubs must notify opposition at least 72 hours before each game played on a non-turf pitch.
- i. Hospitality
 - i. Home teams in all WSYCL matches should provide a minimum of water and some form of snack/biscuits for both sets of players.
 - ii. Some form of cover and toilet facilities must be available at the ground

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j. Evening matches

- i. A pink ball must be used for all evening hard ball matches and half the overs in an innings must be bowled continuously from one end and then the other half from the other end (this significantly speeds up an innings as there is much less time spent between overs). There will also be a maximum of 10 minutes between the last ball being bowled in the first innings and the first ball being bowled in the second innings.
- ii. In the event of a late start, the number of overs to be played shall be agreed upon by the team managers before the match begins but the minimum number of overs constituting a match shall be 14 overs per side. Pairs matches should be reduced to no less than 3 overs a pair (15 overs). The maximum overs per bowler and number of bowlers used will also be reduced as follows: -

<u>Match Overs</u>	<u>Max per Bowler</u>	<u>Minimum Bowlers (where appropriate)</u>
19	4 bowlers max 4 overs (WSYCL) 4 bowlers max 3 overs (Dev)	7
18	3 bowlers max 4 overs (WSYCL) 4 bowlers max 3 overs (Dev)	7
17	3 bowlers max 4 overs (WSYCL) 4 bowlers max 3 overs (Dev)	7
16	3 bowler max 4 overs (WSYCL) 4 bowlers max 3 overs (Dev)	6
15	3 bowlers max 3 overs (WSYCL) 3 bowlers max 3 overs (Dev)	6
14	3 bowlers max 3 overs (WSYCL) 3 bowlers max 3 overs (Dev)	6

k. Pairs Matches

- i. Scores start at 200 in pairs matches and each pair bats for 4 overs.
 - ii. The batting pair will change ends at the fall of each wicket except upon the last ball of the over.
 - iii. If a team fields less than 8/10 players (as appropriate for their league) then only the complete number of pairs scores shall count.
 - iv. If 1 team member is unable to bat because of injury, then the other batsman in his pair will face 2 overs (with a "runner" at the opposite end). If the player is injured while batting, the non-injured batsman will face half the number of balls remaining at the time of the injury from the original 4 overs for that pair.
- l. No Batsman will be run out while backing up at the bowler's end (sometimes referred to as a Mankad dismissal) unless s/he has been personally warned by an umpire for committing such an offence in that innings.

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- m. All Main League matches to be completed by Sunday 13th August (with all results to be entered by 6.00 pm on that date).
- n. Development League matches can be played at any time up until Sunday 27th August.
- o. "Coaching" will only be allowed at U11 and younger. For U12 age groups and above, no manager, coach, parent supporter or umpire, either on the field of play or from the boundary should advise the fielding team's captain or any other member of the team about who or how they should bowl, or fielding positions or any other aspect of tactics. Similarly, batsmen at the crease should not be coached in how or when to play a shot or given any advice which would help them during their innings. If a team thinks their opposition is in breach of this rule they should initially draw it to the attention of the umpires. If the coaching continues the incident should be reported to Darren Talbot (chairman@wsycl.co.uk) who will contact the "reported" team for their response. The disciplinary sub-committee will then decide on appropriate action.
- p. Umpires
 - i. Each team will supply an Umpire for League Matches who shall be a competent responsible, appropriately vetted adult. The WSYCL emphasise that all teams, coaches and supporters/parents must comply with both the ECB Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket, both of which are widely available online - <https://www.ecb.co.uk/search?terms=codes%20of%20conduct> is a good source. Where the Laws of Cricket place responsibilities on the Captain, these responsibilities shall be placed on the manager at U11 age group and younger. All clubs are encouraged to display the Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket in their Clubhouses and to ensure that everyone involved with their Club is encouraged to live up to its high standards.
 - ii. The penalty runs provision is not used by the WSYCL - other than the 5 runs penalty for the ball hitting clothing/helmet etc. left on the ground by the fielding team.

2. Players

- a. No County players may play in the Development League and a maximum of one District player is permitted in each side as long as that club has not entered a WSYCL team at the same age group.
- b. Clubs entering the WSYCL and the Development League at the same age group should use mostly different players in each and stronger players, other than (a) above, should not play in Development League matches.
- c. Clubs may enter more than one team in the same age group Development League providing they have also entered the WSYCL and providing the players are generally different in each Development League team.

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- d. Any clubs entering the Surrey Invitation League should not enter the WSYCL with the same squad of players.

3. Equipment

- a. Unless a ball is lost or, in the opinion of the umpires, unacceptably damaged, only 1 ball will be used in each match. The home team should provide a new ball or a ball in good condition for use during the match. For evening, hard ball matches, this must be pink.
- b. In softball matches the “incredi” ball or similar used must be of a lightweight and soft nature and not requiring protective equipment.
- c. All players in matches are to wear a helmet with a face guard when batting or standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket in accordance with the ECB's safety guidance.

4. No Balls

- a. Any ball which passes the batsman “full toss” over waist height will be a no ball regardless of the pace of the bowler. (Waist height is defined as the bottom of the rib cage).
- b. Any ball which bounces more than twice before reaching the batting crease will be a no ball. (NB: Some Leagues have changed to a “bounces more than once” no ball rule” but this has NOT been adopted by Surrey CC for all junior matches).

5. LBW

- a. LBW shall only be applied in softball matches if, in the umpire’s opinion, the striker deliberately covers his stumps with his legs, otherwise LBW will not be permitted.
- b. In all other matches LBW should be applied as per the laws of cricket and it is the clubs’ responsibility to ensure their officials correctly understand the law. This YouTube resource may help https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=Nb4w1ZYk-5o.

6. Result Reporting, League Tables & Points

- a. All results must be entered on the Play-Cricket website **by the winning team** (both teams are encouraged to report results) **within 3 days of the fixture date**. Failure to report a result may mean the fixture is declared void and no points awarded. If a fixture is re-arranged for any reason (including weather), this must be recorded on the Play-Cricket website by the home team within 3 days of the original match date.
- b. The team scoring the greater number of runs shall win the match and points shall be awarded as follows: 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, 2 points for an abandoned match, 1 point for a lost match that has taken place. 0 points are scored for a match conceded.

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- i. Any matches which are abandoned or cancelled due to rain/bad weather and not re-organised shall always be 2 points for each day. No concessions will be permitted unless another date is agreed in writing by both teams.
- ii. The initial team to cancel/re-arrange a match may not subsequently claim a concession unless rule 6.a.i. applies.
- iii. Matches can only be conceded with the agreement of the League. **BOTH TEAMS** must e-mail Darren Talbot with the reason why the match is being conceded – chairman@wsycl.co.uk. The League's decision on whether the concession is acceptable will be final. The League will notify the team claiming the points that they may enter the result as a concession.
- iv. Should a team withdraw from the League during the season than any points obtained against such a side shall be void.

- v. To enter results, you need to be registered as a "Fixtures and Results Administrator" on your club's Play-Cricket website. This is done by your own club's Play-Cricket administrator. Their name can be found on the "about us" page of your club's Play-Cricket website.

7. League Positions & Play-offs

- a. The winner of each Division in the WSYCL shall be the team with the highest number of points.

- b. If, after the resolution of all matches, there are two or more Teams in a division with the same number of points, the winner shall be determined as follows:

The winning team will be determined by:

- (i) if 2 teams are equal, the winner of the match between the two teams;
 - (ii) if there is no winner between 2 teams or if there are more than 2 teams with the same number of points, the league will hold a draw to determine the winner of the Division unless the clubs involved agree an alternative process, such as a bowl out. Any such process would need to be completed within 1 week of the end of the leagues to permit play-off matches to be played.
- c. In the Development leagues, there are no play-offs. In ALL development league matches, teams are encouraged to give maximum opportunities to all players to get fully involved, rather than take a win at all costs and by the biggest margin approach.

In the event of any dispute over Divisional winners or any aspects of the play-offs, the league will make the final decision. Contact will be Darren Talbot (chairman@wsycl.co.uk).

- d. The league shall be responsible for the arrangement of the WSYCL play-offs which will take place in the second half of August. The league MAY provide umpires for some matches. The competing clubs shall be responsible for the provision of scorers.

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- e. Players must have played at least 2 matches in the WSYCL for that team to be able to take part in play-off matches. The league will consider extraneous circumstances such as long-term injury.
- f. The winner of any knockout match shall be the team scoring the highest number of runs, in the number of overs as determined. If after the prescribed number of overs have been played and the scores are level, the winners shall be the team losing fewer wickets. In 3 division age groups with a round-robin competition net run rate will be used to determine an age group winner if each team wins one of their 2 matches.
- g. The Champions of each WSYCL Age Group shall be determined as follows. These matches will be played in the second half of August:
 - i. In a Two Division Competition: The winner of each division will be at home to the second team in the other division in semi-finals and the winners shall play off in a final.
 - ii. In a Three Division Competition, the winners of each division will play each other in a 3-team round-robin competition to determine the age group winner. If no agreement on dates is possible, the League will arbitrate, with the option to decide not to have an age group winner. Each team will have one home match and one away match. Net run rate will be used for the play-offs to determine a winner where each team wins one match.
 - iii. In a Four Division Competition: Semi-Finals will be played between each Division Winner. Semi-Final Winners shall play off in a Final. There will be a draw to determine the home team for the semi-finals and final.

In the event of any dispute over Divisional winners or any aspects of the play-offs, the League will make the final decision. Contact will be Darren Talbot (chairman@wsycl.co.uk).

8. Complaints, Discipline & Rules

- a. All complaints should be register in the first instance with league chairman Darren Talbot (chairman@wsycl.co.uk).
- b. A Discipline and Rules Sub-Committee will be appointed for each season by the Committee. They will be responsible for resolving any disputes regarding interpretation of the rules. They will also be responsible for determining any sanction against an individual or club for breach of the rules (including failure to report results of matches on time) or for unreasonable or unsporting behaviour.

These sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- i. an order to replay a match
- ii. a loss of points
- iii. exclusion of a team from an age group from their Division (or League at knockout stage)

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Any decision of the Sub-Committee may be appealed to the Committee whose decision shall be final. The Committee may decide on an additional penalty if the appeal is regarded by the Committee as frivolous or unreasonable.

Disputes should be notified to the Sub-Committee chairman Darren Talbot at chairman@wsycl.co.uk as soon as possible after the dispute arises.