

UNDER 12 RULES

- 1 The Laws of Cricket shall apply with the following exceptions/amendments
 - 1 In all matches:
 - i The Pitch shall be 21 yards in length
 - ii The ball shall weigh 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs
 - iii The stumps shall be 27 inches above the ground and 8 inches wide
 - iv Each innings shall be 20 overs
 - v No bowler may bowl more than 4 overs in a match
 - vi Batters retire at 30 but can return in the same order if the remainder of the team is all out
 - vii No fielder, except the wicket keeper shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards, measured from the middle stump, except from behind the wicket on the off-side

Results & Points system

1. Four points for a win. One point for the losing team.
2. In the event of scores being equal the winner shall be determined as follows:
 - i The team which has taken the greater number of wickets
 - ii The team scoring the most runs off the bat
 - iii If still equal the side with the highest score at the end of 19 overs, if still equal after 18 overs etc
3. Two points each for a rained off game. Points may not be awarded if the fixture date was not known in advance by the league organiser.
4. The top 4 teams in each group will play off in semi-final (1st v 4th; 2nd v 3rd) and final to determine the group winner. The team finishing higher in the league stage to have home advantage. In the event of two or more teams being equal on points at the end of the league the winner shall be decided as follows –
 - i The winner in the match between the two teams equal on points
 - ii If there are more than two teams on equal points the team proceeding shall be the one which has taken the most wickets on average per game
5. Each of the group winners shall proceed to the competition semi-final draw.
6. **Both teams shall be responsible for the reporting of results by email within one week of the fixture. Results received after this will not be accepted**
7. Rained of games may be replayed before the final play by date (11th July) if both teams agree and the league organiser is notified.
8. Teams will have to complete at least half of their fixtures for their points to count in the league table in relation to all other teams. The only acceptable reason for non-playing of matches is bad weather.

Delayed Start Matches

1. When a match does not start on time (due to ground, weather or light) the available overs shall be divided equally between the teams and an assumed finishing time of 8pm for evening matches. A finishing time for morning matches should be agreed between managers.
2. A minimum of 12 overs per team must be available to constitute a match
3. Where 12 overs per team are not possible, the match will be abandoned, and unless re-arrangement before the play-by date is possible, the game shall be deemed as rained-off – two points each.

Interruptions after the start

1. In all matches, once started, the first innings of a match will not subsequently be reduced in the number of overs
2. The team batting second shall be allocated overs based on the total available playing time from the completion of the innings of the team batting first until 8pm (3 minutes per over) for evening matches. The target shall be calculated by run-rate
3. If less than 12 overs are played in the second innings the match will have a 'no-result'
4. If 12 overs or more are played in the second innings but the match still cannot be completed then the scores of each side at the comparative level of completed overs will count to decide the winners.

Organisation of matches

The home team will be responsible for contacting the opposition and must offer the away team two dates before the play-by date giving at least seven day's notice. The home team must notify the league organiser of all confirmed fixtures as soon as they are arranged. (See rule 3)

Qualification of Players

1. All players must have been Under 12 on the 1st September of the previous year. (ie should have been aged 11 or below at the start of the academic year)
2. All players must be bona-fide registered members of the club they represent and may only play for one club in the competition in the season.