

UNDER 10 RULES

The Laws of Cricket shall apply with the following exceptions/amendments

1. In all matches:
 - i. The Pitch shall be 19 yards in length
 - ii. The ball shall weigh 4 ¾ ozs
 - iii. The stumps shall be 27 inches above the ground and 8 inches wide
 - iv. Teams shall be made up of eight players
 - v. Each innings shall be a minimum of 12 overs and a maximum of 16 overs as decided between managers.
 - vi. Each team shall commence its innings with a score of 200 runs.
 - vii. Each player must bowl, with the exception of the wicket keeper
 - viii. No bowler may bowl more than 3 overs in a 12 over match and a 4 overs in a 16 over match.
 - ix. The batting side shall be divided into pairs and each pair shall bat for three overs in a 12 over match and for four overs in a 16 over match
 - x. Batsmen shall have unlimited lives but each life shall result in five runs being deducted from the total runs scored. A batsman who is out shall not face the next ball. Batsmen shall change ends at the completion of each over.
 - xi. Wides and no-balls shall count as 2 runs and no extra ball will be bowled in the over with the exception of the last over of each innings
 - xii. 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 and two points for a loss
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 the penultimate over and if still equal the second to last over and so on
3. Two points each for a rained off game
4. Each of the group winners shall proceed to a quarter-final. The other two quarter finalists will be the best two group runners up as decided by the highest percentage of wins. 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. **The winning team shall be responsible for the reporting of results by fax or email only**
6. Results received after the final play-by date of the season will not be accepted
7. 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 with 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 with two points for each side.

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 8 overs are played in the second innings the match will be deemed as rained-off with two points for each side.
4. If 8 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.

Qualification of Players

1. All players must have been Under 10 on the 1st September of the previous year. (ie should have been aged 9 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.

Final to be played on Sunday 12th September