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## COUNTY FINALS DATES

U11 County Final - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

U13 County Final - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

U15 County Final - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## **MEMBER CLUB COMMITMENT**

Member clubs who enter teams for the League and Cup Competitions are expected to accept certain commitments to enable the standing committee to stage successful league and Cup programmes for the benefit of young cricketers within the South Northants District. Members have agreed to the following commitments:-

**League Rules:** To abide by all the various Competition Rules (League and Cup) as set out in the League Handbook.

**League Meetings:** To send a Club Representative to every League Meeting.

**Players:** To playing, in competitive matches, only those players who comply with the qualification requirement set out in General Rule 8.

**Team Entries:** Not to withdraw teams entered for Competitions after the Fixture List for the season have been drawn up and published ie after 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

**Fixtures:** To make every endeavour to fulfil all Fixtures as set out in the Handbook. In exceptional circumstances, if unable to raise a team or fulfil a Fixture for any other reason, to give the opposition Manager at least 24 hours' notice.

**Results:** To enter results of League and Cup matches, including cancelled/abandoned/rain affected matches, onto the League website by the Friday of the week of the match.

**District Cricket:** To support SNJCL District Cricket and evaluate players with a view to nominating suitable candidates for assessment by District Team Coaches/Managers.

**Standing Committee:** To accept all and any decisions made by the Committee in regard to arbitration on any matters arising from the above or to do with matters of discipline or disputes arising between Member Clubs.

**Facilities:** It is expected that suitable changing and suitable toilet facilities will be provided for Players, noting that at least separate toilet facilities should be provided for female players.

**Refreshments:** It is expected that the host Club shall provide refreshments between innings and more frequently as required during hot weather.

## **LEAGUE GENERAL RULES**

1. Every year the SNJCL aims to expand the number of Member Clubs and the provision for Junior Cricket. We exist to promote the development of Junior Cricket and help raise standards for those who can achieve this.
2. All Clubs are required to be affiliated to the ECB via their County Cricket Board.
3. The administration of SNJCL is carried out by the Standing Committee whose decisions will be final on all matters.
4. The SNJCL Leagues are divided into four age groups:
  - a) U11: those still of Primary School Age
  - b) U13: all players must have been under 13 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year.
  - c) U15: all players must have been under 15 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year.
  - d) U17: all players must have been under 17 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year.
  - e) Kwik Cricket: Primary School Age (before hard ball)
5. Entries to all age group Leagues must be made by 1<sup>st</sup> March. There is an entry fee of £25 for each team entered at U11, U13, U15 and U17 ages. There is no charge for Kwik Cricket entries. Entry fees must be paid with the League Entry Form, no entries will be accepted without the appropriate fees.
6. U13 and U15 SNJCL cricket is organised into a single league and whoever is at the top of the league approx. 1 or 2 weeks before the county finals will be put forward as the SNJCL representatives in the Northants District Finals .
7. All Clubs are required to have a qualified Child Welfare Officer.
8. Any player may represent a Club in any of the SNJCL Competitions provide he/she complies with the age regulations set out in Rule 4.

All players must be registered members of the Club that they represent.

A player may only play for one Club in the same SNJCL Competition in any one season.

A bona fide junior member is deemed to be a player who is registered with that Club and whose Club Subscription and any other charges are up to date and who has not played for any other SNJCL Club in the same Competition.

## 9. Appeals

As a last resort only, a member Club has the right to appeal to the Standing Committee on any matter of dispute.

Every such appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 and if, upon investigation, the appeal is not considered to be valid, the deposit will be forfeited to the League.

All appeals must be in writing to the Chairman of the League within SEVEN days of the incident. The following procedure will then be adopted:-

- a) The appeal will be acknowledged in writing by the Chairman.
- b) A copy of the appeal will be sent to the other Club involved and any independent umpire (if appropriate) as soon as possible, seeking written comments within SEVEN days.
- c) The appeal will be considered by two members of the Standing Committee as soon as all the representations have been received.
- d) After considering the evidence presented, the Standing Committee will make a decision or seek further information or clarification.
- e) As soon as a decision is made, the Club and umpire (if appropriate) will be notified in writing.
- f) The Standing Committee has complete discretion to take whatever action is considered necessary or appropriate. Their decision is final with no right of appeal.

The Standing Committee reserves the right to investigate the circumstances pertaining to any Club which has allegedly played ineligible player(s) in any SNJCL Competition. If after due consideration such allegations are found to be correct and well founded then the Standing Committee has authority to expel forthwith the age group team or the Club from the League. The match will be declared null and void and all appoints from the respective match and all previous matches involving this team will be eradicated.

The working of general Rule 8 regarding the playing for only one Club in the same SNJCL Competition will not apply to any player of the expelled Team/Club affected by this rule. If this situation arises that a game is only possible with the participation of ineligible players then a "friendly" match can be played by agreement but this would not count towards competition results

Also general Rule 9 will not apply to the Club making the complaint/allegation if the complaint is found to be legitimate.

## RULES FOR U13, U15 AND U17 LEAGUES AND PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

1. All 11-a-side matches will consist of 20 x 6 ball overs per side, (max 4 overs per bowler), except U17, U15 and U13 fixtures in August when Managers can agree before the start of the match to reduce the number of overs to a minimum of 15 overs per innings, (max 3 overs per bowler), if anticipated ground, weather or light conditions would make play dangerous later in the evening. U17 and U15 matches will be on full sized pitches with full sized cricket balls. For U13 matches the pitch should be 19 yards and the ball 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz.
2. All matches should be played at the time and date stated in this Fixture List. Any side not ready to commence on time will forfeit choice of innings and will lose one over for every three minutes that they delay the start of the game. However if the fixture is not viable (due to weather, school trips, bank holidays etc) by mutual agreement of the Managers, the fixture can be played within the week of its scheduled date and need not be notified to the League. If the match cannot be played during that week, then an agreed result **must** be put in. If it is one team that cannot make it, they should concede. If both teams cannot participate, then the match can be declared void and 2 points awarded to each team.
3. All U13, U15 and U17 games must be played on the date in this Handbook, unless a team is playing in a County Final in which case the fixture must be rearranged as soon as possible. If a team cannot play, two points go to the opposing side. If a match is cancelled due to rain, each side takes one point. The League is happy to see rearrangements but these will be friendly matches with no points at stake. U11 fixtures cancelled due to weather can be rearranged on a date agreed by both Team Managers up to the 7<sup>th</sup> July, after this date rearranged matches can be played but will be regarded as friendly fixtures.
4. No fielder, other than the wicket keeper and slips shall stand closer than 11 yards (U13) or 8 yards (U15) from the wicket of the batsman with the strike. For U17 matches any player in the U16 or U17 age groups must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players who have not reached the U16 age group but who are playing in U17 matches should abide by the fielding regulations for their appropriate age group. Wicket keepers in U15 and U13 cricket must wear a helmet at all times. The wicket keeper should not be changed during the course of a match for any reason excepting injury.
5. Each competing Club will provide one umpire in all matches.
6. Points will be awarded to teams on the following basis:-

5 points for a win, 3 points for a tied match, 2 points for a cancelled or abandoned match, 1 point for playing but losing the match, 0 points for conceding a match.

If any U13, U15 or U17 league match is stopped for rain or bad light after more than 10 overs of the second innings, the result will be decided by comparing the run rate per over for all the first innings against the run rate for however many overs have been bowled in the second innings. This also applies to second attempts to play cup matches.

7. League table positions will be decided by the following criteria in order:-

Highest number of points, head to head match results, net run rate (only between teams concerned). (Clubs will need to enter full match scores on the website for net run rate to be used).

8. Weather Conditions and Result:

a) Delayed start

Should inclement weather affect the pre-match playing conditions, the start may be delayed up to a maximum of ONE HOUR after the scheduled starting time. If the start of play is delayed, the Umpires shall reduce the number of overs to be bowled by each side by one over per innings for every six minutes lost.

b) Inclement weather (during the game and results)

If playing time is lost due to inclement weather once the match has started, then one completed over shall be deducted from the match total of overs for every three minutes or part thereof lost.

c) A match is to be treated as ABANDONED due to inclement weather in the following circumstances only:

i) NO play is possible at all

ii) Play commenced but it is not possible for either team to receive a minimum 10 completed overs during the match OR

iii) The team batting second is unable to receive 10 completed overs. Otherwise, the result will be calculated as per Rule 6.

NB. UMPIRES/MANAGERS are strongly advised to take notice of the provision of law 3-9(d) which, in short, states that if conditions of ground, weather or light are so bad that there is obviously a foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire, so that it would be unreasonable or dangerous for play to take place, then play should be suspended forthwith.

9. U13 batsman will retire when they reach 30 runs, in line with ECB competition rules. U15 batsman will retire when they reach 50 runs. There will be no retirement for U17 batsman.

When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs (50 runs for U/15's) they must "retire" and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 (50 in U/15s) if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

10. The LBW law will apply in all U11, U13, U15 and U17 matches.

11. In junior matches any ball bouncing more than twice before reaching the batsman will be called a 'no ball' - this is a new directive for recreational cricket from the ECB.

12. It is the responsibility of both team managers to ensure that results are to be posted on the web site within 7 days of the scheduled match. It is also the responsibility of all team managers to check that match results and league positions are correct on the League website.

13. In the event of a tie in the U17, U15 and U13 leagues the trophies will be shared.
14. Girls **can** play in hard ball cricket teams up to two years over the age limit.
15. ECB Competition Rules. In the U13, U15 and U17 competitions, the ECB rules for each national age group competition will apply unless specifically varied by any of the rules 1-11 above.

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR 8-A-SIDE U11 MATCHES - SUPER 8's**

**All bar Rule 1 previously apply. The special rules are:**

1. The pitch for U11's should be 17 yards. A 4 ¾ oz ball must be used. Stumps should not be less than 27" above the ground and 8" wide.
2. Each team starts with 300 runs. The game consists of 16 overs per side. Each pair of batsmen will bat for four overs regardless of how many times they are out. Runs are added to the initial score, but five runs are deducted each time a batsman is out, and the batsman change ends. Seven members of a team of eight must bowl at least one over. No-one must bowl more than three overs. No match is lost or won until the final over is bowled. Team managers may agree before a match starts to have two runs for a no ball and wide, with no extra ball, but this will not apply to the last over of each innings, and this local arrangement does not apply at any time to County finals. If the scores are level at the end of the last ball of the game, the results shall stand as a tie, regardless of wickets lost.
3. Where an eight-a-side team has only seven players, the opposition team manager will nominate a player from the first three pairs of batsmen to bat again with the seventh batsmen. The nomination will take place after the first three batting pairs have batted.
4. In the Summer Friendlies the U11 games will take a 20-over format and will be played according to the U13/U15/U17 rules, with the exception that the pitch length shall be 17 yards.

## **ECB FAST BOWLING MATCH DIRECTIVES**

Age	Max overs per spell	Max overs per day
Up to 13	5 overs per spell	8 overs per day
U14, U15	6 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U16, U17	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U18, U19	8 overs per spell	21 overs per day

For the purposes of these Directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.

Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his\* spell have been bowled from the same end. A bowler can change ends without ending his current spell provided that he bowls the next over that he legally can from the other end. If this does not happen his spell is deemed to be concluded. If play is interrupted, for any reason, for less than 40 minutes any spell in progress at the time of the interruption can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end. If the interruption is of 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowler can commence a new spell immediately.

Once a bowler covered by these Directives has bowled in a match he cannot exceed the maximum number overs per day for his age group even if he subsequently bowls spin. He can exceed the maximum overs per spell if bowling spin, but cannot then revert the bowling fast until an equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end. If he bowls spin without exceeding the maximum number of overs in a spell the maximum will apply as soon as he reverts to bowling fast.

Captains, Team Managers and Umpires are to ensure that these Directives are followed at all times.

\*Any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her.

Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the year preceding the current season.

## **JUNIOR FIELDING REGULATIONS**

No young player in the U15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than eight yards (7.3 metres) from the strikers end middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played the ball.

For players in the U13 age group or below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).

These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.

Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the Umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

In addition, any young player in the U16 to U18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the year preceding the current season.

### **SNJCL CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

This Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket. The SNJCL Standing Committee has the responsibility of upholding the Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket on behalf of the League. It is hoped that all matches will be played in the true spirit of the game but it is better to have a procedure in place and which Clubs are aware of.

#### **Code of Conduct**

The Managers and Captains of junior teams are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket, as well as within the laws and rules of SNJCL and ECB.

Players, Managers, Team/Club Officials and Spectators shall at all times accept the Umpires decision, not use foul or abusive language or make offensive gestures, not make racially or sexually abusive comments.

#### **Fair and Unfair Play**

The Umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair Play and they may intervene at any time if they consider play by means of word or deed to be of an unfair nature and it is the responsibility of the Captain and/or Manager to take action where required.

#### **Disciplinary Procedure**

Where a serious breach of this Code of Conduct occurs a report in writing should be sent to the SNJCL Chairman or Secretary within 10 days by either an Umpire or Club stating the nature of the alleged offence and circumstances surrounding the alleged offence. The Standing Committee will contact the Clubs involved in the alleged incident to gather any further information required and they will then meet to consider the alleged offence and to decide what, if any, action is appropriate. The Standing Committee has the power to either: take no action, issue a reprimand to a Player or Club, deduct points from a Club or expel a Club from the SNJCL. The Standing Committee will communicate the result of the disciplinary hearing to the Player/Clubs involved.

A Player or Club has the right to appeal which must be sent to the SNJCL Chairman or Secretary in writing within seven days along with a deposit of £25 (refundable if the appeal is upheld).

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

All adults working with young cricketers including coaches, team managers, umpires and scorers have a duty to ensure that their club or district team provides an environment in which the safety and welfare of young people is paramount.

The ECB has issued a policy called Safe Hands - Welfare of Young People in Cricket. This may be viewed and downloaded from the ECB website [www.play-cricket.com](http://www.play-cricket.com). The ECB policy encourages clubs to appoint a Child Welfare Office and training is available for this through NCB.

## **GIRLS CRICKET**

The league wishes to encourage the participation of girls both in girls cricket teams and, where appropriately, in boys teams. League rules permit girls to play in hard ball matches up to two years over the age limit.

Girls coaching sessions are held at many of the SNJCL clubs. Matches and tournaments can be arranged for interested clubs. Please contact Roger Wilson Tel 01327 351978/07872 308647 Email: [roger\\_rioja@btinternet.com](mailto:roger_rioja@btinternet.com)

### **Please note changes to rules in booklet:-**

#### **League General Rules changes**

7. League table positions will be decided by the following criteria in order:-

Highest number of points  
Head to head match results  
Net run rate (only matches between teams involved in tie)

9. Batsman Retirement Rule  
The League has decided to follow ECB guidelines ...

" When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs (50 runs for U/15's) they must "retire" and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 (50 in U/15s) if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled".



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