



League Rules 2013

1 CONSTITUTION & MANAGEMENT

1.1 The clubs in membership of this organisation, incorporating senior and junior cricket, shall be called the “Wetherby Cricket League”, hereafter referred to as “the League”. Membership is available to clubs in the Wetherby area, subject to Rule 10.

1.2 The League shall be a member of the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB) and the West Yorkshire Area Cricket Council.

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 To provide cricket for its clubs in the form of various competitions throughout the year.

2.2 To endeavour at all times to uphold the high traditions, spirit, and laws of the game.

2.3 To promote cricket in all its aspects and to work at all times to promote anti-racism and racial equality in the game. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member, club, player or other person, who acts in any racist manner, or who is proven guilty of racial abuse. The League will work diligently to eliminate racism. The League will encourage the disabled to develop their interests in cricket.

3 THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Board of Management, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, shall consist of up to a maximum of seven members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The members shall serve for a period of three years with a minimum of two members and a maximum of three retiring each year by rotation, but those retiring will be eligible for re-election. The Board shall elect their own Chairman, Vice-Chairman and League Secretary. All members shall have a vote with the Chairman, in addition, having a casting vote.

3.2 The Board will appoint sub-committees as Rule 7.8 to undertake clearly defined duties. A member of the Board will act as the Chairman of each sub-committee.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 The clubs, senior and junior, as shall have been admitted in accordance with Rule 10.

4.2 Honorary Vice-Presidents who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the League, the qualification for their election shall be the services rendered by them to the League.

4.3 The Wetherby Association of Cricket Officials (WACO) may attend all General Meetings of the League with full voting rights for two representatives.

4.4 The Wetherby Cricket Coaches (WCC) may attend all General Meetings of the League with full voting rights for two representatives.

4.5 The bona-fide playing members of clubs in membership of the League, those registered with the League under the conditions of Rule 22, shall also be members of the Wetherby Cricket League. Such members will be permitted neither to attend General Meetings of the League nor to vote as individual members, their interests being represented by their clubs.

5 FINANCES

5.1 The annual subscription for clubs shall be £100 per senior team. Clubs who participate in junior cricket shall pay £25 (those who only participate in junior cricket shall pay £50) plus an additional £25 per junior team.

5.2 Annual subscriptions shall cover admission to any and all League Championship and Cup competitions.

5.3 In addition all clubs with senior teams in the League shall be charged for four tickets for the end of season League Dinner at a cost to be determined by the Board.

5.4 The Treasurer will send an invoice to all clubs for entry fees. All entry fees shall be forwarded to the Treasurer and must be in their hands not later than 31st March. Failure to comply with this requirement shall render the club liable to suspension from any part in League competitions until such time payment is received and to a fine at the discretion of the Board.

5.5 Where a club has teams playing outside of the League, then affiliation fees in respect of the YCB for such additional teams shall be paid either through any other league in which that/those teams play or, if only friendly matches are played, directly to the YCB. Unless such fees are paid, the League is not entitled to participate in such benefits as we have enjoyed in the past.

5.6 The WACO, WCC and bona-fide playing members of clubs in membership of the League, shall not be required to pay any annual subscription.

5.7 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the League through an account or accounts in the name of the League. At the discretion of the Board, accounts may be opened for the deposit of league funds with any one or more suitable financial institutions. Cheques may be drawn, and signed, on behalf of the League by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, League Secretary or Treasurer, two out of four to sign. The Treasurer is empowered to transfer funds between any current or deposit accounts of the League at their discretion or as may be determined by the Board.

5.8 The accounts of the League shall be made up to the 30th September each year and shall be audited.

6 AFFAIRS OF THE LEAGUE

6.1 The affairs of the League shall be governed by the Board.

6.2 A General Meeting of the League attended by members of the Board, the Secretary of each club and nominated members of other accredited bodies shall meet in April and November, and at such other times as may be considered necessary by the Board. The League Secretary shall give not less than ten clear days notice, in writing, to all members.

6.3 At General Meetings, sixteen members, including officers shall constitute a quorum.

6.4 Any club or accredited body not being represented at a General Meeting, unless a reasonable explanation is given, shall be fined the sum of £25.

6.5 The minutes of all General Meetings shall be made available to members of the Board, the Secretary of each club and the Secretary and nominated members of other accredited bodies.

6.6 At General Meetings, members of the Board, together with other duly accredited persons, shall be entitled to vote. The Chairman of the General Meeting shall, in addition, have a casting vote.

7 MANAGEMENT OF THE LEAGUE

7.1 The day to day management of the League shall be vested in the Board.

7.2 The Board shall deal with all matters arising out of these rules; with the routine business of the League; and with any other matters which may arise affecting the League but for which no provision has previously been made. It shall make such reports and recommendations as it considers desirable on any matters relating to the League or the game of cricket. It shall be empowered to impose such fines and or penalties, including suspension of members whether playing or non-playing of clubs or organisations, as it may consider to be in the best interest of the League or the game of cricket.

7.3 The Senior Cricket Committee (SCC) shall deal with all matters arising out of these rules which relate and effect senior cricket. As such the SCC shall be empowered to manage the affairs of the League in this regard and shall deal with all matters of discipline and compliance in the first instance, acting with the full powers of the League. All such matters dealt with by the SCC shall be done so under powers delegated from the Rules & Discipline Committee (RDC) and the right to appeal remains unaltered. The SCC reserves the right to pass any matter directly to the full RDC for investigation and/or action.

7.4 The Junior Cricket Committee (JCC) shall deal with all matters arising out of these rules which relate and effect junior cricket. As such the JCC shall be empowered to manage the affairs of the League in this regard and shall deal with all matters of discipline and compliance in the first instance, acting with the full powers of the League. All such matters dealt with by the JCC shall be done so under powers delegated from the Rules & Discipline Committee (RDC) and the right to appeal remains unaltered. The JCC reserves the right to pass any matter directly to the full RDC for investigation and/or action.

7.5 The Board reserves the right to overturn any decision made by the Senior Cricket Committee or Junior Cricket Committee.

7.6 Four members shall constitute a quorum.

7.7 The minutes of all the meetings of the Board and of any sub-committees thereof shall be circulated to all members of the Board.

7.8 The Board shall appoint the following sub-committees annually at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

- a) Senior Cricket Committee
- b) Junior Cricket Committee
- c) Rules & Discipline Committee
- d) Finance Committee
- e) Sponsorship & Events Committee

7.9 Any other sub-committee deemed desirable may be appointed by the Board on either a casual or a permanent basis.

7.10 Sub-committees shall normally consist of a minimum of four members who shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary, but may be increased at the discretion of the Board.

7.11 The Board shall be empowered to invite to any of its meetings, any person or persons representing sub-committees or any other organisations where relevant matters are to be discussed.

8 GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE

8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held no later than the 30th November in each year and the League Secretary shall give no less than ten clear days notice, in writing, to all members.

8.2 The business to be transacted there shall be:

- a) To receive and consider the League Secretary's report.
- b) To receive, consider, and approve the duly certified and audited statement of accounts of the League.
- c) To elect members of the Board for the ensuing year.
- d) To elect an auditor.
- e) To appoint a Child Welfare Officer for the League.
- f) The following positions shall be subject to honoraria, the amount to be at the discretion of the Board; League Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Cricket Secretary, Junior Cricket Secretary, Senior Fixture Secretary, Senior Results Secretary and Senior Registration Secretary.
- g) To appoint delegates to such other organisations as may be required.
- h) To consider proposed new rules and/or amendments to existing rules of which due and proper notice has been given.
- i) To consider any other business affecting the League of which due and proper notice has been given or which the Chairman of the meeting gives permission to be introduced.
- j) To determine league entry fees for the following season see Rule 10.8.

8.3 Nominations for members of the Board should be made in writing by the nominating club and forwarded to the League Secretary so as to be in their hands by 30th September in each year. The Board may also make nominations. It should be confirmed that any person so nominated is willing and able to carry out their duties if elected. A person nominated as a member of the Board may or may not be their clubs nominated representative to the Annual General Meeting or the Board.

8.4 A Special General Meeting of the League may be called at any time by the League Secretary:

- a) Upon the authority of the Board.
- b) Within fourteen days of receipt of a written requisition bearing the signature of the Chairman or Secretary of no less than twelve clubs. Such requisitions must take the form of a definitive resolution to be moved and seconded by two of the signatory clubs.

8.5 The League Secretary shall give no less than ten clear days notice, in writing, to all members for a Special General Meeting.

8.6 No business shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting other than that for which it was specifically called.

8.7 At Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, sixteen members, including officers shall constitute a quorum.

8.8 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be circulated to members of the Board, the Secretary of each club, the Secretary and nominated members of other accredited bodies and to other members not otherwise in receipt of copies.

8.9 All voting at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting shall be by ballot paper.

8.10 At Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, subject to Rule 8.11 and 8.12 below, only members of the Board and one representative from each club or organisation shall be entitled to vote and the representative from each club shall be entitled to one vote only, whilst the representative from each organisation shall be entitled to two votes.

8.11 Those clubs having junior teams in membership of the League shall be entitled to vote on matters concerning their relevant junior section. Clubs with only junior teams in membership of the League shall be entitled to vote only in respect of matters concerning their relevant junior section, and in the election of members of the Board.

8.12 The Chairman shall, in addition, have a casting vote.

9 ALTERATIONS TO RULES

9.1 No alterations to these rules shall be made except at the discretion of the Board.

9.2 Notice of any proposed alteration to the rules to be considered by the Board, must be sent, in writing to the League Secretary, no later than 30th September.

9.3 Such resolutions must be in the form of a specific resolution for presentation to the Board. Where any amendment is proposed to an existing rule, the full text of the amended version of the rule or subsection must be quoted. Failure to comply with this requirement or failure to ensure that necessary complementary amendments are proposed may permit rejection by the Board.

9.4 Particulars of all proposed alterations to rules shall be notified to clubs, together with any comments thereon by the Board, by the League Secretary at a General Meeting called prior to the Annual General Meeting.

9.5 To be carried, any resolution must receive a majority of all votes cast. In the event of there not being a majority, the Chairman of the meeting, shall, in addition have a casting vote.

10 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

10.1 Membership shall be open to all, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, social status or sexual orientation.

10.2 Any club wishing to apply for membership must send an application in writing to the League Secretary no later than 30th September, for admission in the following year. A club, not being a member of this league in the preceding season, must enclose with its application a letter granting permission to transfer from the league of which it was previously a member.

10.3 All such applications shall be dealt with by the Board who will satisfy themselves as to the fitness of the ground and facilities; that the admission of further teams to the League is, at the time, desirable; and that such grounds are within acceptable travelling distance of existing clubs.

10.4 Each club on its election to the League shall forthwith pay an admission fee of £100. Failure to pay this within ten days of notification of election shall render such election null and void.

10.5 It is a League requirement that all clubs in membership of the Wetherby Cricket League obtain Public Liability Insurance. To ensure that this cover is in place, if requested by the Board, clubs are required to make available for inspection, such policies that they hold covering this requirement. Clubs failing to comply with this requirement will be debarred from involvement in any League activity, until such time as this cover is in place.

10.6 Any club whose facilities, playing standards, or disciplinary record deteriorate to such an extent as to cause the League to consider action against it, may be expelled from the League. Any such decision would be made by the Board.

10.7 Junior teams under any approved organisation and not necessarily affiliated to any club in membership, may be admitted to the junior section if their written application is approved by the Board.

10.8 In the case of a club having more than one team but only one of which is in membership of the League, such club, shall be considered for all purposes as a one-team club, except insofar as qualifications of players is concerned when they shall be considered as first or reserve team players as defined by their club on admission to the League.

11 NEW CLUBS

11.1 On joining the League member teams of new clubs will normally be placed in the lowest divisions of the League; however, at the discretion of the Board a higher position may be allocated.

11.2 Clubs, on joining the League, are deemed to have pledged themselves not to select players for club matches on dates when those players are required to represent the County, League, or other representative sides which may enjoy the support of the League.

11.3 In the event of the League holding an Annual Dinner, then each senior club in membership must purchase a minimum of four tickets. The cost of these four tickets to be incorporated in the annual league fee.

12 CLUBS IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

12.1 Clubs in membership of the League are required to notify the Senior Cricket Secretary, in writing, not later than the 30th June of any intended variation of their entry to League competitions for the following year. In the absence of any such notice, they will be automatically entered in the same competitions as played in the current season and they shall be required to fulfil such fixtures as may be arranged by the League.

12.2 Clubs in membership of the League are also required to submit to the Senior Cricket Secretary no later than 31st March details of any competitions which they have, or which they intend to enter for the ensuing season, but which are not to be played under the auspices of the League. Clubs entering such competitions shall accept that any fixtures arranged within the League shall be given priority over all other fixtures. However, provided that application is made, in writing to the Secretary of the opposing club, and to the Senior Fixture Secretary, not less than fourteen days prior to the original fixture and that the opposing club and the Senior Cricket Committee raise no objection, the date and/or time of a fixture may be rearranged.

12.3 No club in membership of the League shall negotiate with any other league affiliated to the Yorkshire Cricket Association with the intention of leaving the former to become a member of the latter without first obtaining the permission of the League in writing on an official Yorkshire Cricket Board transfer form. Such permission shall not be withheld unless the club has failed to fulfil any financial or disciplinary obligations to the League, or would fail to fulfil fixtures made, in any year, for the following season. Permission to negotiate shall not be interpreted as either resignation or dismissal but, should the date by which resignations are due to

be received pass without further written notification of further action from the club; the written permission to negotiate shall be deemed to be invalid without further action being necessary by the League.

12.4 Any club wishing to resign from the League must give written notice to the League Secretary, no later than 31st March in the year previous to the season in which it intends to play in another League. The written notice of resignation must be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the club.

12.5 Any club which is expelled from, or which ceases to be a member of the League for any reason, including resignation, shall at once forfeit any rights to participation in the assets of the League.

13 ORGANISATION OF THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

13.1 The teams competing in the League Championship shall be divided into divisions and the constitution of such divisions shall be determined by the Senior Cricket Committee.

13.2 There shall be promotion and relegation through all divisions, the top two teams in each division shall be promoted whilst the bottom two teams in each division shall be relegated. No club shall be permitted to have two teams in the same division.

13.3 Fixtures shall be arranged by the Senior Fixture Secretary and details of such fixtures shall be available to each club no later than 31st December. Teams shall play home and away matches with all other teams in their respective division.

13.4 In the event of two or more clubs in any division finishing the season with an equal number of points then the final positions will be determined by taking account of the following:

- a) The number of league matches won by the clubs concerned during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) The number of six point league matches won during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- c) The points gained from the head to head league matches between those clubs. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- d) The proportion of the average number of runs scored for, per wicket, to the average number of runs scored against, per wicket, in league matches.

14 ORGANISATION OF THE CUP COMPETITIONS

14.1 The Cup competitions shall be open only to clubs that compete in the League Championship.

14.2 All clubs will be entered into all Cup competitions. If a reserve team is unable to fulfil a fixture there will be no fine administered for cancelling their first match in each competition provided that the Senior Fixture Secretary is informed of the situation no later than seven days before the scheduled date of the fixture.

14.3 Fixtures shall be determined by a draw to be conducted by the Senior Cricket Committee.

14.4 When the draw is made for each Cup competition, where possible, only teams who failed to take part in that Cup competition the previous year will be drawn in the preliminary round.

15 COMPETITION INFORMATION

15.1 The following annual league competitions are open to all senior clubs in membership of the League:

- a) The League Championship - Played on Saturdays for all teams.
- b) The Fred Fleetwood Cup - Played on Sundays for senior teams.
- c) The Hare Cup - Played on Sundays for reserve teams.
- d) The Senior Evening Cup - Played on Tuesday evenings for senior teams.
- e) The Reserve Evening Cup - Played on Tuesday evenings for reserve teams.
- f) The Betty Chadderton Rosebowl – Played between the League Champions and the Fred Fleetwood Cup winners.

16 RULES APPLYING TO ALL MATCHES UNDER THE LEAGUE AUSPICES

16.1 All matches shall be conducted under the Laws of Cricket as have been agreed for the recreational game by the ECB for the current season. No changes to the Laws of Cricket, made after December in any year, shall be operated within recreational cricket in the following year.

16.2 The Code of Conduct & Spirit of Cricket notice, provided to clubs by the League, must be displayed by all clubs, senior and junior, in all changing areas and in one public area in the clubhouse.

16.3 First team cricket must have primacy over reserve team. In the event that any club is unable to raise sufficient players to fulfil both fixtures, it must always be the reserve team fixture that is cancelled.

16.4 It is expected that all teams competing in divisions one and two will commence each match with eleven players. In circumstances where a club's first team commences a match with less than eleven players but on the same day fields a team of eleven players in any lower ranked team, the matter will be reported to the Senior Cricket Committee and where necessary to the Rules & Disciplinary Committee. This will be in connection with conduct whereby the spirit of the game may have been breached.

16.5 It is expected that clubs do not take advantage of the cancellation of their first team match by replacing reserve team players with those originally selected for their first team. If this is considered to have happened the matter will be reported to the Senior Cricket Committee and where necessary to the Rules & Disciplinary Committee. This will be in connection with conduct whereby the spirit of the game may have been breached.

16.6 Each week there will be a pool of players who are not required by the club to which they are registered but wish to make themselves available for other clubs. These pool players can only be utilised by a club's lowest ranked team. A maximum of two pool players can be used per team per match and none in cup matches or the last three league matches of the season. Such players will not be required to pay match fees or for teas.

16.7 The Senior Cricket Committee reserves the right to refuse a player to be used as a pool player.

16.8 In cases of emergency, six or more players shall be held to constitute a team.

16.9 Any club failing to fulfil a League or Cup competition fixture shall be fined the sum of £50 and the match awarded to their opponents. £25 of this fine shall be paid to their opponents as a contribution to loss of revenue. They must also ensure that the Umpires are notified otherwise the club shall be liable for their fees and any costs that may be incurred by the Umpires.

16.10 Any team which fails to fulfil three or more League Championship fixtures in a season will only be accepted into the League the following season if their club submits a bond to the value of £50 for each occurrence. This bond will be refunded in full if the team fulfils all their League Championship fixtures in the following season. If the team fail to fulfil any fixtures a deduction of £50 will be made from the bond for each occurrence and the club will be fined in accordance with Rule 16.9.

16.11 League Championship matches may be moved to the Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday following the original fixture if there is mutual agreement of the clubs and the Senior Fixture Secretary. This applies to all matches except those involving a team who are playing their last League Championship match of the season. The clubs must afford fourteen clear days notice of their wish to rearrange a fixture to the Senior Fixture Secretary.

16.12 No player shall be allowed to play in the rearranged match on the Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday who had previously played for another team within their club on the Saturday from which the fixture was originally moved.

16.13 League matches may be cancelled on account of weather or ground conditions at any time but no later than two hours before the designated start on the day of the match by mutual agreement between the two clubs concerned. However, the visiting club after an approach by the home club may withhold their agreement and exercise the right to travel. In the event of mutual agreement to cancel, the home club will be responsible for advising the Umpires of the cancellation and shall also be responsible for notifying the designated Senior Results Secretary, no later than two hours before the designated start. After the mutual agreement of cancellation has been accepted by the visiting club no objection can be considered by the League.

16.14 Should light, weather, or ground conditions interfere, the responsibility for commencing the match rests primarily with Captains but, in the event of them not being able to agree, the Umpires shall be called upon for a decision. After play has commenced in any of the above conditions, the Umpires shall be the sole arbiters for the continuance or resumption of play. Where no league or neutral Umpires are available the match shall commence unless both Captains are in agreement that the ground is unfit and will remain so for three hours after the designated start time and shall continue until such time that the Captains agree to its abandonment. In such circumstances it is expected that Captains will exercise all reasonable discretion to ensure that matches are not played in unsuitable conditions. No pitch shall be changed after the match has commenced. In the case of matches played on neutral grounds, where any doubt or dispute arises, an official of the club whose ground it is shall be consulted and shall be allowed to vote on the matter.

16.15 Where covers are available they must be used both prior to and during the match, if required.

16.16 Where any club has a non turf pitch on the square, except by prior agreement of the Board, it may not be used in any League or Cup competition fixture.

16.17 The home team, in all League Championship or Sunday Cup competition fixtures, shall be responsible for providing no less than fifteen teas for the visiting team and match officials. Teas for Umpires and Scorers must be available immediately at the start of the tea interval and, where possible, set aside to avoid delay. The visiting team must pay £25, on the day, towards the cost of this provision, regardless of the number of teas to be consumed.

16.18 The full names and all relevant details of all players taking part in a match must be exchanged between the two Captains and the official lists handed to the Umpires and Scorers not later than fifteen minutes before the time set for commencement of the match. If any player is under 19 years as at midnight 31st August of the preceding year then their age group must be entered against their name.

16.19 All teams playing in divisions one and two, the Fred Fleetwood Cup and the Senior Evening Cup must provide a competent scorer. This person must be named on their team sheet handed to the Umpires prior to the start of the match.

16.20 Any team in divisions one and two, Fred Fleetwood Cup and Senior Evening Cup matches failing to provide a competent scorer will be required to nominate from their team sheet handed to the Umpires prior to the start of the match, a person to act in that capacity for the duration of the match. A substitute will not be allowed for that person.

16.21 Captains shall not request substitutes from the opposition except in the case of injuries sustained during the course of play.

16.22 Each fielding side will provide its own two balls which shall be of a manufacture and grade decreed by the Board at the previous year's Annual General Meeting and purchased through the League or from a supplier nominated by the League. These are to be shown to the opposing Captain, and submitted to the Umpires for their approval and retention prior to the toss being made. One ball shall be clearly nominated as the match ball the other then being available as a spare.

16.23 All boundaries shall be clearly marked at ground level to the satisfaction of the Umpires and shall count four runs. Sixes shall be allowed where the ball clears the boundary.

16.24 The League expects teams to take the field in full whites and use the usual protective equipment where necessary.

16.25 If batsmen would like a sightscreen moving after every run due to the change in action of a bowler then their own team will be responsible for moving it.

17 RULES APPLYING TO THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

17.1 The points system shall be as follows:

- a) The team scoring the most runs in a completed match will be awarded:
 - i) Five points.
 - ii) One additional point if they bowl out their opposition or the opposition declare their innings.
- b) The team scoring the least runs in a completed match will be awarded:
 - i) Zero points.
 - ii) One additional point if they batted second and scored at least 75% of their opponent's total.
 - iii) One additional point if they bowled second and took at least seven of their opponent's wickets.
- c) The following points may also be awarded:
 - i) Three points for a tie in a completed match irrespective of the number of wickets taken.
 - ii) Two points for a cancelled or abandoned match due to weather conditions.

17.2 All matches shall start promptly at 1.30pm with a tea interval between innings of twenty minutes.

17.3 No player arriving after 2.30pm shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsmen, but may field.

17.4 As per the rules of cricket, the toss shall be made fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team not being ready to take the field at the time of the toss it shall be claimed as of right by their opponents.

17.5 Matches consist of ninety overs. The team batting first shall occupy not more than forty five overs with the balance of overs remaining occupied by the team batting second.

17.6 Teams must bowl their overs at a rate no less than sixteen overs per hour in all division one and two games. Failure to achieve this will result in a fine of £25.

17.7 No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than twelve overs, thirty five over match ten overs, twenty five over match eight overs.

17.8 If for any reason a bowler is unable to complete an over another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that they do not bowl two overs, or parts thereof, consecutively. The part over shall count as an over towards both bowlers' maximum allocation.

17.9 Any time lost at the commencement or after the interval shall be made up if this is not due to interference by weather or light.

17.10 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions delaying the start of the match, the following shall apply:

Start delayed up to	2.30pm - 45 overs per side
	3.30pm - 35 overs per side
	4.30pm - 25 overs per side

17.11 No match shall commence more than three hours after the scheduled start time.

17.12 The minimum permitted duration of any match shall be twenty five overs per side.

17.13 A match is not considered as interfered with by weather or light if the full ninety overs, or the reduced overs originally agreed are bowled.

18 RULES APPLYING TO THE SUNDAY CUP COMPETITIONS

18.1 All matches shall start promptly at 1.30pm with a tea interval between innings of twenty minutes.

18.2 No player arriving after 2.30pm shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsman, but may field.

18.3 As per the rules of cricket, the toss shall be made fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team not being ready to take the field at the time of the toss it shall be claimed as of right by their opponents.

18.4 Each innings shall consist of forty overs unless a side is dismissed or declares. The side batting second will not be credited with any unused overs from the first innings.

18.5 No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than eight overs, thirty over match six overs, twenty over match four overs.

18.6 If for any reason a bowler is unable to complete an over another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that they do not bowl two overs, or parts thereof, consecutively. The part over shall count as an over towards both bowlers' maximum allocation.

18.7 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions delaying the start of the match the following shall apply:

Start delayed up to	2.30pm - 40 overs per side
	3.30pm - 30 overs per side
	4.30pm - 20 overs per side

18.8 No match shall commence more than three hours after the scheduled start time.

18.9 The minimum permitted duration of any match shall be twenty overs per side.

18.10 In order for a result to be achieved both side must have been entitled to bat the same number of overs.

18.11 Should the match result in tied scores the side losing the fewest wickets shall be declared the winner. In the event of the wickets being equal the match shall be decided by a bowl out.

18.12 In the event of no result being obtained by virtue of Rule 18.11 a bowl-out will take place. This will initially involve five players from each side who will bowl two over arm deliveries each. The side which bowls down the wicket the most times shall be the winner. Thereafter, if the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

18.13 Any match unable to be played to a conclusion shall be rescheduled to the reserve date for that round, subject to confirmation by the Senior Fixture Secretary.

18.14 If a result is not achieved in any match rescheduled under Rule 18.13 it must be decided by a bowl out or where this is not possible by the toss of a coin.

18.15 Umpires are required to apply a strict and consistent interpretation of Law 25.1 in the Laws of Cricket in order to prevent negative leg side bowling.

19 RULES APPLYING TO THE EVENING CUP COMPETITIONS

19.1 All matches shall start promptly at 6.30pm with an interval between innings of ten minutes.

19.2 No player arriving after 7pm shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsman, but may field.

19.3 As per the rules of cricket, the toss shall be made fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team not being ready to take the field at the time of the toss it shall be claimed as of right by their opponents.

19.4 Each innings shall consist of twenty overs unless a side is dismissed or declares. The side batting second will not be credited with any unused overs from the first innings.

19.5 No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs, fifteen over match three overs, ten over match two overs.

19.6 If for any reason a bowler is unable to complete an over another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that they do not bowl two overs, or parts thereof, consecutively. The part over shall count as an over towards both bowlers' maximum allocation.

19.7 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions delaying the start of the match the following shall apply:

Start delayed up to	7.00pm - 20 overs per side
	7.30pm - 15 overs per side
	8.00pm - 10 overs per side

19.8 No match shall commence more than one and a half hours after the scheduled start time.

19.9 The minimum permitted duration of any match shall be ten overs per side.

19.10 In order for a result to be achieved both side must have been entitled to bat the same number of overs.

19.11 Should the match result in tied scores the side losing the fewest wickets shall be declared the winner. In the event of the wickets being equal the match shall be decided by a bowl out.

19.12 In the event of no result being obtained by virtue of Rule 19.11 a bowl-out will take place. This will initially involve five players from each side who will bowl two over arm deliveries each. The side which bowls down the wicket the most times shall be the winner. Thereafter, if the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

19.13 Any match unable to be played to a conclusion shall be rescheduled to the reserve date for that round, subject to confirmation by the Senior Fixture Secretary.

19.14 If a result is not achieved in any match rescheduled under Rule 19.13 it must be decided by a bowl out or where this is not possible by the toss of a coin.

19.15 Umpires are required to apply a strict and consistent interpretation of Law 25.1 in the Laws of Cricket in order to prevent negative leg side bowling.

19.16 The bowlers run up will be restricted to 12 yards as marked on the outfield. Any bowler bowling from beyond that line will have deemed to have bowled a no ball.

19.17 Evening Cup competitions will be regionally zoned into four areas. The winner of each of the zones will meet in the semi-finals.

20 MATCH RESULTS & RETURNS

20.1 Match results for divisions one and two and Fred Fleetwood Cup matches (completed, abandoned or cancelled) must be telephoned to the designated Senior Results Secretary no later than 8pm on the day of the match, by the home club. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the winning team to submit the match result.

20.2 Match results for divisions three, four, five and six and Hare Cup, Senior Evening Cup and Reserve Evening Cup matches (completed, abandoned or cancelled) must be texted to the designated Senior Results Secretary no later than 10pm on the day of the match, by the home club. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the winning team to submit the match result.

20.3 Match returns for all league and cup matches (completed or abandoned) must be e-mailed to the designated Senior Results Secretary no later than 6pm on the second day following the match, by the home club. Therefore, Saturday matches by 6pm Monday, Sunday matches by 6pm Tuesday and Tuesday matches by 6pm Thursday. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the winning team to submit the match return.

20.4 All match returns must be submitted on the form supplied by the designated Senior Results Secretary. This will require:

- a) The total runs scored, wickets lost and length of innings for each team
- b) The full names of all 11 players (if less than 11 played then state this)
- c) Any junior players (Under 17 age group and below) must be identified
- d) The runs scored by all players who batted with not out batsmen identified by '✱'
- e) The wickets taken and runs conceded by all players who bowled
- f) The stumpings and catches taken by wicket keepers only
- g) Any pool players registered to another club must be identified

20.5 When a match is cancelled with no play having been possible then no match return should be submitted. No players shall be credited with an appearance for that match in relation to qualification for future League and Cup matches.

20.6 Any club failing to comply with any part of Rule 20 shall be fined the sum of £25 for each individual breach.

20.7 Any club who is found to be in breach of any part of Rule 20 on more than four occasions in any one season shall be reported to the Senior Cricket Committee and may be subject to disciplinary action.

21 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

21.1 Each club may play any bona-fide member, provided such member is an amateur, in any competition organised by the League.

21.2 An amateur shall be a player who does not receive from, or on behalf of, their club any cash payment or reward for their services or is paid any wage, salary, reward or out of pocket expenses by any person, business organisation or society interested in the club.

21.3 Clubs wishing to apply for an exemption to Rule 21.2 should make application, in writing and stating all relevant details, to the Senior Cricket Secretary.

21.4 A club may register a maximum of one overseas player in any one season, irrespective of age. Any such player shall be registered for the current season only.

21.5 Individuals in the following categories will not be deemed as overseas players:

- a) British citizens either born in the United Kingdom or who have been resident for the preceding four consecutive years.
- b) Non British citizens that have been resident in the United Kingdom since the preceding calendar year.
- c) Bona-fide students residing in the United Kingdom for the purpose of full time education.

21.6 During teams' last three League Championship matches of a season, any player who has played in more League Championship matches for the first team than for the reserve team up to and including the previous Saturday shall be ineligible to play for the reserve team on that day. Exemptions will only be allowed if either:

- a) A club has more than eleven players available for a League Championship match, who are ineligible to play for the reserve team. If this arises the eleven who have played the most amount of first team games must represent the first team.
- b) The League Championship match in which the player is to play has no bearing on a divisional championship, promotion or relegation and both the Senior Cricket Committee and the opposition agree.

Exceptional circumstances will be considered by the Senior Cricket Committee if requested no later than 6pm on the Wednesday preceding the match concerned.

21.7 Where any club has more than one team, no player shall be eligible to play in any round of the Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup if they have played in more League Championship matches for the first team than for the reserve team up to and including the Saturday preceding any Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup round.

21.8 No player who has represented a club in any Cup competition held under the auspices of the League may represent another club in any Cup competition during the same season.

21.9 There will be no dispensation for juniors with regard to the rules contained in this section.

21.10 Any club breaking the rules contained in this section in any League Championship match shall be fined the sum of £25 and the team concerned deducted six points in respect of each individual breach of rules. The match will also be awarded to their opponents along with the maximum six points.

21.11 Any club breaking the rules contained in this section in any Cup competition shall be fined the sum of £25 in respect of each individual breach of rules. The match will also be awarded to their opponents.

22 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

22.1 Clubs in their first season in the League must provide the Senior Registration Secretary with a list of the full names, addresses and postcodes of all bona-fide players no later than 31st March.

22.2 Where a club was in membership of the League for the previous season the Senior Registration Secretary, shall provide a list containing details of the players who are registered for the forthcoming season no later than 31st March.

22.3 The list of registered players detailed in Rule 22.2 shall contain only senior players who played during the previous season; any player not making an appearance in the previous season will no longer be regarded as registered.

22.4 For the purpose of registration, a senior player is one who is 17 years or over as at midnight 31st August of the preceding year.

22.5 Any new registration requests must contain both the full name, address and postcode of the player and be received by the Senior Registration Secretary no later than 6pm on the day prior to which the player is required to play.

22.6 A club wishing to transfer a player, already registered to another club, either within the Wetherby Cricket League or a club playing in any other Saturday cricket league, shall be required to complete a YCB Player Transfer Form, this form must be forwarded to the Senior Registration Secretary.

22.7 No club, either through its officials or any other person connected with it, shall approach or negotiate with any player between the date of his first registration or the date on which he plays his first match with his existing club, and the 30th September inclusive, in any year, for the purpose of securing his services without first giving seven clear days notice, in writing, on the official YCB Player Transfer Form, of their intention to negotiate. This notice must be delivered to the Secretary of the player's club by recorded delivery.

22.8 No club, either through its officials or any other persons interested in the club shall accept into membership, association, or service any person who, after official enquiry and investigation, shall have been adjudged guilty of any conduct as to have justified their expulsion or suspension from any organisation affiliated directly, or indirectly, to the YCB until the period of such disciplinary action has been completed and then only on the person being able to produce a Clearance Certificate where this is appropriate. Such persons shall have the right of appeal to the YCB whose decision shall be final.

22.9 No new registrations or transfers will be allowed for the last three League Championship matches of a season.

22.10 No player shall be eligible to play until permission has been received by the club from the Senior Registration Secretary.

22.11 Any club breaking the rules contained in this section in any League Championship match shall be fined the sum of £25 and the team concerned deducted six points in respect of each individual breach of rules. The match will also be awarded to their opponents along with the maximum six points.

22.12 Any club breaking the rules contained in this section in any Cup competition shall be fined the sum of £25 in respect of each individual breach of rules. The match will also be awarded to their opponents.

23 UMPIRES

23.1 The appointment of Umpires for all matches shall rest with the Wetherby Association of Cricket Officials (WACO).

23.2 Umpires shall be encouraged to be qualified members of the England & Wales Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials (ECBACO) and encouraged to complete and pass ECBACO courses and examinations.

23.3 Umpires officiating in the League senior or junior Cup competition finals must be graded members of the ECBACO.

23.4 Umpires officiating in senior or junior representative matches on behalf of the League must be graded members of the ECBACO.

23.5 Umpires must be at the ground to which they have been appointed no later than thirty minutes before the start of play.

23.6 Umpires to apply a strict interpretation in regard to slow play.

23.7 In the event of any appointed Umpire failing to attend or if no appointment has been made, the respective Captains shall nominate their own Umpire. Should one Umpire fail to attend, a substitute may be nominated with the agreement of both Captains, or the Captains may request the League appointed Umpire to stand at both ends.

23.8 Umpires nominated by either or both Captains shall have the full authority of a League Umpire in that particular match.

23.9 Remuneration of Umpires for League Championship and Sunday Cup matches shall be £30 each per match to be shared equally by both clubs. Should an Umpire stand at both ends then their remuneration shall be £40 to be shared equally between both clubs.

23.10 Remuneration of Umpires for Evening Cup matches shall be £12 each per match to be shared equally by both clubs. Should an Umpire stand at both ends then their remuneration shall be £18 to be shared equally between both clubs.

23.11 Umpires, if they attend, shall be paid £10 even though a ball is not bowled.

23.12 Umpires must be paid no later than the end of the interval.

23.13 For Cup Finals and League representative matches, the League shall pay the Umpires.

23.14 It is recommended that the Board consider these rules, annually, at their September meeting.

23.15 Umpires must report to the Senior Cricket Secretary, in accordance with Rule 29, any person, whether participating in the match or not, whose language or conduct before, during or after the match shall have been objectionable, ungentlemanly or considered likely to bring the club, the League or the game of cricket into disrepute.

23.16 After a match has been completed the Umpires shall immediately check and compare the totals of the score books and shall sign them certifying that they appear to have recorded the true scores, also stating starting, interval and finishing times of the match.

23.17 There shall be no appeal against a decision given by any Umpire except in regard to the interpretation of the current edition of the Laws of Cricket as issued by the MCC.

24 CLUB OFFICIALS

24.1 Clubs shall submit a list of all their officials for the coming season to the Handbook Secretary no later than 31st December. A fine, the sum of £25 will be levied in the event of non-compliance. If necessary, clubs should hold their Annual General Meeting before this date to enable a full list to be submitted.

25 LEADING AVERAGES

25.1 Club Secretaries shall forward to the designated Senior Results Secretary details of the best batting averages, the best bowling averages, the best all rounders and the best wicket keepers (on the basis of most stumpings and catches) in respect of each team in League Championship matches only to enable the winners of individual trophies to be determined.

25.2 Club Secretaries shall forward a Sportsmanship Award nomination for a club in membership of the League, on behalf of each of their senior teams.

25.3 The information requested must be submitted on the form supplied by the designated Senior Results Secretary. Any club failing to supply the information requested in the correct format before 30th September shall be fined the sum of £25.

25.4 Qualifications shall be ten innings and two hundred and fifty runs for batsmen and twenty five wickets for bowlers.

25.5 The qualifications for the all rounder's awards are ten innings and two hundred and fifty runs and twenty five wickets. In the event of no one achieving this, the qualification will be reduced to eight innings and two hundred runs and twenty wickets.

26 TROPHIES

26.1 All trophies shall be insured by the Treasurer in the name of the League.

26.2 After presentation of any trophy, the winning club shall immediately forward a receipt for the same to the relevant Cup Secretary. Such receipt shall be considered a guarantee of the safe custody and return of the trophy.

26.3 All trophies shall be held by the winning clubs or individuals until 30th June, unless required earlier by the League.

26.4 Trophies shall be returned to the relevant Cup Secretary and it is the responsibility of the club Secretary to ensure this, whether they are club trophies or individual trophies won by a player of that club. Any club failing to meet the above date will be fined £25 per trophy not so returned. Clubs are at liberty to return trophies at an earlier date, by prior arrangement with the relevant Cup Secretary. All trophies are to be returned in a clean and acceptable condition.

26.5 Clubs will be responsible for the engraving and cost thereof of any trophies won by them or by individual members. In the event of non-compliance the League, through the relevant Cup Secretary, shall undertake any necessary engraving and such costs as have been incurred shall be recovered from the defaulting club.

26.6 Clubs will be responsible for the safe keeping of any trophies won by them or by individual members. In the event of damage the League, through the relevant Cup Secretary, shall undertake any necessary repairs and such costs as have been incurred shall be recovered from the defaulting club.

27 USE OF CLUB GROUNDS BY THE LEAGUE

27.1 The League shall have the right to call upon any club to place its ground at the disposal of the League for the purpose of staging Cup Finals or any League representative match, senior or junior.

27.2 Where this requirement entails a clash of fixtures, clubs shall rearrange with the agreement of the Senior Fixture Secretary.

27.3 For Cup Finals and League representative matches, the League shall pay the sum of £100 to the club for the preparation and use of the ground and for providing no less than thirty teas for the teams, match officials and league officials. Teas for Umpires and Scorers must be available immediately at the start of the tea interval and, where possible, set aside to avoid delay.

27.4 It shall be the prerogative of the club providing the ground, to keep all proceeds from the sales of refreshments.

27.5 Cup Finals and League representative matches will only be allocated to clubs who participated in all Cup Competitions the previous season.

28 FINES

28.1 All fines shall be payable to the Senior Fines Secretary and are due for settlement within one calendar month of the date of notification.

28.2 Where any fine remains unpaid after expiry of the stipulated settlement date, a further fine of the sum of £25 will automatically be levied without notice, for each settlement period, or part thereof, that the original fine remains outstanding.

28.3 In the event of any club being fined under any rule and their withdrawing from the League without paying such fines, their deposit shall be forfeit. The members of such club shall also be suspended from taking part in the League or with any other club in the League for such time as the Board may think fit. A player attached to such a club may be reinstated on payment of an agreed portion of such outstanding fines.

29 OBJECTIONS OR APPEALS

29.1 Objections or appeals by clubs must be made in writing and be signed by the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. They must be received by the Senior Cricket Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of £25, no later than seven days from the date of any event giving rise to such objection or the notification date of any fine or decision issued by the League. Although notification by e-mail is allowed the matter will not be considered until the hard copy and deposit are received.

29.2 Where another club or an individual is the subject of any objection, a copy must also be sent to the Secretary of the club or the individual at the same time as the Senior Cricket Secretary.

29.3 The Senior Cricket Committee shall deal with all matters in the first instance unless they were responsible for the decision which resulted in the objection or appeal. If this is the case, the matter shall be passed to the Rules & Disciplinary Committee. Either way, the matter shall be heard no later than fourteen days from receipt by the Senior Cricket Secretary.

29.4 Appeals shall be heard by a minimum of three members of an Appeals Panel and all clubs, individuals or sub-committees involved must be invited to the appeal hearing and be provided with at least seven days notice of the date, time and venue.

29.5 Appeals against decisions made by the Senior Cricket Committee shall be heard by the Rules & Disciplinary Committee. There will be no right of appeal against their decision by any club, individual or sub-committee.

29.6 Appeals against decisions made by the Rules & Disciplinary Committee, except those in Rule 29.5, shall be heard by the Management Board. There will be no right of appeal against their decision by any club, individual or sub-committee.

29.7 Any club lodging an objection or appeal and later wishing to withdraw it may do so on forfeiture of its deposit. Notice of such withdrawal must be made in writing to the Senior Cricket Secretary and a copy must also be forwarded to the Secretary of the club or the individual involved.

29.8 The Management Board have the right to overrule any decision made by any sub-committee as part of an objection or appeal.

30 ECB REGULATIONS RELATING TO JUNIOR PLAYERS

30.1 The following ECB regulations relating to junior players must be applied in all matches played under the auspices of the League.

30.2 Helmets - 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. In senior matches the Captains, Coaches and Umpires have a responsibility to ensure the regulation is enforced. In junior matches the Managers, Coaches and Umpires have a responsibility to ensure the regulation is enforced. Umpires should obtain an assurance from the player and Manager if they have any doubt about the age of the player. The helmet requirement ceases on the players 18th birthday.

30.3 Fielding - Captains are required to ensure the fielding restrictions are not infringed. Umpires are required to stop the game until all junior players are suitably positioned. All ages are as at midnight 31st August of the previous season.

- a) Under 13 - Cannot field closer than 11 yards from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the offside.
- b) Under 15 - Cannot field closer than 8 yards from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the offside.
- c) Under 18 - Should wear a helmet when fielding within 6 yards of the middle stump except behind the wicket on the offside.

30.4 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. All ages are as at midnight 31st August of the previous season.

- a) Under 13 - Cannot bowl more than 5 overs in a spell or more than 10 overs in a day.
- b) Under 15 - Cannot bowl more than 6 overs in a spell or more than 12 overs in a day.
- c) Under 19 - Cannot bowl more than 7 overs in a spell or more than 18 overs in a day.

30.5 Captains/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, Captain/Manager or Coach liable in the event of an injury and may invalidate insurance cover.

31 RULES APPLYING TO ALL JUNIOR MATCHES UNDER THE LEAGUE AUSPICES

31.1 Clubs intending to use non-turf pitches for junior fixtures must advise the Junior Cricket Secretary, or their nominated representative, in writing prior to the start of the season.

31.2 Clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that all games are played on good and safe pitches. Where non-turf pitches are used these are to be of good quality and must be suitable to all types of footwear including spikes and rubber.

31.3 Any club wishing to enter more than one team in a particular age group will require permission from the Junior Cricket Committee. Clubs must register a separate squad for each of them, except at Under 11 and Under 9 age groups.

31.4 Any club wishing to enter a team in any age group and then later withdrawing from that age group before the end of the season shall be fined the sum of £50.

31.5 Any club failing to fulfil a fixture shall be fined the sum of £25 and the match awarded to their opponents, unless a satisfactory explanation meets with the acceptance of the Junior Cricket Committee. Any club forfeiting more than three fixtures, including Cups, in one age group shall be deemed to have forfeited all games played and all points relative to their fixtures shall be expunged from the league tables.

31.6 Junior registrations shall be required for the Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 age groups and shall be submitted by email to the Junior Registration Secretary, on league forms as supplied, stating full names and date of birth. No player can play in the Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 age groups until confirmation has been sent to the club by the Junior Registration Secretary.

31.7 Transfer of players between clubs in the League requires the permission of the Junior Registration Secretary and a player cannot play for a new club until such permission has been given. In Cup competitions a player who has played in a previous round cannot play for a new club in a later round.

31.8 A junior registered for one club may register for another club in a higher age group but may not then play for his original club in the higher age group.

31.9 Each team shall provide for its own use a cricket ball, as decreed by the Board at the previous year's Annual General Meeting and purchased through the League or from a supplier nominated by the League.

31.10 Breaches of any rules relating to the junior competition are liable to penalties at the discretion of the Junior Cricket Committee.

31.11 Appeals and objections against any ruling of the Junior Cricket Committee must be made to the Junior Cricket Secretary in accordance with the procedures as defined in Rule 29.

31.12 In the event of an age group consisting of one division only, final league positions shall be determined by the number of points gained in the season. In the event of two or more clubs finishing with an equal number of points then the final positions shall be determined by taking account of the following:

- a) The number of league matches won by the clubs concerned during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) The points gained from the head to head matches between those clubs. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- c) The proportion of average number of runs scored 'for' per wicket, to the average number of runs scored 'against' per wicket.

31.13 In the event of two divisions being in existence in any age group, the top club from each division shall play-off, at a venue to be decided by the Junior Cricket Committee, to determine the title holder for the year. The top club in each division shall be determined by the number of points gained in the season. In the event of two or more clubs finishing with an equal number of points, the top club shall then be determined by taking account of the following:

- a) The number of league matches won by the clubs concerned during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) The points gained from the head to head matches between those clubs. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- c) The proportion of average number of runs scored 'for' per wicket, to the average number of runs scored 'against' per wicket.

31.14 In the event of three divisions being in existence in any age group, the top club from each division and the best runner-up shall play-off, at a venue to be decided by the Junior Cricket Committee, to determine the title holder for the year. The top club shall be determined by reference to the criteria listed in Rule 31.13 above. The best runner-up shall be determined by:

- a) The average number of points gained per scheduled fixture. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) The proportion of average number of runs scored 'for' per wicket, to the average number of runs scored 'against' per wicket.

31.15 Any Cup match in which it is not possible to obtain a result by other means may be determined by a bowl-out. This will initially involve five players from each side who will bowl two over arm deliveries each. The side, which bowls down the wicket the most times, shall be the winner. Thereafter, if the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

31.16 No club may postpone a match due to weather until the day of the game.

31.17 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.

32 RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 17 COMPETITION

32.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 17 at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of competition.

32.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Monday. Matches up to and including 17th May shall start at 6pm. All matches played after this date shall start at 6.30pm. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

32.3 Matches shall be played on a 22 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 28”x 9”.

32.4 Both teams shall use a senior size hardball, i.e. 5 ½ oz.

32.5 Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of twenty overs or a complete innings, whichever is the less.

32.6 In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could affect the match, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of twelve. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.

32.7 Coaching from the middle by Umpire/Manager or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible. This delays the smooth running of the game and adds to the development of young cricketers. The Captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.

32.8 A minimum of five bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs in a twenty overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side are reduced under Rule 32.6, the minimum requirement shall be:

19 overs - 4x4 & 1x3	18 overs - 3x4 & 2x3	17 overs - 2x4 & 3x3	16 overs - 1x4 & 4x3
15 overs - 5x3	14 overs - 4x3 & 1x2	13 overs - 3x3 & 2x2	12 overs - 2x3 & 3x2

32.9 Batsmen must retire on fifty runs, but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.

32.10 No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.

32.11 The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie and one point for an incomplete match. The home team shall text or e-mail the result to the Junior Results Secretary by 10pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine. The winners of the Cup Final must send in the match result sheet.

32.12 In addition to reporting the match result, the home team shall e-mail a match return to the Junior Registration Secretary by 10pm on the third day following the match. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine. The winners of the Cup Final shall be responsible for sending the match return.

32.13 In the Nicholas Priestley Trophy, to be qualified to play in the semi-final and final for a club, players must be registered to that club and have played at least two Under 17 league matches for that club before the semi-final.

32.14 The full names and age groups of all players taking part in a match must be exchanged between the two managers and the official list handed to the Umpires and Scorers not later than fifteen minutes before the time set for the commencement of the match.

32.15 Club Secretaries of the junior teams in membership of the league shall forward to the Junior Registrations Secretary, no later than the second Saturday following the fulfilment of the club's commitments, details of the club's top averages for batting and bowling. Qualifications for the batting shall be two hundred runs and for the bowling fifteen wickets. Qualifications would include junior league matches and Nicholas Priestley Trophy matches. In the event that no players meet the specified criteria, the Junior Cricket Committee shall determine the winners from the players nominated.

32.16 One Umpire will be appointed by the League for each match and will stand at the non-strikers end at all times, and the club batting must provide a competent person to officiate at the strikers end. The remuneration of the appointed umpire shall be £12 to be shared equally between both clubs. This must be paid during the interval between innings.

33 RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 15 COMPETITION

33.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 15 at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years overage.

33.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Sunday, and shall start at 10am. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

33.3 Matches shall be played on a 22 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 28"x 9".

33.4 Both teams shall use a senior size hardball, i.e. 5 ½ oz.

33.5 Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of twenty overs or a complete innings, whichever is the less.

33.6 In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could affect the match, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of twelve. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.

33.7 Coaching from the middle by Umpire/Manager or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible. This delays the smooth running of the game and adds to the development of young cricketers. The Captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.

33.8 A minimum of five bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs in a twenty overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side are reduced under Rule 33.6, the minimum requirement shall be:

19 overs - 4x4 & 1x3	18 overs - 3x4 & 2x3	17 overs - 2x4 & 3x3	16 overs - 1x4 & 4x3
15 overs - 5x3	14 overs - 4x3 & 1x2	13 overs - 3x3 & 2x2	12 overs - 2x3 & 3x2

33.9 Batsmen must retire on forty runs, but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.

33.10 No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.

33.11 The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie and one point for an incomplete match. The home team shall text or e-mail the result to the Junior Results Secretary by 2pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine.

33.12 In the Martin Olley Trophy, to be qualified to play in the semi-final and final for a club, players must be registered to that club and have played at least three Under 15 league matches for that club before the semi-final and at least four Under 15 league matches for that club before the final.

34 RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 13 COMPETITION

34.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 13 at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years overage.

34.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Friday. Matches up to and including 17th May shall start at 6pm. All matches played after this date shall start at 6.30pm. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

34.3 Matches shall be played on a 21 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 28"x 9".

34.4 Both teams shall use a junior size hardball, i.e. 4 ¾ oz.

34.5 Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of twenty overs or a complete innings, whichever is the less.

34.6 In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could affect the game, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of twelve. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.

34.7 Coaching from the middle by Umpire/Manager or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible. This delays the smooth running of the game and adds to the development of young cricketers. The Captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.

34.8 In all overs bar the last two per innings, wides and no balls are to count as two runs plus any additional runs scored with no extra ball for the wide or no ball. The last two overs in the innings shall be played under normal cricket rules.

34.9 A minimum of five bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs in a twenty overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side are reduced under Rule 34.6, the minimum requirement shall be:

19 overs - 4x4 & 1x3	18 overs - 3x4 & 2x3	17 overs - 2x4 & 3x3	16 overs - 1x4 & 4x3
15 overs - 5x3	14 overs - 4x3 & 1x2	13 overs - 3x3 & 2x2	12 overs - 2x3 & 3x2

34.10 Batsmen must retire on thirty runs, but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.

34.11 No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.

34.12 The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie and one point for an incomplete match. The home team shall text or e-mail the result to the Junior Results Secretary by 10pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine.

34.13 In the Ronnie Farrar Trophy, to be qualified to play in the semi-final and final for a club, players must be registered to that club and have played at least three Under 13 league matches for that club before the semi-final and at least four Under 13 league matches for that club before the final.

35 RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 11 COMPETITION

35.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 11 at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years overage.

35.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Monday. Matches up to and including 17th May shall start at 6pm. All matches played after this date shall start at 6.30pm. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

35.3 Matches shall be played on a 20 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 27"x 8".

35.4 Both teams shall use a junior size hardball, i.e. 4 ¾ oz.

35.5 Each side shall occupy the wicket for sixteen overs for an eight a side game, unless both teams agree to play ten a side, therefore, twenty overs.

35.6 No player shall be permitted to bowl more than three overs but each player other than the wicket keeper must bowl at least one over.

35.7 Batsmen shall bat in pairs for four overs, and the normal rules of pairs cricket shall apply. 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.

35.8 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.

35.9 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 three points for a win, two points for a tie and one point for an incomplete match. The home team shall text or e-mail the result to the Junior Results Secretary by 10pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine.

36 RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 9 COMPETITION

36.1 Clubs 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. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years overage.

36.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Sunday, and shall start at 10am. Prior to 1st June matches may, with the prior agreement of both team managers and the Junior Fixture Secretary, start at a later time on the appointed Sunday, providing that the match is completed by 5pm. The prior agreement must be made no later than 6pm on the preceding Wednesday. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

36.3 Matches shall be played on an 18 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 27"x 8".

36.4 Both teams shall use a junior size incrediball or equivalent.

36.5 Boundaries shall be between 25 yard minimum and 35 yard maximum parallel to the pitch.

36.6 Each side shall occupy the wicket for sixteen overs for an eight a side game.

36.7 Players shall bowl from one end only and the fielding side shall rotate clockwise after each over.

36.8 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.

36.9 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.

36.10 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.

36.11 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 three points for a win, two points for a tie and one point for an incomplete match. The home team shall text or e-mail the result to the Junior Results Secretary by 6pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine.