

LV Under 17, Under 15 & Under 13 County Championships Rules

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1 Title

The title of the competitions will be the LV Under 17/15/13 County Championship.

2 Management

Please refer to Generic Rule 1.

3 Entry

Please refer to Generic Rule 2.

4 Competition Structure

Counties will be split into Regions and then Sections in each age group as determined by the ECB.

5 Qualification of Players

Please refer to Generic Rule 3.

6 Umpires

The Home County must appoint two umpires who shall be full members of the ECB Officials Association or ACU&S who are capable of performing these duties for each match other than the Final. Counties must supply their umpires with copies of the Competition Rules. Please refer to Generic Rule 5.2.

7 Scorers

Please refer to Generic Rule 6.

Counties must supply their scorers with copies of the Competition Rules.

8 Nomination of Squads

- 8.1 Each participating County must nominate a squad of not fewer than 12 players for each team entered in the Championships. Each player must have a playing qualification for the County for whom she plays in the Competition.
- 8.2 Completed squad forms must be returned to your WRCM and entered onto www.play-cricket.com by 31 March.

9 Team Sheets

Please refer to Generic Rule 8.

10 Fixtures

- 10.1 Dates for competition matches are set out in the Domestic Programme as PRIORITY dates.
- 10.2 The ECB shall circulate to participating Counties a list of all Counties in the Competitions, together with relevant addresses, by 1 April.
- 10.3 The WRCM will be the main point of contact for fixtures, results and grounds. Result sheets must be returned to your relevant WRCM as listed below;

Pauline Peel – U13 North, U15 League A and B in the Northern Region and U17 League A North Section.

Sue Redfern – U13 EM and WM, U15 League C and D in the Northern Region and U17 League B in the North Section.

Andy Wheeler – U13 South and SW, U15 League A and B in the Southern Region and U17 League A in the South Section.

Gary Lambert – U13 L & E, U15 League C and D in the Southern Section and U17 League B in the South Section.

10.5 Where the Home County for a given Competition match cannot obtain a suitable ground on the prescribed date, they may, provided the opposing County agrees, seek permission from your WRCM to play the fixture Away.

10.6 Rearrangement of Fixtures

If, on the day of a Competition match, conditions are unfit, or if for any other reason no play is possible, the match may be rearranged only if express permission is obtained from your WRCM to do so. Otherwise the match shall be declared a 'No Result' match (see also Rule 12.1.2). If a re-arranged match cannot be played, the original date will stand.

11 Balls

Please refer to Generic Rule 4. ECB shall supply cricket balls for any Finals.

12 Helmets

Please refer to Generic Rule 9.

13 Match Results

13.1 Please refer to Generic Rule 10.

13.2 At the conclusion of each Regional Section League match, each side shall complete a Result Sheet as provided by the ECB. The Result Sheets shall be signed by the captains and the umpires (unless the teams have not travelled to the venue) and must be posted to the address on the result sheet by the Monday immediately following the match by the BOTH Counties. Posted result sheets must arrive not later than the Wednesday immediately following the match.

13.3 Result Sheets must be fully completed to include details of all the players who have participated in the match, even if they did not bat or bowl. In addition, the names of all four officials must be provided.

- 13.4 Any dispute on the points awarded for any match must be notified to the ECB within seven days of that match otherwise they will not be considered.

14 Regional Play-Offs, Semi Finals and National Finals

- 14.1 The dates for the Regional Play-Offs, Semi Finals and National Finals shall be as in the published ECB Domestic Programme for the year.
- 14.2 The ECB shall be responsible for arranging the ground and appointing the umpires for the play-off matches, Semi Finals and the National Final, and will supply them with copies of the Competition Rules. There will be National Finals for all age groups.

15 Administrative Penalties

- 15.1 Counties may have points deducted from their total, at the discretion of the ECB, if they fail to meet any of the organisational requirements set out above, other than those for which a mandatory penalty is laid down.
- 15.2 If a team defaults in any match, the provisions of Playing Condition 14.4.1 will be applied.

Playing Conditions

Subject to any variation set out hereunder the MCC Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 2nd Edition - 2003) shall apply.

1 Duration

- 1.1 Unless there is a prior agreement to the contrary between captains and umpires matches will start at 2.00 pm, unless delayed by adverse conditions of ground, weather or light.
- 1.2 Each match will consist of one innings by each side. Each innings shall be not more than 45 overs in the U17 matches, 35 overs in the U15 matches and 30 overs in the U13 matches.
- 1.3 (a) The playing time allowed for the first innings shall be:
 - 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) in the U17 matches, 120 minutes (2 hours) in the U15 matches and 100 minutes (1 hour 40 minutes) in the U13 matches.
- (b) No drinks interval is to count as playing time.
- (c) If the full allocation of overs is not bowled within the designated playing time, the innings shall continue until the side batting first has received its allocation of overs. However, the maximum number of overs for the side batting second shall be reduced to the number received by the side batting first by the scheduled cessation time, except as detailed in 1.3.d below. The over in progress at the scheduled cessation time shall count as a complete over.
- (d) If the umpires consider that the slowness of play in the first innings was due to matters beyond the control of the side fielding first, they shall be empowered to waive some or all of the penalty in 1.3.c.

- 1.4 If adverse conditions of ground, weather or light interfere with the progress of play, the umpires shall be empowered to re-arrange the number of overs to be bowled by each side so that, as far as possible, each team shall have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 20 overs for U17, and 15 for U15 and U13). As a rough guide for re-arrangements, a rate equivalent to 3 overs in 10 minutes should be expected. For calculation purposes in interrupted matches only, a finishing time of 7.00 pm for U17 (6.30pm for U15 and U13 matches) should be taken.
- 1.5 If the number of overs for the first innings has to be thus reduced, umpires shall calculate the new time limit for that innings on the basis of 18 overs per hour, rounded up to the next five minutes.
- 1.6 In a match in which there have been stoppages for adverse ground, weather or light conditions (and only in such matches):
 - (a) If at 6.30pm (6.00pm for U15 & U13 matches) play is in progress, and there is no further interruption, play may continue for 9 more overs after the one in progress or until the agreed number of overs have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
 - (b) If at 6.30pm (6.00pm in U15 & U13 matches) an interruption of play is in progress, or if an interruption occurs at or after 6.30pm (6.00pm for U15 & U13 matches), there shall be no resumption of play unless the umpires consider there is a prospect of completing the minimum number of overs before 7.15pm (6.45pm for U15 & U13 matches).
- 1.7 The number of overs for the team batting second shall not be reduced merely because the team batting first has been dismissed in fewer than the agreed number of overs.

2 Ground, Weather and Light

Law 3, sections 8 and 9 shall apply. If, however, the umpires agree that ground or weather conditions are unsuitable but not dangerous, then the captains have the right to agree to continue (or commence) play or, in unsuitable light conditions, the batting captain has the right to decide to continue or commence play. In unsuitable light conditions, the batsmen at the wicket may deputise for the captain. Appeals against conditions shall be allowed as in Law 3 section 9 (c).

3 Intervals

There shall be an interval of 30 minutes. As far as possible this shall be taken at the conclusion of the first innings; in this case no extra allowance shall be made for the 10 minutes between innings.

4 Number of Players

Each team can consist of up to 12 players. No more than 11 players can bat or be on the field at any time. All players must be nominated to the umpires in writing before the toss is made. There is no requirement to nominate which 11 players will bat. Any replacement/substitution of a member of the fielding side can only be made with the approval of the umpires and only at the end of an over, the fall of a wicket or during an interval. Once a player has taken the field she can play a full part in the match, subject to the provisions of Law 22.6 (Bowler changing ends).

5 Fielding Restrictions

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 5.

6 Limitation of Overs by Any One Bowler

Please refer to Generic Playing Conditions 1 and 2.

7 Wide Ball

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 7.

8 Wicket-Keeping Gloves

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 8.

9 Scoreboard

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 11.

10 Drinks

10.1 Drinks intervals will be arranged and taken on the field of play in accordance with Law 15, except as in 9.2 and 9.3. below.

10.2 Drinks may be taken on the field of play after not less than 60 minutes without interruption since the last resumption of play, providing that,

(a) Such drinks intervals have been agreed prior to the start of play

(b) At least 10 overs of an innings remain to be bowled and, before lunch, at least 25 minutes remain before the interval.

10.3 If weather conditions warrant it, the umpires and captains are permitted to agree that more frequent drinks breaks be taken providing this agreement is made before the start of the match.

11 Special Conditions

11.1 A captain may not declare her innings closed.

11.2 The umpires have the discretion to consider a stoppage for exceptional circumstances on the same basis as one for conditions of ground, weather or light (Law 3 section 10).

11.3 Substitutes

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 14.

12 Boundaries

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 13.

13 Result of a Match

- 13.1 (a) A result can be achieved only if both teams have batted for at least 20 overs, unless either team has been all out in fewer than 20 overs, or unless the team batting second pass their opponents total in fewer than 20 overs.

N.b. The number of overs for the Under 15 and Under 13 matches shall be 15 overs.

- (b) A match in which there is some play but in which one or both teams has not had the opportunity of batting for a minimum of 20 overs (15 overs in the Under 15 and Under 13 matches) shall be declared a 'No Result' match (see also Rule 9.4.).

- 13.2 Providing the condition in Playing Condition 15.1a is met, and both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs, the result shall be determined as follows:

- (a) The side scoring the greater number of runs is the winner.
- (b) If at the conclusion of both innings, the scores are equal, the side having lost fewer wickets shall be the winner.
- (c) If the scores and wickets are all equal, then the match shall be declared a 'Tie'.

- 13.3 If the number of overs for the team batting second has to be curtailed to fewer than that allocated to the team batting first then their target score shall be reduced in the same ratio as the number of overs has been reduced, calculated to any number of decimal places.

- (a) Any part over at the end of either innings shall be included in the calculation.
- (b) For the side batting first, the number of overs shall be the number allocated, even though they may have been dismissed in fewer overs. For the side batting second the number of overs shall be the number actually received.

14 Points System

14.1 Match Points

- For a Win25 points plus bonus points
- For a Tie15 points to each team plus bonus points
- For a Loss 0 points plus bonus points
- Abandoned / No Result (some play)..... 10 points plus bonus points
- Conceded Match 25 points to team who did not concede
- Cancelled (no play).....10 points

14.2 Bonus Points

14.2.1 Batting Points

- (a) U17's 1 bonus point is awarded for scoring 80, 100, 120 and 140 runs.
 U15's 1 bonus point is awarded for scoring 70, 90, 110 and 130 runs
 U13's 1 bonus point is awarded for scoring 60, 80, 100 and 120 runs.
- (b) Maximum batting points shall be 4. .

14.2.2 Bowling Points

- 1 bonus point is awarded for taking 3, 5, 7 and 9 wickets.
- Maximum bowling points shall be 4.

14.3 Fewer than 11 Players

- 14.3.1 If a player is unable to bat because of illness or injury, sustained during the match, or a batsman is 'Retired Not Out', this shall not count as the fall of a wicket for the award of bonus bowling points (but 'Retired Out' will). This regulation does not invalidate the provisions of Law 2.9.
- 14.3.2 If a team has fewer than eleven batsmen, otherwise than as set out in 14.4.1, then the opposing team will be awarded 4 points if they dismiss all the batsmen in fewer than the allotted number of overs, but will not otherwise gain extra bowling points.

14.4 Teams Defaulting or Withdrawing

- 14.4.1 (a) If a team defaults from two matches, they will automatically be withdrawn from the Competition. All points awarded to each side in any matches played by the defaulting team will be expunged.
- (b) Any team withdrawn in such a manner may agree with their opposition to play future matches on a friendly basis. No points will be available to either side in such matches.
- 14.4.2 If a team withdraws from a section then all points gained from matches against that team in that section shall be expunged from the records.
- 14.4.3 Any team defaulting within 7 days of a game will be responsible for all costs incurred by the opposition.
- 14.4.4 Funding from the ECB will be reduced for the following season in relation to each match defaulted.

15 Regional Section Ranking

- 15.1 Counties will be ranked within their own Regional Section by the total number of points gained, applying Playing Condition 15.2 if necessary.

(a) The Counties finishing top of their Regional Section will Play-Off to determine the Semi Finalists.

(b) The ECB will make an annual draw for the Play-Off Rounds.

15.2 If two or more teams in the same section have equal points, then to distinguish further between these teams the criteria set out below shall be applied, in the order in which they are stated. In making the calculations,

(a) Team with most number of wins

(b) Win between the two teams

(c) Team with highest Net Run Rate (see Generic Playing Condition10)

(d) If the teams are still level, the rate for each team's 'total wickets lost over all its matches in that section, divided by total number of overs faced' will be calculated. A team with a lower rate will be placed above one with a higher rate.

16 National Final

16.1 The two Counties winning through the Semi Finals will play each other in a National Final to determine the U17, U15 and U13 County Champions. (See Rule 13.2).

16.2 The Result of the National Final will be determined under Playing Condition 13. If the Final is a 'No Result' match or a 'Tie' the Trophy shall be shared.

17 Disputes

Please refer to Generic Rule 13.