



NatWest InterCricket Competitions 2008



Arrangements Document



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1. A change in the format for 2008.

After the conclusion of the 2007 season we consulted you on how participation might be increased.

Many of you revealed IC activity in your county outside the specified dates for the Indoor Competition due mainly to the game's highly flexible nature.

We feel that any IC activity is worthy of our recognition and support, so from 1st February 2008 any IC activity that fits the following criteria can be classified as an official competition and therefore eligible for inclusion in your IPP data, for funding and for official ECB resources.

The criteria demands that the competition:

- constitutes three or more eligible schools from within your county
- adheres to official IC rules as laid out in this document
- application forms are completed and returned to the ECB at least two weeks in advance of the competition itself.

N.B. to qualify as an official competition the event must adhere to these criteria, right to refuse this is reserved by the Competitions Manager.

So, your InterCricket season can now consist of an Indoor Competition throughout the winter and outdoor competitions throughout the summer, all contributing to your final IPP figures and all supporting by ECB funding and merchandise.

This does not include InterCricket Summer Camps, the format for which shall remain the same.





2. Aim

To provide children with an opportunity to play cricket, both indoor and outdoor, hasten the progress of youngsters to the standard game and to encourage fair participation by all. InterCricket is a game that suits the needs of the National Curriculum.

3. Eligibility

The Tournament is open to all pupils up to the age of 13 at state secondary and middle schools in England & Wales.

4. Rules

The rules of InterCricket will apply for all stages of the competition and are set out in the NatWest InterCricket Information Pack, available by email from natwestintercricket@ecb.co.uk.

5. Format

The Tournament will consist of three stages:

- Local Festivals
- District Festivals
- County Final.

In the event of formats currently existing at local / district level i.e. leagues not festivals, it is acceptable for these to continue to be used.

6. Local and District Festivals and the County Final

To be played on or before prescribed date determined by the Cricket Development Manager - before the end of 2008.

To be organised by CDM and/or ESCA personnel, Development Groups, Focus Clubs, County Sports Partnerships and Sports Development Officers, etc.

Arrangement of Local and District Festivals remains at the discretion of the organisers, i.e. where successful league systems exist no alterations are necessary.

County Finals should be in the format of a Festival day held, where possible, at County Grounds or similar quality venue.

7. Targets and Funding

Funding from 2007 onwards has been brought into line with the Indicative/Fixed Fee payments system as detailed in the MoU between England & Wales Cricket Board and the Recreational Assembly implemented in July 2006.



County Payments will be based on participation in InterCricket Competitions and paid in two stages.

The first stage of payment will be 70% of the total and will be completed in March.

The second stage of payment will be the remaining 30%, an Indicative Performance Related Payment to be paid in October based on achieving targets set out in your County Board Improvement Process with your RDM.

County Board	IPP score	Fixed Fee Payment		
		March	October	Total
Bedfordshire	0.94	£ 98.70	£ 42.30	£ 141.00
Berkshire	1.23	£ 129.15	£ 55.35	£ 184.50
Buckinghamshire	1.63	£ 171.15	£ 73.35	£ 244.50
Cambridgeshire	0.95	£ 99.75	£ 42.75	£ 142.50
Cheshire	2.87	£ 301.35	£ 129.15	£ 430.50
Cornwall	1.14	£ 119.70	£ 51.30	£ 171.00
Cumbria	1.27	£ 133.35	£ 57.15	£ 190.50
Derbyshire	2.06	£ 216.30	£ 92.70	£ 309.00
Devon	1.90	£ 199.50	£ 85.50	£ 285.00
Dorset	1.19	£ 124.95	£ 53.55	£ 178.50
Durham	2.80	£ 294.00	£ 126.00	£ 420.00
Essex	4.49	£ 471.45	£ 202.05	£ 673.50
Gloucestershire	2.45	£ 257.25	£ 110.25	£ 367.50
Hampshire	2.73	£ 286.65	£ 122.85	£ 409.50
Herefordshire	0.38	£ 39.90	£ 17.10	£ 57.00
Hertfordshire	1.88	£ 197.40	£ 84.60	£ 282.00
Huntingdonshire	0.68	£ 71.40	£ 30.60	£ 102.00
Isle of Wight	0.32	£ 33.60	£ 14.40	£ 48.00
Kent	4.98	£ 522.90	£ 224.10	£ 747.00
Lancashire	9.44	£ 991.20	£ 424.80	£ 1,416.00
Leicestershire	2.09	£ 219.45	£ 94.05	£ 313.50
Lincolnshire	1.79	£ 187.95	£ 80.55	£ 268.50
Middlesex	5.39	£ 565.95	£ 242.55	£ 808.50
Norfolk	1.69	£ 177.45	£ 76.05	£ 253.50
Northamptonshire	1.33	£ 139.65	£ 59.85	£ 199.50
Northumberland	1.38	£ 144.90	£ 62.10	£ 207.00
Nottinghamshire	2.25	£ 236.25	£ 101.25	£ 337.50
Oxfordshire	1.20	£ 126.00	£ 54.00	£ 180.00
Shropshire	0.99	£ 103.95	£ 44.55	£ 148.50
Somerset	2.37	£ 248.85	£ 106.65	£ 355.50
Staffordshire	3.18	£ 333.90	£ 143.10	£ 477.00
Suffolk	1.33	£ 139.65	£ 59.85	£ 199.50
Surrey	5.03	£ 528.15	£ 226.35	£ 754.50
Sussex	2.80	£ 294.00	£ 126.00	£ 420.00
Wales	4.92	£ 516.60	£ 221.40	£ 738.00
Warwickshire	3.30	£ 346.50	£ 148.50	£ 495.00
Wiltshire	1.17	£ 122.85	£ 52.65	£ 175.50
Worcestershire	1.52	£ 159.60	£ 68.40	£ 228.00
Yorkshire	10.94	£ 1,148.70	£ 492.30	£ 1,641.00



Funding granted by ECB should be used for the following:

- Facility hire
- Catering / refreshments
- Expenses for umpires / officials
- Equipment
- Trophies & Medals.

Under no circumstances should these budgets include costs related to:

- Supply cover for schools
- Provision of t-shirts at County Final level.

8. Equipment

- InterCricket equipment is desirable but not mandatory.
- Wooden bats may be used
- Incrediballs can be used for match play
- Official InterCricket equipment must be used in County Finals

9. Prize Structure

Local / District Competitions

- Certificate for each child taking part.

County Competitions

- Certificate for each child
- T-shirt for each child
- Trophy for winning team
- Winners and runners-up medals.



10. Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children

Most children who play cricket enjoy a very positive experience. However, the ECB recognizes the possibility that individuals who seek to harm or take advantage of children may use cricket to gain access to them.

The nature of cricket, the close proximity of adults to young players, the concentrated and competitive environment, could potentially place children in a vulnerable position. On the other hand, the strong professional relationships created with coaches, managers and other volunteers mean that cricket is also in an excellent position to play a positive role in safeguarding children.

The following guidance is about safeguarding children whilst they learn to play cricket. It will also help to protect coaches from unnecessary or malicious allegations when working with children.



Always conduct coaching sessions with at least one other adult present. The ECB understands that physical contact between a child and an adult may be required to instruct, encourage, protect or comfort.

All adults must understand that this touching not only involves touching children or when showing them cricket postures, but can also include responsive or pleasant actions, e.g. when asking the child to carry out a task, or celebrating a win. If any child is not comfortable with physical contact it should be made clear that they can make their feelings known privately to the adult. Any contact should be lead by the child and not the adult.

Physical contact should always be intended to meet the child's needs not the adult's.

Never touch a child inappropriately - a responsible adult should only use physical contact if its aim is to:

- develop sports skills or techniques
- treat an injury
- prevent an injury or accident from occurring
- meet the requirements of the sport.

The adult should seek to explain the reason for the physical contact to the child, reinforcing the teaching or coaching skill. Unless the situation is an emergency, the adult should ask the child for permission.

You should never:

- spend time alone with a child away from others
- take children to your home, or in your car, where they will be alone with you
- engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games
- share a room with a child
- allow or take part in any form of inappropriate touching or physical abuse
- allow children to use inappropriate language unchallenged
- make sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun
- make a child cry as a form of control
- ignore allegations made by a child
- do things of a personal nature for children that they can do for themselves.

Information to Teaching/Coaching staff:

- Be punctual and look the part - create the right image. Be enthusiastic!
- Prepare coaching sessions thoroughly
- Coaching sessions should be enjoyable, realistic and fun
- Ensure maximum activity at all times
- Make allowances for different ages and abilities - be patient and sympathetic
- Report any serious injuries to the organiser(s) immediately
- Equipment should be checked at the start and finish of each session - any loss of equipment should be reported to the organiser(s) as soon as possible.

Words of wisdom:

- Failing to prepare, is preparing to fail
- An ounce of theory to a ton of practice



- Do not talk a demonstration - a picture paints a thousand words
- Coach the cause, not the result
- Coaching is serious fun
- Practice makes permanent - permanently good or bad.

Closing remarks should include the following:

- Encourage children to practice at every opportunity
- Point out the importance of playing the game in the correct spirit, and respecting the opponents and officials on and off the field.

11. ECB Contact Information

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12. Data Capture

You will find a copy of the 2008 Application Form below. One form should be completed for each competition, which should be returned to Oliver Mott via email within two weeks of the start of the competition or else no guarantee of delivery can be given and the data will be ineligible for inclusion for IPP funding.



