

## **Constitution**

### **1 Governance**

- 1.1 The Competition shall be governed by a President, Deputy President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Secretary, Competition Secretary, Treasurer, representative to Yorkshire Cricket Association, 2 Results Secretaries and a Committee consisting of representatives from each district. All Officers shall have one vote. Each Area shall be allowed one vote. The Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote.
- 1.2 A Management Committee consisting of the elected Officers of the Competition, who shall be appointed annually, shall deal with any urgent matter arising between normal meetings. The Management Committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary Meeting
- 1.3 The Competitions shall be arranged by the Management Committee, who may invite districts to take part, as they shall in their discretion think fit. Any Area which accepts an invitation to take part in the Competition will do so on the complete understanding that they shall obey the rules of the Competition, even though these may conflict with their own domestic rules.
- 1.4 The Treasurer will administer and prepare joint accounts for the Joe Lumb and Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival Competitions.

### **2 Annual General Meeting**

- 2.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in December at which any number of representatives may attend. Each area shall be allowed one vote.
- 2.2 Proposed alterations to rules must be received, in writing, by the Executive Secretary not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2.3 The Subscriptions for each Competition for the following Season shall be determined at the Annual General meeting. Any team entered for the competition will have to pay the agreed subscription by 30<sup>th</sup> June or a fine of £5.00 will be imposed for every 30 days that the subscription remains outstanding.

2.4 Honoraria, to be decided annually, shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

### **3 General**

3.1 The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with any other matter not otherwise covered by these rules.

3.2 The Management Committee shall have the power to call an Emergency General Meeting should the need arise.

### **4 Generic Rules**

4.1 The Competition and its member areas shall operate the following 'Membership shall be open to all irrespective of age (as defined in these rules), gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, social status and sexual orientation.'

4.2 Each area shall adhere to E.C.B. Child Welfare policy

4.3 The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) including the 2013 changes shall apply to all matches in the Competition.

4.4 The E.C.B. Disciplinary Regulations, issued October 2000, shall be adopted and applied.

4.5 The ECB Fast Bowling Directives MUST be applied except guidance/recommendations given therein that in any 7 day (Sunday to Saturday) period a fast bowler should not bowl more than 4 days in that period and for a maximum of 2 days in a row need not be applied in the Under 13 and Under 15 Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festivals. Team Managers must inform umpires of any player playing above his/her age group. These players shall only be allowed to bowl the number of overs allowable in their age group

#### **4.6 Eligibility**

Players eligible to play shall be Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 or under 17 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the previous year. If a player is eligible to play

for more than one side in the Competition, he shall be allowed to play for the side he wishes without any penalties being imposed on him or any club. The age of any player in the competition shall be the age of that person at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the previous year. This affects the rules relating to overs a bowler may bowl and regarding fielding restrictions. Girls are allowed to play in mixed teams one year above their actual age group. i.e 12 year old in under 11, 14 in under 13 and 16 year old in under 15. **Any player who has played representative cricket for any county in the current season shall not play in either the Joe Lumb Competition or the Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival**

#### 4.7 **Umpires**

Each side must provide a qualified umpire (preferably ECB ACO qualified). All umpires **MUST** have a current CRB enhanced clearance. Under no circumstances should any umpire be allowed to officiate if they cannot provide such a clearance.

4.8 The Management Committee to appoint neutral umpires to officiate at all semi finals and finals except the Under 11 semi-finals where each team will provide one umpire.

4.9 Team Managers or Coaches are not allowed to umpire

#### 4.10 **Coaches**

All coaches and team managers **MUST** have a current CRB enhanced clearance. Under no circumstances should any coach or team manager be allowed to work with any team in the competition if they cannot provide such a clearance.

#### 4.11 **Helmets**

Helmets, with a fitted face grille, shall always be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice.

The spacing left between the grille and the helmet visor shall be adjusted and secured to ensure a match ball will not pass through it. Young wicket keepers, when standing up to the stumps, shall either wear a helmet together with fitted face grille, (of the design and application described for use by

young batsmen), or wear a grilled face protector, provided the latter is covered by an ECB Directive.

The only exception to this rule is where a player unable to wear a helmet due to a headdress being worn for religious reasons. In this case the player will only be allowed to play without a helmet if a signed parental disclaimer form is shown to both umpires prior to the start of the match.

#### **4.12 Fielding Restrictions**

No player under 15 years of age, excluding the wicket keeper, shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards from the middle stump at the striker's end, except behind the wicket on the off-side, until the batsman has played at the ball. For players under 13 years of age the distance is increased to 11 yards. Should a restricted player come within these distances either umpire must stop play and instruct the offending fielder to move to an acceptable position.

#### **4.13 Team Cards**

Each Team Manager should present a completed ECB Team Card to the umpires prior to the toss taking place.

At Under 11 and Under 13 age groups only, teams shall comprise a maximum of twelve players all of whom shall be allowed to participate in the match, however, only eleven players shall be allowed to bat and only eleven players (inc the wicket keeper) shall be allowed to field at a given moment in play. The umpires shall permit members of the fielding team to be exchanged following a request by the team manager.

#### **4.14 Cancellations**

If a game has to be called off in advance due to weather or because an area cannot raise a side, communication **MUST BE MADE BY DIRECT VERBAL CONTACT** with the other area to ensure the message is received. Teams defaulting on a fixture will incur a one point penalty deduction

#### **4.15 Teas**

In YJCF group & Joe Lumb section matches, each home team shall provide and pay for 15 teas for the visiting team and officials.

4.16 In the Joe Lumb & Jack Lee finals and YJCF Semi-finals, the host club shall provide 30 teas for the players and match officials. The cost is payable by

the Competition. Should teams require additional teas these must be paid for by that team.

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## **6      Playing conditions    -    Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival**

- 6.1 No match in any section of the Competition shall be played when a minimum of 20 overs per side is not possible. If rain interrupts a match, then the resumption shall be the responsibility of the umpires and team managers. It is up to the umpires and team managers to decide how many overs, if any at all, should be deducted. It should always be the object to play as many of the allocated overs as possible.
- 6.2 If the team batting first has completed its innings and no overs have been lost, then no overs can be deducted from the team batting second. If weather or light determine that the game cannot conclude the match shall be deemed incomplete.
- 6.3 If play has commenced in a Semi Final and cannot conclude due to weather or light, the match shall be awarded to the side with the highest number of bonus points achieved in that game.
- 6.4 If a Semi Final match is TIED, the side losing the fewer wickets will be declared the winner. If the number of wickets lost is identical then the score at the end of the previous over will decide. If still identical count back each over until a winner is found.
- 6.5 In the event of no play being possible in a Semi Final match, the umpires should, if circumstances (outdoor or indoor) permit decide to employ the following form of contest to achieve a result. Five players from each team will bowl overarm two deliveries each at three stumps at a distance of the length of pitch used at that age group. The team scoring the greater number of hits shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternatively and overarm to achieve a result on a sudden death basis. If circumstances make the above impossible, the match shall be

awarded by tossing a coin, with the visiting side, as indicated in the Competition handbook, calling.

*Note.* The above shall not apply to the final, which can, if necessary, be rearranged.'

6.6 Tied matches in Finals. In the event of runs scored being level at the conclusion of any final, the match shall be deemed a tie and the Trophy and individual medals will be shared.

### **6.7 Duration of Matches Under 15 Competition**

6.8 Matches in the Under 15 Competition shall be played as designated at the Annual Fixture Meeting. All matches shall commence at 1.00pm except the final which will commence at 11.30am

6.9 Each match shall consist of a maximum 45 overs per side. The side scoring most runs shall be declared the winner.

6.10 Each bowler shall be limited to a daily allocation of 9 overs. The maximum overs allowed to be bowled in a spell for a fast bowler, as defined in the ECB Fast Bowling directive, shall be 6 overs.

### **6.11 Duration of Matches Under 13 Competition**

6.12 Matches in the Under 13 Competition shall be played as designated at the Annual Fixture Meeting. All matches shall commence at 1.00pm except the final which will commence at 11.30am

6.13 Each match will consist of a maximum 40 overs per side. The side scoring most runs will be declared the winner

6.14 Each bowler shall be limited to a daily allocation of 8 overs. The maximum overs allowed to be bowled in a spell for a fast bowler, as defined in the ECB Fast Bowling directive, shall be 5 overs.

### **6.15 Duration of matches Under 11 Competition**

6.16 Matches in the Under 11 Competition shall be played as designated at the Annual Fixture Meeting. All matches shall commence at 1.00pm

- 6.17 Each match will consist of a maximum of 30 overs per side. The side scoring most runs will be declared the winner
- 6.18 Each bowler shall be limited to a daily allocation of 6 overs. The maximum overs allowed to be bowled in a spell for a fast bowler, as defined in the ECB Fast Bowling directive, shall be 5 overs.

## **7 Pitches**

- 7.1 Pitches in the Under 15 Competition shall be 22 yards in length and existing facilities, such as non-turf pitches, may be used to play the match. Visiting areas should be informed if such facilities are to be used.
- 7.2 Pitches in the Under 13 Competition shall be 21 yards in length and existing facilities, such as non-turf pitches, may be used to play the match. Visiting areas should be informed if such facilities are to be used.
- 7.3 Pitches in the Under 11 Competition shall be 20 yards in length and existing facilities, such as non-turf pitches, may be used to play the match. Visiting areas should be informed if such facilities are to be used. 21 Yard pitches may be used if that is the length of junior pitch on the ground the game is to be played. Visiting teams should be informed of the length of the pitch before the day of the match

## **8. Scoring of Points**

- 8.1 Points shall be awarded as follows:-

Each win	6 points
Each tie	3 points to each side
Each abandoned or incomplete match	3 points to each side
Each loss	0 points

- 8.2 Incentive points shall be awarded as follows:-

Each and every run scored = 0.01 points

(E.g. 175 runs = 1.75 points)

Each and every wicket taken = 0.2 points

(E.g. 7 wickets = 1.4 points)

The maximum incentive points for the batting team shall be limited to 2 (ie 200 runs) which is the maximum available to the batting team

- 8.3 The above incentive points shall be retained whatever the eventual outcome of the match. The bonus points system will operate in the Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 Competitions.

## **9 Balls**

- 9.1 Each team shall provide, for all sections on the competition, their own ball, which need not necessarily be new, but shall be quartered, of good quality and acceptable to both umpires. This means of British manufacture and stamped Grade 1 or Grade A. Balls for the Under 13 and Under 11 Competition must be 4 ¾ oz in weight.

## **10 Timing of the Competition**

- 10.1 The Under 15 Competition shall take place in August each year, and will begin on the first Monday of that month.
- 10.2 The Under 13 Competition shall take place in the week immediately preceding the Under 15 Competition every year, with the Under 13 final one week before the Under 15 final.
- 10.3 The Under 11 Competition shall take place as directed by the Management Committee. Team Managers may, by mutual consent, rearrange the dates with the permission of the Management Committee if it impracticable to arrange the game for Sunday due to Senior League Commitment.

## **11 Results**

- 11.1 All results in the Under 11 Competition shall be EMAILED or TEXTED to the Result Secretary, by the home team, on the Monday Evening following the Sunday game.
- 11.2 All results in the Under 13 and Under 15 Competitions shall be phoned to the Result Secretary, by the home team, at the conclusion of the game and no later than 8.30pm.
- 11.3 Results sheets to be completed by the home team and sent to the Competition Secretary within 7 days of the conclusion of the match.

## **12 Trophies**

### **Joe Lumb Competition**

- 12.1 Two trophies, known as the 'Schofield Haigh Memorial Trophies' shall be presented each year for the best batting and bowling averages.  
The 'Wilfred Rhodes Memorial Trophy' shall be presented to the best slow bowler.  
The 'George Hirst Memorial Trophy' shall be presented to the best all-rounder.  
The 'Gordon Bowers Trophy' shall be awarded to the 'Player of the Season'.
- 12.2 All trophies shall be returned to the Secretary of the Competition by 15<sup>th</sup> August each year.

### **Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival**

- 12.3 Trophies will be presented each year for the best batting average and best bowling average at each age group.
- 12.4 Trophies will be presented each year to the best all rounder at each age group.
- 12.5 Each Area shall submit their best averages at all age groups to the respective competition secretary within one week of playing their last match in each competition.
- 12.6 All trophies to be returned the Secretary of the Competition by 24<sup>th</sup> July each year.