

Fred Trueman National State Schools Cricket League

Competition Rules

TITLE

1. The title of the competition shall be Fred Trueman National State Schools Cricket League

MANAGEMENT

1. The control of the competition shall be undertaken by the County Cricket Board
2. All decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1. The competition will be structured in age groups (U13s & U15s) and by districts. The structure of the semi-finals and finals will depend on the number of school entries. The County Cricket Board will determine this once all school entries are confirmed.
2. Schools shall play at least one competitive match against each of the schools in their district and will be encouraged to foster a positive link between their school and a neighboring Cricket Club
3. Matches to be played after school, on a weekday either on the school facility, if of suitable standard, or on the ground of a Cricket Club they have a relationship with.
4. District matches shall be played over a minimum of a six week period with each game allocated to be played with a specific period of time. Schools will liaise with each other to agree a definite date for each match

ELIGIBILITY

1. The competition shall be open to all State Schools.
2. Private Schools are eligible to enter their 2nd, 3rd or 4th team

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

1. The Matches will be 11 a-side
2. Schools may select players from either age group in order to field a team, E.g. U13s can be players from Year 7 and Year 8.

3. Girls can be selected to play where the school deems appropriate. Girls can play 2 years down. E.g. Girl who is U15s can play for U13s.
4. **No more than three County Players can be selected.** This rule shall not apply to girls

EQUIPMENT

1. Participating schools can be loaned kit bags of cricket equipment for the competition, if required. Kit bags remain the property of FTNSSCL and each school shall be responsible for replacing any lost or damaged equipment.
2. For the district league rounds, appropriately sized Match Balls will be supplied by the County Cricket Board.
3. The County Cricket Board shall be responsible for supplying the balls for the County Finals.

UMPIRES & SCORERS

1. For County Finals, County Cricket Boards will be responsible for managing the competition.

FINANCE

1. Funding may be available to supply schools with hard ball cricket equipment if required.

PITCH LENGTH

1. Under 13s - 19 yards
2. Under 15s – 22 Yards

DURATION

1. 12 to 20 overs per innings – Time dependant. Schools can agree prior to the match on what length to play

BATTING

1. Batters can be out in the following ways;
 - i. Bowled
 - ii. Caught
 - iii. Run out – Batters can be Run Out from a Wide or a No Ball
 - iv. Stumped – Batters can be Stumped from a Wide but NOT a No Ball
 - v. Hit Wicket
 - vi. LBW

2. Batters may run on any ball whether it is hit or not. Batters must retire when their total is equal to or has passed 50 (all runs will count, i.e. a batter is on 49 and hits a 6, they retire on 55).
3. Retired batters can continue their innings when the 'final' wicket of the innings falls
4. Batters cannot bat on their own. Once 10 wickets have fallen the innings is finished.
5. The innings will be declared closed when:
 - i. 10 wickets have fallen
 - ii. The agreed amount of overs has completed
 - iii. The team batting second has chased down the score
 - iv. However, schools can continue to complete the overs if the match finished quickly.

BOWLING

1. Any player may bowl, including the wicket keeper
2. All bowlers **MUST bowl overarm**
3. No bowler may bowl more than 20% of the overs available at the start of the innings. Example – 20 overs innings = 4 overs per bowler
4. No balls and wides shall not be bowled again except in the last over of an innings.
5. A 'No Ball' should be signalled if;
 - i. The ball bounces more than twice before reaching the batter
 - ii. The ball doesn't bounce and is over waist height
 - iii. A bouncer is bowled and it goes above shoulder height
6. A 'Wide' should be signalled if;
 - i. The ball is deemed too wide for the batter to hit.
 - ii. Around a bat length either side of the stumps is fair.
Markers/taping can be put down for guidance

SCORING

1. Batters can score runs in the normal ways
2. Batters may run whether than hit the ball or not
3. Byes and Leg Byes are added to Extras and NOT the batters score
4. Batting team is awarded 2 runs for any Wides or No Balls bowled

5. Any overthrows are added to the Batters score

RESULT OF MATCH

1. The wining school must email the County Cricket Board with details of the result and scores withing 48 hours of the match. The school playing at home shall be responsible for entering the result and scores in the event of the match ending in a tie
2. Teams will be awarded the following;
 - i. 3 points for a win
 - ii. 2 for a tie
 - iii. 1 for a loss
3. In the event of inclement weather, a match shall not be deemed complete unless 50% of the overs have been bowled in the second innings. In such event, the winner shall be the school with the faster run rate.