CRICKET

2015 Rules

February 2015

Team Requirements

- There will be one age group: School Years 5 & 6
- Each team shall consist of 8 players
- Each Local Authority can bring one team (squad of 10)
- All games will be mixed with a minimum of 3 girls playing at one time
- Each team member must wear their Devon Youth Games T-Shirt.

Team Eligibility

- Players must not have competed, trained or been selected at County, Regional or National Level in the 12 months prior to 31st March 2015.

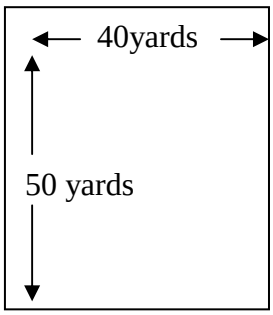
Competition Format

- Each game will be 6 over's per side
- The County Board will be responsible for providing junior size 'incrediballs'
- Young Leaders and volunteers to umpire and score each game

Sports Rules

Pitch

- The length of the pitch will be 20 yards (16 metres)
- The boundary will be 40 yards in width and 50 yards in length from the middle stump (see below). Some venues may vary depending upon limitations. Please note there is no longer an inner zone.



Duration

- It will be the responsibility of the Competition managers to set the allocated number of overs per match – 6 overs minimum and 12 overs maximum per innings

Playing Conditions

- Unless stated below normal cricket rules will apply except:

    - When the team batting second has passed the required score, they must continue to bat until their allocated overs have been completed or all their batters are out
    - LBW may only be given if a batter deliberately blocks the ball to prevent it hitting the wicket
    - Batters must change ends at the end of each over

Batting

- Batters may run on any ball whether it is hit or not
- Batters must retire when their total has passed 20 (all runs will count, ie. A batter is on 16 and hits a 6 they retire on 22)
- Retired batters can continue their innings if only 1 batter remains
- A single batter may remain with the support of a runner – who can be run out
- The innings will be declared closed when:
    - All batters are out
    - The allocated number of overs have been bowled by the fielding team .

Bowling

- The wicket keeper will be the only player who can not bowl.
- All bowlers MUST bowl overarm. Only 6 balls to be bowled in any over, except in the final over.
- 2 Runs will be awarded to the batting team for each wide ball and no ball bowled but no extra ball will be allocated, except in the final over of each innings when in addition to the 2 runs an extra ball will be bowled.
- At least 50% of the team must bowl. No bowler may bowl more than 25% of the overs.
- All bowling to be bowled from one end only.
- ECB Fast Bowling Directives do not apply to this competition.

Scoring

- Standard cricket scoring applies except:
    - All runs scored, batters and extras will be added to the team score
    - Add 2 extra runs to the team score for each no ball or wide bowled by the opposing team.
    - Extras should not be added to the batters score except no balls where additional runs are scored (example – a no ball is bowled, 2 runs are added to extras, the batter hits it for 4 – this goes on the batters score and the team score – overall team runs scored for this delivery is 5)
- Score sheets will be provided by the regional WRCDM'S.

Result of a match

- The team with the highest score wins.
- A tied game is acceptable. A tied game is both teams have scored the same amount of runs and lost the same amount of wickets. If 1 team has lost fewer wickets they will be declared the winner

Result of a competition (group stages or league format)

- If a league format is used 3 points will be awarded for a win, 2 for a tie or 1 for a loss.
- At the end of the league stage, if two or more teams have the same number of points the following shall apply:

- The team that has scored the most runs in total throughout the competition should be the winner.
- Then the team that has lost the fewest wickets in total throughout the competition shall be the winner. If the above fail to determine a winner then a bowl out will take place. Captains shall nominate before the start of the bowl out which four members of the team shall bowl. All four bowlers will bowl 2 balls each and the team that hits the wickets the most will be declared the winner. If still equal then it will be sudden death to decide the winner

Official's Decision

- In all matters relating to the competition the Event Co-ordinators decision shall be final and binding