



Team Leicestershire Cricket Handbook

Key Information
Rules and Formats

2023/24



Welcome

Welcome to the 2023/24 Team Leicestershire Cricket Season. All sport-specific information, rules, formats and age groups are included within this handbook. For additional Team Leicestershire information, overarching rules and processes, please also ensure that you refer to the 2024/24 Team Leicestershire handbook.

Obligations

It is imperative that Team Managers read and understand the contents of this sport specific handbook and the generic Team Leicestershire rules and formats handbook to ensure the smooth running of each competition.

Please pay specific attention to the deadlines and play by dates within this document.

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ECB Pitch Length / Boundary Size Guidelines

Under 12 Hard Ball	19 Yards	40 Metres
Under 13	19 Yards	45 - 50 Metres
Under 14	Girls: 20 Yards Boys: 21 Yards	45 / 50 Metres
Under 15	Girls: 20 Yards Boys: 22 Yards	50 / 60 Metres
Under 17	22 Yards	55 - 60 Metres

Key Dates

Under 12, U14 & U18 Boys Competitions

Area competitions must be completed by May 24th 2024

Quarter Finals must be completed by 11th June 2024

Semi Finals must be completed by 18th June 2024

Finals will be held at Loughborough Grammar School 25th June 2024 TBC

Under 15 Boys T20 Competition

The draw for this competition will be sent direct to schools with all details confirmed directly by the Leicestershire Schools Cricket Association. If not previously involved please contact John Weitzel directly

Under 13 & U15 Girls Competitions

Area competitions must be completed by May 24th 2024

Quarter Finals must be completed by 7th June 2024

Semi Finals must be completed by 14th June 2024

Finals will be held at Loughborough Grammar School 18th June 2024

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Age Groups:

Team Leicestershire Cricket offers the following age competitions:

Under 12 (Year 7) Boys Bunbury Cup

Under 14 (Year 8/9) Boys ESCA One Day Trophy

Under 15 (Year 10) Boys ESCA T20

Under 18 (Post 16) Boys Swatland Trophy

Under 13 (Year 7/8) Girls

Under 15 (Year 9/10) Girls

Boys Competition Formats

- 1. U12 and U14 will be played on an area basis followed by a County wide knock out during the whole of the summer term. U15 will be a County knock-out competition during the first half of the term organised by LSCA culminating in a County winner competing in the National ESCA T20 at regional level in the second half of the term. The Post 16/FE Competition will be played in two separate leagues culminating in semi-finals and final.**
- 2. The winners of the Year 7 & Year 8/9 Competitions will participate the following year in the ESCA National Competitions.**
- 3. Matches will be of 20 overs per innings (more by agreement of both teams in the Post 16 Competition). No bowler shall bowl more than a fifth of the total.**
- 4. There is no forced retirement regulation. Batsmen may remain in play until they are deemed to be out.**
- 5. The team scoring the most runs shall be the winners.**
- 6. In the event of a tie in the knock-out rounds a 'Super Over' will decide the winner – no more than two wickets can fall in that over. This process should be repeated using different players until a result is achieved.**
- 7. In the event of rain overs may be reduced to a minimum of 10 overs a side. In an abandoned match the winner will be decided on the average run rate of each innings, provided the side batting 2nd has had at least 10 overs.**

- 8. The ECB age-group regulations regarding close fielding; length of wicket; balls and helmets will apply.**

U13 GIRLS' SOFTBALL CRICKET

- 1) Teams shall consist of eight female players of aged 13 and under**
- 2) Each game will consist of one innings per side. Each innings shall be 12 overs which should be completed inside 45 mins.**
- 3) A junior sized pink incrediball or equivalent (does not need to be new) should be used.**
- 4) The length of the pitch will be 17 yards**
- 5) No fielder, except the wicket keeper shall field within eleven yards of the batsman on strike except behind the wicket on the off side.**
- 6) The batting side will be divided into pairs, each pair batting for 3 overs.**
- 7) Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs. Each time a batter is out, 5 runs are deducted and the other batter of the pair faces the next ball.**
- 8) LBW should only be given out if the batter deliberately blocks the ball with leg or foot.**
- 9) The first 6 overs will be bowled from one end, and the other 6 will be bowled from the other end.**
- 10) Each player must deliver a minimum of one over and a maximum of two overs. This can be overarm or underarm, whatever the player feels comfortable with. If a bowler is unable to complete an over due to injury and injury, another bowler, who has not completed her**

quota, may complete the over. The number of balls left to be bowled shall count as a complete over for the replacement bowler

- 11) Two runs shall be the penalty for a wide ball and a no ball and no extra delivery shall be bowled, except in the last over of an innings when the two run penalty will still apply, but an additional ball shall be bowled**
- 12) Any delivery, regardless of pace, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the strike standing upright at the crease, shall be called and signalled a no ball, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury.**

THE RESULT a) The team scoring the higher number of runs will be the winner. b) If scores are equal in the League fixtures the result shall be a tie. c) At the finals day, a super over shall be played to determine the winner. d) The super over shall be one, six ball over bowled by one bowler. The team scoring the highest number of runs in the super over shall be the winner. If the scores are equal in the super over the side losing the fewer wickets shall be the winner. e) Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a tie. The two league winners will compete in the final. In the event of a 2-way tie for first place the result of the game between the two teams will decide the winner. In the event of a 3, or greater, way tie then average run rate will decide the winner.

U15 GIRLS' CRICKET

- 1) Teams shall consist of eight female players of aged 15 and under**
- 2) Each game will consist of one innings per side. Each innings shall be 12 overs which should be completed inside 45 mins.**
- 3) All players must wear appropriate protective clothing, which must include batting or wicket keeping gloves, batting or wicket keeping pads, and a cricket helmet with a visor.**
- 4) A junior (4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz) ball should be used.**
- 5) No fielder, except the wicket keeper shall field within eight yards of the batsman on strike except behind the wicket on the off side.**
- 6) All of the usual means of dismissals apply. When the batsman is out, they are out.**
- 7) A batsman must retire on having scored 20 runs. The batter may, however, resume their innings if their side is bowled out within the allotted overs, providing their team has fielded a minimum of seven players. Innings shall be resumed sequentially with other batters who have retired under this rule.**
- 8) Each player, with the exception of the wicket keeper, must deliver a minimum of one over and a maximum of two overs. No wicket keeper shall be allowed to bowl except in the case of injury to another bowler, during the game. If a bowler is unable to complete an over due to injury and injury, another bowler, who has not completed her quota, may complete the over. The number of balls left to be bowled shall count as a**

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Website / Virtual Together App

The Team Leicestershire programme is centrally managed through our Virtual Together app (*powered by Playwaze*)

[Team Leicestershire | Active Together \(active-together.org\)](https://www.active-together.org)

<https://www.playwaze.com>

Schools are responsible for uploading their own results and monitoring & evaluation data to the Virtual Together app, which will result in the smooth running of each competition. Initial team & competition entry is done via the web platform, then all competitions, fixtures and result input are subsequently available via the Virtual Together mobile app.

The transition to the Team Leicestershire mobile app will hopefully make elements such as M&E & result upload quicker and easier for staff involved as well as allowing young people and parents to follow their teams' fortunes throughout the competitions.

All user guides can be found on the Team Leicestershire website:

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