



## **Lancashire Cricket Foundation**

# **Inter League Competition Regulations 2021**





#### Lancashire Cricket Foundation Inter League Programme

## Boys U11, U13, U15 & U18

Girls U12 & U14 (+ Open Age Women)

## Introduction

## 1. Inter League Cricket - Group

- A working group consisting of officials from the LCF, Lancashire Cricket Performance Department and all junior leagues of Lancashire shall be responsible for governing the competitions.
- Separately Inter League Cricket for women & girls shall be governed alongside the league representatives' group for women & girls.
- U18s Cricket will be administered by the Lancashire Inter League Cricket committee (along with the senior men's programme that sits outside of this proposal) but will remain the responsibility of the LCF.
- The age groups are U11, U13, U15 & U18 boys along with U12 & U14 girls.
- There will also be provision for an open age women's competition.

### 2. Competition ethos

- The Lancashire Way will help guide the ethos/philosophy of the competition, looking to strike the appropriate balance between player development and a competitive approach.
- At U11 boys and U12 girls' level, the focus will be purely on player development, and the rules and regulations of the competition shall reflect this.
- At U13 boys and U14 girls' level the focus will remain on player development, there will be a competitive conclusion as the best 24 players selected by LCF CDOs and CAG coaches will compete in a final.
- At U15 and U18 boys' level the competition will work towards a knockout phase, culminating in a final, whilst ensuring a flexible approach is considered throughout the group phases to put a focus on player development.
- Coach Development and CPD for coaches shall be at the heart of the programme.

### 3. Lancashire Cricket Regional Development Centres

- Junior players will be encouraged to attend a regional development centre in readiness for both club and representative cricket.
- Leagues are encouraged to work with the LCF should they wish to run a specific course for their league.



• Club and Inter League coaches are encouraged to attend their local centre and link up with professional coaching staff by way of CPD.

## 4. LCF Cricket Development Officers

Cricket Development Officers (CDOs) will be available to support the programme in terms of:

- 1. Talent ID
- 2. Liaison with Lancashire Cricket Performance Department
- 3. Referral of players in and out of Regional Development Centres
- 4. Support for leagues in terms of recommendation of players from Regional Development Centres
- 5. Support for leagues in terms of capacity, CPD and parent interaction

### The role of the Cricket Development Officer

• A Cricket Development Officer will be assigned to each league, for 2021, this is detailed below. This will provide a specific point of contact for each league to support the setting up of each programme.

Westmorland League (Steve Pemberton)

Northern Premier League / Palace Shield (Gregg Bishop)

Liverpool Competition (Greg Pennington)

Wigan Junior League (Dave Wilson)

Bolton Cricket League (Mark Cookson)

Greater Manchester Cricket League (Rory Kellett & Jonathon Osborne)

Ribblesdale Cricket League (John Cordingley)

Lancashire Junior Cricket League (Rob Ward)

- Cricket Development Officers will attend a coaching session at U11 and U13 level to work with players and coaches. This can be prescribed once dates and times are available.
- Through the 12 Cricket Development Officers the LCF will have a presence at every Inter league fixture, their role being centred around coach CPD, player development / ID, liaison with host club, engagement with parents and providing an increased level of capacity across the programme.

### The role of the Women & Girls Cricket Development Officers

Four W&Gs Cricket Development Officers (CDOs) will be available to run the U12 and U14 girls squads for their respective leagues as below:





- 1. Northern Premier League / Palace Shield / Westmorland League (Lauren Burgess)
- 2. Lancashire Junior League / Ribblesdale League (Jordan Clarke)
- 3. Liverpool & District Cricket Competition (Chris Chambers)
- 4. Bolton Cricket League / Greater Manchester Cricket League (Mel Kay)

The W&Gs CDOs will fully administer these two age groups, including acting as head coaches, with support from the relevant league in terms of grounds, scorers and assistant coaches.

In addition, provision will also be made for four Open Age teams lead by the leagues with W&G CDO support.

#### 5. Coaches

- All leagues shall appoint coaches and team managers for all junior teams, these coaches must meet safeguarding minimum operating standards in terms of a relevant coaching qualification, Safeguarding Young Cricketers certificate, First Aid certificate and valid DBS check.
- Coach Specification

ECB L2 (UKCC2) essential with ECB L3 (UKCC3) desirable

DBS

Up to date Safeguarding Young Cricketer certificate

Up to date Emergency First Aid certificate

Previous experience of coaching within the pathway system is desirable

### 6. Number of teams

• Consideration shall be given to the size of each league and the Inter League group shall decide annually what the provision is from each league.

In 2021 entry shall comprise of:

#### <u>Boys</u>

- 1. Westmorland League: 1 per age group (no U18s will join up with PS / NPL)
- 2. Place Shield (Northern Premier League) 2 per age group (1 x U18)
- 3. Liverpool & District Cricket Competition: 1 per age group (1 x U18)
- 4. Wigan Junior League: 1 per age group (1 x U18)
- 5. Ribblesdale Cricket League: 1 per age group (no U18s)





- 6. Lancashire Junior League: 1 per age group (1 x U18)
- 7. Bolton Cricket League: 1 per age group (1 x U18)
- 8. Greater Manchester Cricket League: 2 per age group (1 x U18)

## <u>Girls</u>

Combined leagues entering 1 team per age group:

- 1. Westmorland League / Palace Shield / Northern Premier League
- 2. Liverpool & District Cricket Competition
- 3. Lancashire Junior League / Ribblesdale Cricket League
- 4. Bolton Cricket League / Greater Manchester Cricket League

### N.B. "Teams":

The Lancashire Cricket Foundation recognise "teams" across our County, these are (generally) nomadic groups without a home ground, e.g.

- 1. Preston Village League
- 2. Blackburn & District Cricket League
- 3. Manchester T20 Super League
- 4. Manchester T25/T35 League
- 5. Bolton Metro League

Additionally, young cricketers from community-based programmes.

- 1. Last Man Stands
- 2. MCCF Hubs
- 3. Chance to Shine Street
- 4. Wicketz
- 5. Tape ball programmes

As further engagement with young people across this network is developed these players will be encouraged to access clubs across our leagues however provision will be made to ensure they have an opportunity to take part in the Inter League Competition, this will be the responsibility of the LCF Community Talent Champion.

• Leagues should confirm the age groups at which they wish to compete on an annual basis and the Inter League group will make provision for any player / club from a league that doesn't partake at any given age group.





## 7. Grounds

• It will be the responsibility of each league to organise grounds for their home fixtures, consideration for the quality of ground used will be the responsibility of the Inter league group.

## 8. Players representing their league.

- The league a player is to represent is identified via their club, not their school or where they live.
- An age and stage approach shall be taken meaning players shall be able to play in older age groups where appropriate, this should be discussed with LCF Cricket Development Officers in the first instance
- For boys, at U11, U13, U15 & U18 age groups, players play for their junior league.
- If a club plays in two junior leagues, then the clubs decide which league they represent and stick to it.
- Adjacent leagues will work together to ensure both leagues can field teams at each age groups.
- For girls, at U12 & U14 age groups, players play for the league their club has its primary affiliation to.
- For open age women players play for the league their club has its primary affiliation to.
- Where a club of Lancashire does not play in a league of Lancashire, provision will be made for players to represent an adjacent league.
- County Age Group players are ineligible to play Inter League Cricket (see later)
- The LCF will communicate to clubs that players are expected to play Inter League Cricket over any club commitment.

### 9. Finance

- The LCF shall provide balls for each match programme.
- The LCF shall provide finance for umpires that shall be appointed by the Lancashire ACO.
- The LCF shall provide staffing (see LCF Cricket Development Officers) to support the programme at junior level.
- The Regional Cricket Development Centres will provide appropriate coaching opportunities through the winter.

### 10. Play-Cricket

- <u>https://Lcfcomps.play-cricket.com</u> will be used to administer fixtures, results and player statistics.
- The LCF will preload all relevant information onto this site.
- It will be the responsibility of the leagues to manage this site through the fixture programme including registering players in their respective to ensure we have a transparent process and no player duplication in adjacent leagues.





## **Inter League Competition Regulation**

1. Title

- The title of the Competitions shall be the Lancashire Cricket Foundation Under 11/13/15/18 Boys Inter League Competition as appropriate.
- The title of the Competitions shall be the Lancashire Cricket Foundation Under U12/U4 Girls / Women's Inter League Competition as appropriate.

## 2. Management

- The control of the Competitions shall be undertaken by the LCF and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the Competitions shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- The LCF may delegate any of their powers and duties particularly to the representatives of each league who sit on the LCF Inter League Subgroup all disputes should be sent to James Cutt (jcutt@lancashirecricket.co.uk).

### 3. Entry

- Entry into any of LCF Inter League Competitions shall be open to those Leagues recognised by the LCF.
- Any Lancashire based club who sit outside of a league of Lancashire shall be given the opportunity to join up with their most adjacent league for Inter League purposes.
- Leagues who participated in the previous year's Competition shall automatically be included for the following season unless written notification to the contrary is given by 1st October in the year prior to the Competition. A League wishing to enter or be re- admitted to a Competition must give written notice to that effect to the LCF Inter League Group by 1st October in the year prior to the Competition.

## 4. Competition Structure

- The U11-U15 programme will be organised on a flexible basis as decided by the LCF Inter League working group with fixtures to take place in July and August annually utilising the school summer holidays with a principle of a weekly fixture for each team over that period.
- At U11 & U13 boys level divisions will be created to provide an equal number of fixtures with at U13 level a fixture taking place comprising of 24 selected players as part of the talent ID process.
- At U15 level divisions will be created to provide an equal number of fixtures leading to knock out fixtures whilst at U18 level a round robin league format will take place.
- At U12 & U14 girls level divisions will be created to provide an equal number of fixtures with at U14 level a final fixture taking place comprising of 24 selected players.
- At open age Women's level a round robin competition shall take place between four teams.





- Fixture Dates will be circulated by the LCF on a week beginning basis with it being the home team's responsibility to offer at least two dates in said week.
- The U18 boys competitions will be organised on a flexible basis as decided by the "Lancashire Inter League Cricket Competition committee" with fixtures to take place from May-August annually utilising available Sundays whilst giving leagues the option to play 'within the week beginning' should both leagues agree.
- The open age Women's competition will be organised on a flexible basis fixtures to take place from May-August annually utilising available Sundays.
- All fixtures will be listed on Play-Cricket by the 1st May and it is the responsibility of the Home League to upload the correct information onto Play-Cricket once been agreed between both Leagues which should be by 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- Matches cannot be re-arranged once the full list of fixtures has been notified to the LCF and to the Leagues. In exceptional circumstances the LCF can sanction subsequent changes but only before the first match in the Competition is played.
- Fixtures cannot be re-arranged if the originally scheduled fixture is abandoned even if no play has taken place.
- The LCF will conduct a draw for matches in the Semi-Finals and Final (if required) which shall be played on the dates laid down by the LCF in advance of the competition.
- All matches to start at 10:45am unless agreed by both Leagues.

## 4.1 U18s Competition Structure

- The U18 Competition will be administered by the "Lancashire Inter League Cricket committee who will form part of the LCF Inter League Group.
- Sundays will be identified for fixtures.
- The week beginning ruling (based on the identified Sunday) will be in place giving leagues the opportunity to play mid-week should both leagues agree.
- If a mid-week date cannot be achieved, then the fixture will be played on the set Sunday.
- Overseas player will be ineligible to take part in this competition.

## 5. Qualification of Players

Please refer to Generic Rule 3.4 (Qualification Criteria for Junior Cricketers).

• A player may play for only one league in the Inter League Competitions in any one season. If a league includes in their team a player who has played for another league, or for whom consent to play him has not been obtained, all points attained by that league in the match or matches shall be forfeited. Matches in the knockout stages shall be forfeited.





- County players selected for a County Age Group Cricket squad in the first instance will not qualify to play.
  However, flexibility will be considered at the discretion of the Lancashire Cricket Performance Manager. It is not anticipated that Academy and Emerging Players Programme (EPP) players shall play at any point however for other County players, development and welfare will be paramount therefore the flexibility to include County players for both their own benefit and that of the competitions shall be considered at every stage.
- This ruling extends to those players who are already on a pathway of a neighbouring County (e.g. Cumbria, Yorkshire, Cheshire, or Wales) who will remain so. Players not on a County pathway but playing at a club from a neighbouring County who compete in a league of Lancashire will be eligible to play Inter League Cricket.
- Girls will be eligible to play within the boys competitions with the backing of the Regional Talent Pathway Manager if it is felt that the level of competition is right for the player involved however the overriding principle shall be that girls will play in the equivalent girls programme.
- All disputes will be referred to James Cutt (jcutt@lancashirecricket.co.uk).

## 6. Number of Players

- Each team can consist of up to 12 players. No more than 11 players can bat or be on the field at any time.
- All players must be nominated to the umpires in writing before the toss is made. There is no requirement to nominate which 11 players will bat. Any replacement/ substitution of a member of the fielding side can only be made with the approval of the umpires and only at the end of an over, the fall of a wicket or during an interval. Once a player has taken the field he can play a full part in the match, subject to the provisions of Law 17.6 (Bowler changing ends).

## 7. Cricket Balls

• The Home side shall provide two new cricket balls for each match which shall be provided by the LCF in advance of the competition. The balls shall be of the standard laid down by the LCF for each Competition and shall be given to the umpires prior to the commencement of the match. The Home League will also be responsible for supplying enough spare balls of equal standard. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings.

## 8. Helmets & Faceguards

• Any player under the age of 18 playing in any LCF Inter League Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive.

## 9. Umpires

• Umpires will be appointed by Lancashire ACO representative from the leagues (usually the League Umpires Secretary) who will appoint both umpires for home games, the ACO will appoint umpires centrally for all neutral venues fixtures.





• Umpires will be paid (£45) directly by the LCF and a process will be communicated to them in advance of the fixture programme as to how to receive this expenses payment.

## 10. Scorers

- Each team shall provide their own competent, non- playing scorer in all matches, where agreed the provision of just one scorer is acceptable.
- The use of live electronic scoring is strongly encouraged for all matches.

## 11. Team Sheets

• Each side must provide the umpires with a team sheet before the start of the match identifying any player who has not reached the age of 19 on the date of the match and showing the specific age group of any player who is in the Under 18 age group or younger. It is recommended that the ECB Team Sheet card (available from the LCF) is used whenever possible.

## 12. Match Results

- It is the responsibility of the home side to enter the result and full scorecard details onto the appropriate site on play-cricket.com within 24 hours of the match being completed. The away side should confirm that the summary result has been correctly entered within the next 24 hours. Both sides must ensure that their squad details have been entered into play-cricket.com prior to each match they play.
- In the event of the match being cancelled or abandoned it is still the responsibility of the Home County to enter the fact on Play-Cricket.

13. Group Matches - points System for competitive programmes (as needed)

The following points system will apply: Win 4

Tie 2

Abandoned or Cancelled 1

Loss 0

In the event of teams finishing on equal points in a group, the right to play in the Knock-out Stages will be decided in the following order of priority:

1. When two teams have equal points, the team which was the winner of the Group Match played between them will be placed in the higher position.



- 2. When more than two teams have equal points, the team which was the winner of the greater number of matches played between those teams will be placed in the higher position. If still equal, the team with the higher net run rate in the Group Matches in which a result was achieved will be placed in the higher position.
- 3. If still equal, the team with the higher number of wickets taken per balls bowled in the Group Matches in which a result was achieved, will be placed in the higher position.
- 4. In the highly unlikely event that teams cannot be separated by the methods above this will be done by drawing lots.

## 14. Code of Conduct

• All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.

## 15. Coaching

- At U18 boys & U15 boys level coaches are asked to utilise drinks and natural breaks to provide any coaching that is needed.
- At U11 boys, U12 girls, U13 boys & U14 girls level coaching is encouraged but coaches are asked to consider the pace of the game and player learning.





**Inter League Competition Rules** 

Open Age Women

2020-Generic-40-Over-Playing-Conditions.pdf (ecb.co.uk)

Under 15 and Under 18 Age Groups

**Generic 50 Overs Playing Conditions** 

Under 13 Age Group

https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2021/03/16/24bd25a8-b7d1-48bd-8173-23d1a6a0fbb0/3.-45-Over.pdf

Under 14 Girls Age Group

2020-RL-Girls-U17-U15-County-One-Day-Rules-Playing-Conditions-.pdf (ecb.co.uk)





### INTER LEAGUE UNDER 11 BOYS & U12 GIRLS PROPOSED REGULATIONS 2021

- 1. Match is 40/40 (minimum that can be played is 10/10).
- 2. No bowler can bowl more than a 5th of the allotted overs. However, if a player bowls more than half his/her allocated overs in the innings (5 overs in a 40 over game) then he/she may not bat higher than No 6 in his/her team's batting order. If batting first, then any player who bats in the top 5 will not be able to bowl more than 4 overs in the second innings.

In rain affected fixtures this rule can be scaled down as low as a 20 over fixture (e.g. if a player bowls more than half his/her allocated overs in the innings,3 overs in a 20 over game, then he/she may not bat higher than No 6 in his/her team's batting order. In any fixture lower than 20 overs then this rule wont, be applied.

Each seam bowler can bowl up to 5 overs in one spell (maximum).

**3.** A) There is a 25yard fielding circle. A maximum of 5 fielders outside the circle is permitted throughout the duration of the innings with no more than 5 fielders on the legside. The fielding team must have a minimum of 3 fielders outside the 25-yard circle to encourage strike rotation (this is the default rule).

Or

B) There is a 25yard fielding circle. A maximum of 5 fielders outside the circle is permitted throughout the duration of the innings with no more than 5 fielders on legside. There will be 3 runs recorded for any single scored within the 25yard circle to encourage strike rotation. Normal runs allocated for runs scored outside the 25-yard circle (leagues can agree to adopt this rule in any given fixture as long as both teams agree).

- 4. Normal MCC rules regarding wide deliveries shall apply (i.e. umpire's discretion)
- 5. Two drinks' breaks after 13 and 26 overs. Maximum time allowed is 10 minutes for each break.
- 6. There are no penalties for slow over-rate. It is up to both umpires to keep the game moving at 17 overs per hour.
- 7. Time between innings shall be a maximum of 30 minutes.
- 8. No fielder allowed within 11 yards except on offside behind the wicket.
- 9. Once the match has started the team batting first shall complete the designated number of overs decided prior to start if not all out.
- **10.** If a bowl out is required, the ECB Generic rules are to be used.
- **11.** Pitch Length: 17 yards. Minimum Boundary: 30 yards.
- 12. A batter must retire upon reaching 50 runs (Having reached 49, he/she can hit a six to finish on 55)





### **Playing Conditions**

The Laws of Cricket shall apply with the following exceptions: -

### 1 Duration

All matches will consist of one innings per side and each innings will be limited to 40 six-ball overs. A minimum of 10 overs per team will constitute a match (subject to the provisions of 9.1 below).

2 Hours of Play, Intervals and Minimum Overs in the Day

2.1 Scheduled Start and Cessation Times

The scheduled hours of play for all fixtures will be 10:45am to 4:45pm. Any changes must be agreed between two teams and advised to match day officials and LCF in advance of the match day.

### 2.2 Sessions of Play and Interval between Innings

Provided that no time has been lost (see below) the interval will be of the agreed duration commencing at the end of the innings of the team batting first. If the team batting first has completed its innings at least 40 minutes prior to the scheduled interval, a break of 10 minutes will occur. The team batting second will commence its innings and the interval will occur as scheduled. Where the innings of the side batting first is delayed or interrupted, the umpires will reduce the length of the interval. In the event of more than 60 minutes being lost in aggregate, the duration of the interval shall be determined by the umpires, subject to no interval being of more than 30 minutes duration or less than 10 minutes duration. In the event of disagreement, the interval shall be of 25 minutes duration.

### 2.3 Intervals for Drinks





Two intervals for drinks per innings will be taken after 13 and 26 overs of the innings unless a wicket falls in the 13th or 26th over, in which case the interval will be taken immediately. If the second innings has commenced before the scheduled interval there will only be one drinks interval which will be taken at the end of the over when half of the overs remaining to be bowled after the scheduled interval have been completed. The interval for each drinks break will be a maximum of 10 minutes. If the number of overs in an innings is reduced to 30 overs or less as a result of delays or interruptions there will only be one interval for drinks, which will normally be taken once half the scheduled number of overs in that innings have been completed. An individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or, at the fall of a wicket, on the field providing that no playing time is wasted. No other drinks shall be taken on to the field without the permission of the umpires except that under conditions of extreme heat the umpires may permit extra intervals for drinks. Any player taking drinks on to the field shall be dressed in proper cricket attire.

3 Length of Innings

3.1 Uninterrupted Matches (i.e. Matches which are neither delayed nor interrupted)

(a) Each team shall bat for 40 six ball overs unless all out earlier. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.

(b) If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 40 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 40 overs.

## 3.2 Delayed or Interrupted Matches

### 3.2.1 General

Rearrangement of the number of overs may be necessary due to a delayed start or one or more interruptions in play as a result of adverse ground, weather or light conditions or any other reason. The timing and duration of all suspensions of play (including all intervals) or delays during the match will be accounted for when calculating the length of time available for either innings.

(a) The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that, if possible, both teams have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed. A minimum of 10 overs must be bowled to the team batting second in order to constitute a match (subject to the provisions of 8.1 below). The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of 17 overs per hour in the total time available for play up to the scheduled close of Play (normally 4:45pm). If a reduction of the number of overs is required, any recalculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the original cessation time. This time may be extended to allow for one extra over for both teams to be added if required.



(b) If, owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings, there is insufficient time for the team batting second to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as in 3.2.1 (a) above.

(c) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.

(d) Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs.

4 Number of Players

Each team can consist of up to 12 players. No more than 11 players can bat or be on the field at any time. All players must be nominated to the umpires in writing before the toss is made. There is no requirement to nominate which 11 players will bat. Any replacement/substitution of a member of the fielding side can only be made with the approval of the umpires and only at the end of an over, the fall of a wicket or during an interval. Once a player has taken the field, he can play a full part in the match, subject to the provisions of Law 17.6 (Bowler changing ends).

5 Restrictions on the Placement of Fielders

5.1 No player shall be allowed to field closer than 11 yards from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside, until the batsman has played at the ball. A fielder shall be allowed to move into the restricted area to make a catch or field the ball provided that they were outside the area when the stroke was made.

5.2 There is a 25yard fielding circle. A maximum of 5 fielders outside the circle is permitted throughout the duration of the innings with no more than 5 fielders on legside. There will be 3 runs recorded for any single scored within the 25yard circle to encourage strike rotation. Normal runs allocated for runs scored outside the 25yard circle.

5.2 These minimum distances will apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.

5.3 Should a player come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.





6 Number of Overs Per Bowler

NB The ECB Fast Bowling Directive will apply to all matches.

6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Playing Conditions for a specific Competition no bowler may bowl more than one-eighth of the overs scheduled for the innings. However, in a delayed start, or interrupted match, where the overs are reduced for both sides, or for the side bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-eighth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by eight, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance.

6.2 When an interruption occurs mid-over and on resumption the bowler has exceeded the new maximum allocation, he will be allowed to finish the incomplete over.

6.3 In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, another bowler will bowl the remaining balls. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

6.4 Where possible, the number of overs bowled by each individual bowler shall be indicated on the scoreboard, from the commencement of an innings.

6.5 The allocation of overs per bowler will not be reduced as a result of the deduction of any penalty overs.

6.6 If a player bowls more than half his/her allocated overs in the innings (5 overs in a 40 over game) then he/she may not bat higher than No 6 in his/her team's batting order.

7 Restrictions on Batters

7.1 A batter must retire upon reaching 50 runs (having reached 49, he/she can hit a six to finish on 55)





Short Pitched Bowling - if the ball, after pitching, passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease, either umpire shall call and signal 'No ball'. The penalty shall be one run for the No ball, plus any runs scored or awarded from that delivery.

9 Law 22.1 - Wide Bowling - Judging a Wide

In addition to Law 22 the following will apply:

Umpires are instructed to apply a consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any offside or leg side delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide.

10 The Result

10.1 A result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 10 overs, unless one team has been all out in less than 10 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 10 overs.

10.2 Where the maximum number of overs available to both sides remains unaltered once play has commenced, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result shall be a Tie.

10.3 If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponent's score, the following shall apply:

If the match is abandoned before the Close of Play, the result shall be recorded as abandoned for a Group fixture. If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second has to be revised, their target score shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs by the average runs per over scored by the side batting first. If the target involves a fraction of a run, the final scores cannot be equal, and the result cannot be a Tie.

In the event of the team batting first being all out in less than their full quota of overs, the calculation of their average run-rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which they would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which they were dismissed.

