

# GYCL league rules and playing regulations for 2019 season

**Note:** throughout these rules, options shown in emboldened italics separated by an oblique (/) shall indicate the options for Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups respectively. Where an option applies to one or two age groups only, this will be made clear in the preceding text.

**Preamble:** Matches are to be played under MCC laws and particular note should be taken of the full extent of the section on 'The Spirit of Cricket'. During 2019 we will all be continuing to learn from the experience and it will be necessary for all clubs, coaches and team managers to support the development of a long-term future for these leagues. Clubs are encouraged to use other club members as umpires rather than the team managers or coaches, though it is recognised that this is often not possible. Where possible we will endeavour to work with GACUS and BACUS to appoint experienced independent umpire for some matches, and certainly for all finals.

## 1. Player/club qualification

- a) Each player must be a member of the club they represent and no player shall play for more than one club across any age range in the competition. Any club fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit all points gained from all matches in which that player plays and a penalty of 9 points will apply to that club in that age group.
- b) All players must be registered with their club so eligible for selection prior to the first match of the season. Any player transfer between clubs during the season is NOT allowed.
- c) Players who are playing for teams which combine a number of clubs or an alternate club from their local leagues, for the purpose of playing in the GYL, must register with one of the constituent clubs of that team.
- d) All players (with exceptions allowed in 1e below) must be under the age of 11/13/15 at midnight on 31st August in the year prior to the competition, normally in school year 6/8/10 or below as appropriate for the age group concerned. Clubs must be completely satisfied that players who are more than two years younger than the appropriate upper age limit at midnight on 31st August in the year prior to the competition, have the ability to perform in the age group for which they have been selected.
- e) Girls will be allowed to play in this competition and can play in lower age groups. Following ECB rules, this is two years i.e. year 8 in U11, year 10 in U13 and year 12 in U15.
- f) Competing Clubs must have effective Personal Accident Insurance that adequately covers junior players; all clubs in the league must have a Child Welfare Officer.

## 2. Playing regulations

- a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the MCC Laws of Cricket except for the specific provisions in these rules.
- b) Each team shall consist of eleven players. Smaller sided games can be agreed between clubs instead of cancelling fixtures.
- c) The pitch shall be 17 /19/22 yards in length respective of relevant age group
- d) The ball to be used shall be 4 ¾ oz /4 ¾ oz /full size. Balls will be provided by the Gloucestershire Cricket Board at a subsidy based on the number of home fixtures each team has.
- e) Matches will be of 60/70/80 overs maximum duration. U11 matches will be 30 overs per side with no declarations. In U13/15 matches, the team batting first may not bat for more than 35/40 overs and may declare its innings closed at any time up to that point; if any innings is declared the unused complete overs pass to the side batting second (also see 2j)
- f) No bowler shall bowl more than 6/7/8 overs. Team managers should ensure that ECB directives are observed with regard to the age and type of bowler.
- g) No fielder except the wicket keeper and those behind the wicket on the off side shall be nearer than eleven yards measured from the middle stump of the striker's wicket in U11 and U13 matches and eight yards in U15 matches.

- h)** Umpires and Team Managers may only give guidance to all age groups team members during breaks in play so it does not impede the progress of the match unnecessarily.
- i)** In Under 13 and Under 15 matches there shall be a tea interval of 25 minutes between innings. For Under 11 matches the home side should provide a snack during the innings break.
- j)** In all age groups – should a side be bowled out any unused overs from the first innings will NOT pass to the side batting second i.e. unused overs only pass to the side batting second in the event of a declaration – which only applies to U13/U15/

### **3. Fixtures**

- a)** Matches will be played on the date specified unless the teams involved agree before the 31 March to change the date. Rearrangement will be permitted if an Under 13 or Under 15 team is required to fulfil a match in the later stages of the National Knock-Out Cups on a date that clashes with the league fixture. Rearrangement will also be permitted for unexpected senior cup commitments on home grounds e.g. Senior Cup matches where notification of the game is made at short notice. Matches cancelled because of inclement weather SHOULD be rearranged during the season and during August school holidays it should be possible to have these matches during mid week days. The home Team Manager is responsible for notifying the Age Group Administrator of the new date by email, copying in the opposition team manager within 48 hours of the agreement.
- b)** Normal starting times are 10.00 for U11 morning games and 2.00 for afternoon U13 and U15 games. These start times can be changed by agreement of the clubs involved.

### **4. Provision of Teas**

- a)** A tea will be provided in Under 13 and Under 15 game and organised by the home team. Visiting teams will provide £30 to the home club to cover their portion of the costs. For Under 11s it is normal for the home side to organise snacks between innings at a cost of around £1 per player.

### **5. Penalties**

- a)** Any team cancelling a match for non-weather related reason other than those covered in rule 3A above, the opposing side will be awarded the maximum point scored on that game day as being deemed to have been conceded to. The decision to award conceded points will be under the sole discretion of the Age Group Administrator based on evidence that a side has made every reasonable effort to re-arrange matches cancelled because of weather.

### **6. Inclement weather**

- a)** It will be the responsibility of the home Team Manager or appointed umpires to decide whether the match should start if the playing area has been affected by inclement weather.
- b)** The number of overs will not be reduced until 30 minutes have been lost. After that 6 c)-f) applies for U13 and U15 games.
- c)** Weather interference before the match – for every 6 minutes lost after the initial 30 minutes reduce the aggregate overs by 2 overs. The resultant number of overs is divided equally between the two sides. A minimum of 40 overs shall constitute a game. The side batting first will not be able to bat additional overs.
- d)** Weather interference during the innings of the team batting first- for every 3 minutes lost after the initial 30 minutes, one over is taken from the maximum allowed for the side batting second. The team batting first will complete its allotted overs i.e. 35, 40 or 40. The side batting second must be allowed a minimum of 20 overs to constitute a match. The run rate of the team batting first will be calculated. The team batting second must score the run rate of the team batting first times the number of allotted overs plus one run (ignoring decimals) to win.
- e)** Weather interference during innings of the team batting second- for every 3 minutes lost after the initial 30 minutes, one over is taken from the side batting second. The side batting second must be allowed to bat 20 overs to constitute a game. The run rate of the team batting first is multiplied by the overs allowed to the team batting second plus one run (ignoring decimals). If the team batting second

has already passed the total calculated using the run rate multiplied by 20 overs but hasn't batted 20 overs they will be awarded the match.

f) The number of overs allowed for each bowler will be reduced in proportion to the total number of overs agreed.

*There is a general presumption that in the event of inclement weather, common sense and agreement between the clubs will prevail to ensure that the safety of players is upheld. In addition clubs should make timely and sensible decisions on abandonment to avoid games continuing after a suggested finishing time of 8.00pm for afternoon games. Team managers can agree an earlier time, but both must agree.*

## 7. Notification of results

a) It will be the responsibility of the home team to enter the result and the full scorecard on their PLAY CRICKET website. The result should be entered the SAME day as the match and the full scorecard within 48 hours of the game being played. Where possible clubs should look to use the Play Cricket app score the games which will upload scorecards automatically to Play Cricket.

b) Full details of notable performances including full names should be included in the highlights section as this aids information to those reading the site

## 8. Points scoring

a) League positions shall be decided on the final points gained during the season. If two or more teams are level on points, the total number of wins will determine their position. If still equal the result between the two teams (points scored) will be the determinant.

In an ideal world which concentrates on providing cricket for the youngsters clubs should be expected to make use of alternative dates to rearrange weather cancelled games (for example mid-week during the summer holiday months).

The Age Group Administrator decision as to whether to award points on the basis of conceded games will be final and will be minded to implement Rule 5 if no demonstrable effort to re-arrange matches has been made where applicable.

All points are calculated automatically by play cricket.

### b) Result points

u11	u13-u15
Win = 6 points	Win = 6 points
Tied = 4 points (must be played)	Tied = 4 points (must be played)
Loss = 2 points	Loss = 2 points
Abandoned = 3 points (must be started)	Abandoned = 3 points (must be started)
*Cancelled = 0 points	*Cancelled = 0 points
Conceding = 0 points	Conceding = 0 points
Conceded to = Max points on match day	Conceded to = Max points on match day

\* There is 0 points for a cancelled fixture to encourage the rearranging of the game

### c) Batting bonus points

u11	u13 - u15
For scoring 75 runs = 1 point	For scoring 100 runs = 1 point
For scoring 125 runs = 2 points	For scoring 150 runs = 2 points
For scoring 175 runs = 3 points	For scoring 200 runs = 3 points

**d) Bowling bonus points**

u11 3 wickets taken = 1 point 6 wickets taken = 2 points All Out = 3 points	u13 - u15 3 wickets taken = 1 point 6 wickets taken = 2 points All Out = 3 points
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**9. Finals for Leagues**

**a)** For Under 11 and Under 15 the league winners will be decided by a final between the winners of the Divisions. The Venue for the 2019 Finals will be:

Under 11's – Winners of the 'North Section' at 'Home'

Under 15's – Winners of the 'North Section' at 'Home'

**b)** *For Under 13's number of leagues and the format of the finals will be decided once the number of entries has been collated, and these rules will then be updated.*

**c)** The venue for the Finals in 9(a) above will rotate on annual basis. All Clubs participating in the various age group sections must make careful note of their potential responsibility to host finals. The Age Group Administrator for their Age Group will liaise with the relevant clubs over the arrangements for the semi-finals and finals including the appropriate dates.

**d)** The winner of each individual league for all age groups will be determined by the number of points scored during the season. In all cases where teams are level on points the team with the most wins (excluding conceded matches); and after that (where applicable) the result between the two teams will be the deciding factor.

**10. Trophies**

**a)** Each year the winners receive a perpetual trophy that they retain for the year. During this period it is the responsibility of the winning club to have the trophy engraved and ensure its safety for the following season.

All trophies must be returned to the Age Group Administrator, engraved, by the start of August each year.

**11. Contacts for GYCL in 2018**

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