

Spirit

The ethos of this League is that clubs take part with the understanding that this is a 'development' format. Captains/Managers are expected to involve all players in each match and may agree 'on the day' to vary playing conditions described below in order to achieve this. Players who are clearly of much greater ability or experience than those around them should be restricted on the impact they have upon the game.

Eligibility of Players

No current Senior County player should play in the League, except with the agreement of the opposing Captain. For example, if a team cannot raise a side without selecting a senior county player, this may be allowed.

Hours and Conditions of Play

All matches to start at 6.30pm, or as agreed between the Captains.

Number of Players

Teams shall consist of 8 players. Substitutes can be used to field and bowl, but only 8 players may bat.

Duration of innings

Each side shall bat for 16 overs, Four pairs to bat for four overs each.

Match Balls

The home club shall provide a suitable Women's Soft Ball for the match. This does not have to be a new ball.

Wicket Length

The length of the wicket shall be 19yards, or as agreed between captains.

Boundaries

Boundaries shall be marked so that the minimum distance from the middle stump at either end is 30 yards and a maximum of 40 yards (measured as per fielding circles).

Bowling restrictions

Every player should be encouraged to bowl two overs each. Two players will be allowed to bowl three overs, if a designated wicket keeper is named at the start of the innings.

LBW

A batter shall not be given out LBW unless she deliberately blocks the ball with her leg or foot.

Scoring

Teams shall start with **200 runs** at the beginning of their innings and will **lose 5 runs for every wicket lost**. Please note: batting pair shall remain in for the duration of four overs, regardless of wickets lost.

Wide Ball

As an approximate guide for umpires, a delivery that passes outside of a line drawn seventeen inches (17") inside the return crease, will be called a wide (off side and leg side).

No Ball

Balls pitching more than twice: as a modification to Law 21.7, a delivery shall only be called 'no ball' if it pitches more than twice before reaching the popping crease. A no ball shall also be called for a ball that passes the batter above waist height, without pitching first. Front foot no balls shall also be called.

Penalty for Wides and No Balls

Wides and No Balls shall count as two runs (plus any additional runs scored) and shall only be re-bowled in the final over of each innings.

Scoring of Points

Win – 3 points

Draw – 2 points

Loss – 1 point

Umpires

CACO Panel umpires will not be appointed.