

## Leinster Schools' Cricket Competitions (BOYS) RULES 2014

### 1. Age Limits:

Senior League: Under 19 years, 1st July previous year.

Second XI League: Under 19 years, 1st July previous year.

Junior League: Under 15 years, 1st July previous year or 1<sup>st</sup> April if boy is in 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

Under-14 League: Under 14 years, 1st July previous year or 1<sup>st</sup> April if in 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Under-13 League: Under 13 years, 1st July previous year or 1<sup>st</sup> April if in 1<sup>st</sup> year.

### 2. Control of Matches:

Senior League
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(i) Format of the League

There will be four sections. Each school will play two/three section matches.

The top two teams in each section will progress to quarter finals while the third-placed team in each section will enter a plate competition.

(ii) Matches shall be of one innings each.

(iii) Each innings shall have a maximum of 30 overs.

(iv) The team that scores the most runs will be the winner.

(v) If both teams score equal runs the match will be a tie.

(vi) Points:

- 16 points for a win, 8 for a tie, 5 for a weather-ruined draw.
- One bonus point will be awarded for every two wickets taken in an innings and one bonus point for every 20 runs scored over 50 runs with a maximum of 5 points.
- Where a side batting first is dismissed or declares at a score less than 150 and the side batting second wins the match, the latter will receive bonus points for runs scored on the usual basis or start with a maximum of 5 points and deduct one point for every two wickets lost during the innings. The number of bonus points ultimately received by the side batting second will be the greater achieved when the above formula is used.
- Matches not played owing to ground or weather conditions - 3 points each.

(vii) No bowler may bowl more than 8 overs in a match. (Subject to Section 7 on spells per age of player)

(viii) All matches must be played on the dates specified, but matches not started owing to ground or weather conditions may be rescheduled, before the next game, always provided both schools agree.

(ix) Matches should start at 2.30 p.m. and the tea interval should not exceed 20 minutes. No match shall continue after 7.30 p.m. except that 20 overs shall be bowled in the last hour, starting at 6.30 p.m.

(x) Finals: Senior League Final

- The Senior League Final shall be played on Tuesday and Wednesday, commencing at 2.00 p.m. and continuing until 8.00 p.m. each day, with a tea interval of 30 minutes.
- Each side shall have one innings of 40 overs with a maximum of 10 overs per bowler.
- If a result is imminent at the end of the first day an extra 30 minutes may be played providing both schools agree.
- No bonus points shall be awarded in the Final.

Plate Final

- Played on a neutral venue
- Format: same as Senior League matches - 30 overs per innings etc.

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### Alf O'Connell League

- (i) Each side shall have one innings of not more than 20 overs.
- (ii) Starrings:
  - Eight members of a school's 1st XI and eight members of its Junior XI shall not be eligible to play in this competition. No player's name shall appear on both these lists.
  - The names of these 'starred' players must be submitted to the Hon. Sec. before a school's first match in this league.
  - If any 'unstarred' member of a school's Junior XI plays a match in the Senior 1st XI league, he automatically becomes starred in addition to the original eight from the Junior XI.
  - Schools may enter two teams but the players on these teams are not interchangeable, as a player shall play for only one team in this league in any season.
  - An 'unstarred' player cannot be considered for any representative cricket during that season.
- (iii) No player who has been awarded a Schools' Interprovincial cap shall play in this league.
- (iv) Matches started and interfered with by rain shall be regarded as drawn unless finished within three hours of the start.
- (v) Matches not started owing to ground or weather conditions must be rescheduled.
- (vi) Points: 3 points for a win, 2 for a tie, 1 for a draw.
- (vii) No bowler shall bowl more than five overs in a match.
- (viii) When all the matches in a section are completed and two or more teams have an equality of points then the team taking most wickets in that section should go forward as the winner of the section.
- (ix) If any team has not completed all its matches, the results of its matches to date will be discounted.

### Junior League and Under-14 A (Morrison) League

- (i) The league shall be divided into two or more sections.
- (ii) Each side shall have one innings.
- (iii) Neither side shall bat for more than 30 overs.
- (iv) If matches are started and rain prevents further play the result shall be a draw unless both schools agree beforehand to a replay of the entire game.
- (v) Points:
  - 16 points for a win, 8 for a tie, 5 for a weather-ruined draw.
  - One bonus point will be awarded for every two wickets taken in an innings and one bonus point for every 20 runs scored over 30 runs with a maximum of 5 points.
  - Where a side batting first is dismissed or declares at a score less than 130 and the side batting second wins the match the latter will receive bonus points for runs scored on the usual basis or start with a maximum of 5 points and deduct one point for every two wickets lost during their innings. The number of bonus points ultimately received by the side batting second will be the greater achieved when the above formula is used.
- (vi) No bowler shall bowl more than 8 overs in a match, and must be aware of section 7 about spells and players age. Note that a 4 and 3/4 oz shall be used in the Under 14 League.
- (vii) In the final neither side shall bat for more than 35 overs.
- (viii) Matches may be played on Saturday mornings or Sunday provided both schools agree.

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### Under 14 B League

Note: This new league is intended for second teams of schools in the Under 14 A League and first teams from schools who apply to the Schools' Committee for inclusion. The aim of this league is to develop cricket in Second Year and to provide competitive cricket for a greater number of second year players.

- (i) Each school shall enter only one team.
- (ii) Each side shall have one innings of not more than 20 overs.
- (iii) Startings:
  - Schools with B teams should name 10 players from Second Year who will not be included on the B team. This list should be provided to the Honorary Secretary prior to the commencement of matches.
  - No player from a participating school's Under 13 A team should play in the league.
  - No player who is a member of an interprovincial squad should play in this league.
- (iv) Matches started and interfered with by rain shall be regarded as drawn unless finished within three hours of the start.
- (v) Matches not started owing to ground or weather conditions must be rescheduled.
- (vi) Points: 3 points for a win, 2 for a tie, 1 for a draw.
- (vii) A 4 and 3/4 oz ball shall be used.
  - (i) No bowler shall bowl more than five overs in a match.
  - (ii) When all the matches in a section are completed and two or more teams have an equality of points then the team taking most wickets in that section should go forward as the winner of the section.
  - (iii) If any team has not completed all its matches, the results of its matches to date will be discounted.

### Under-13 A League

- (i) Each school shall enter only one team.
- (ii) Each side shall have one innings of not more than 25 overs.
- (iii) Matches started and interfered with by rain shall be regarded as drawn unless finished within three hours of the start.
- (iv) Matches not started owing to ground or weather conditions must be rescheduled.
- (v) Points: 3 points for a win, 2 for a tie, 1 for a draw.
- (vi) No bowler shall bowl more than seven overs in a match.
- (vii) The length of the pitch shall be 22 yards, the ball 4 and 3/4 oz.: the stumps full-sized, 28 inches.
- (viii) When all the matches in a section are completed and two or more teams have an equality of points then the team taking most wickets in that section should go forward as the winner of the section.
- (ix) The final of 25 overs shall be played on a neutral ground with umpires appointed by the Schools' Committee.

### Under-13 B Cup (Raftrey Trophy)

- (i) Each school shall enter only one team. A school may enter two teams only with the permission of the Committee.
- (ii) The first round (excluding a qualification round) must be completed by the second Wednesday in May.
- (iii) Each side shall have one innings of not more than 25 overs.
- (iv) In the event of a tie the match shall be replayed.
- (v) If a match is started and is stopped by weather conditions it shall continue on a subsequent day.
- (vi) The venue shall be decided by the draw - details with notification of draw.
- (vii) No bowler shall bowl more than seven overs in a match.
- (viii) The length of the pitch shall be 22 yards, the ball 4 and 3/4 oz.: the stumps full-sized, 28 inches.
- (ix) The final, also of 25 overs, shall be played on a neutral ground with umpires appointed by the Schools' Committee.

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### 3. EQUIPMENT:

Under 13/14 Leagues – 4 ¾ oz. ball must be used.

For other matches the equipment shall be as in the M.C.C. laws.

A four-piece leather ball must be used in all Senior League and Junior League matches.

All boys batting in schools cricket must wear a helmet with face guard and a box.

### 4. UMPIRES:

For all matches except finals and semi-finals an adult representative from each school shall umpire with the proviso that if both schools agree outside umpires may be obtained.

The schools concerned shall be responsible for payment of official LCU&SA.

Umpires will be provided by the LCU&SA for the Under 13 A, Under 14 A , Under 15 and Senior League finals.

### 5. GROUNDS:

For all matches the grounds are arranged by a draw organized by the Schools' Committee.

The Nottinghamshire Pitch (artificial mat) is recognized as Grade A for all league matches.

### 6. GENERAL:

(i) Second XI, Junior, Under 14 and Under-13 League matches must be completed by the dates laid down by the Schools' Committee.

(ii) The results of all competition matches should be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. within three days.

(iii) In the event of a TIE in a Semi-final match the team losing least wickets is deemed the winner ( if wickets are the same then a bowl-out will take place). If a TIE happens in a final then a replay or a shared cup will happen – schools should agree this beforehand with the umpires.

(iv) Schools not represented at the annual fixtures meeting may lose home advantage for the Second XI, Junior and Under-14 League matches.

7. Safety Directives ( ECB GUIDELINES) <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/directives-guidelines/>  
Attention is drawn to the following safety directives re: Bowling, batting and fielding.

#### BOWLING:

Matches

Age	Maximum Overs per Spell	Maximum Overs per Day
Up to 13	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U-14, U-15	6 overs per spell	12 overs per day
U-17	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U-19	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day

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### Practice Sessions

Age	Max. Balls per session	Max number of sessions
Up to 13	30 balls per session	2 sessions per week
U-14, U-15	36 balls per session	2 sessions per week
U-17	36 balls per session	3 sessions per week

Batting / Wicketkeeper
All boys playing cricket for their school must wear a certified helmet, box and faceguard for both match and practice sessions. <u>All boys keeping wicket must wear a helmet.</u>

### Fielding

Age	Regulations
Up to 13	No fielder can be closer than 11 yards from the batter except the Wicketkeeper or any other fielder <u>behind square</u> on the <u>off</u> side.
U-14, U-15	No fielder can be closer than 8 yards from the batsman except the wicketkeeper or any other fielder <u>behind square</u> on the <u>off</u> side.
U-19	All fielders must wear a cricket helmet with faceguard , an abdominal protector and shinguards if fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat.
All ages	Wicketkeepers are recommended to wear gumshields and light helmet.