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Towergate Insurance are delighted to still be involved and particularly pleased as the number of team and club entries continues to rise. There are now over 100 teams entering in the three age group categories and even more with the under 17's cup competition. The under 15's cricket is 11 aside 20 over's and one division of the under 13's section is also 11 aside. The remaining under 13 leagues and under 11 teams play 8 aside "Barrington" cricket and will give all players the opportunity to bat and bowl. The under 13's cup competition which is the route to County and National Tournaments will be played on an 11 a side basis as will the cup competition for under 15's.

The support is phenomenal with so many committed helpers at each of the clubs, not only the Managers and Coaches but parents and players.

Compete with good spirit and have fun.

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UNDER 17's

The following clubs have expressed an interest in playing in the Knock Out Cup:

Bagborough
Burnham
Taunton Deane
Wellington
Wembdon

Manager / Coach Responsibilities

Managers/Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of players both on and off the field of play and will work together to ensure games are played in the right spirit and to the best traditions of the game.

The HOME Manager will confirm fixture with Manager of the AWAY team by the Wednesday of the fixture week advising venue, type of pitch - grass/artificial and start time. Arrangements regarding possible late cancellation in the event of adverse playing conditions will be agreed bearing in mind travelling distances involved.

Each club will provide a scorer and an umpire.

At the youngest age group interpretation regarding wides, no-balls and lbw should reflect the age and ability of the players concerned. Umpires must be consistent. Whilst coaching is not permitted it is in order for Managers, even if umpiring to give friendly advice, in general terms to all players.

Reporting Results Procedure

The HOME Manager will email the appropriate COLLATOR and copy to the AWAY Manager the result/scores/any outstanding individual performances. Games not played/rearranged/abandoned (see playing conditions No 11, 12 and 13) must also be advised

Cut off times for U11s Friday 12.00 midnight - U13s and U15s Sunday 8.00.pm.
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MATCH RULES

Under 11 years – 8 A SIDE PAIRS – LEAGUE, CUP AND PLATE

1. Each team shall comprise 8 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - the pitch shall be 20 yards
 - stumps 27" x 8"
 - ball 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be of 16 overs duration
5. Each team shall commence its innings with a score of 200 runs to which are added runs as scored. Runs are deducted as 'lives' are lost
6. The batting team shall be divided into pairs
7. Each pair shall bat for 4 overs
8. The batters shall have unlimited 'lives' but each 'life' lost shall result in 6 runs being deducted from the score
9. The batters shall change ends at the fall of each wicket except on the last ball of the over. The dismissed batter does not face the next ball
10. Each player of the fielding team must bowl with the exception of the wicket keeper. No bowler to bowl more than 3 overs. Wides and no balls will be scored 2 runs each and no extra ball bowled except in the last over of each innings when normal rules apply – one run scored and extra ball to be bowled.
11. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs after deductions for fall of wickets
12. In the event of the scores being equal in a league game the result shall be a tie.
13. In the cup and plate competitions the normal league competition rules apply with the addition that should the scores be equal, the team losing the least wickets will progress. Should the wicket loss be equal then the team with the highest run total at the start of the last over shall progress. Should that score be equal the run total at the start of the penultimate over shall be taken into account and so on back through the overs.
14. If a player is injured his/her place may be taken by a reserve
15. If a team is short the fielding team may select the player to bat twice
16. League points awarded:
 - win - 3 points
 - tie - 2 points
 - no result - 1 point
17. If both managers agree the match can be played as 10 a side, 20 overs each innings, no bowler to bowl more than 4 overs.

Under 13 years – 8 A SIDE PAIRS LEAGUE

1. Each team shall comprise 8 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - the pitch shall be 21 yards
 - stumps 27" x 8"
 - ball 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be of 20 overs duration
5. Each team shall commence its innings with a score of 200 runs to which are added runs as scored. Runs are deducted as 'lives' are lost
6. The batting team shall be divided into pairs
7. Each pair shall bat for 5 overs
8. The batters shall have unlimited 'lives' but each 'life' lost shall result in 8 runs being deducted from the score
9. The batters shall change ends at the fall of each wicket except on the last ball of the over. The dismissed batter does not face the next ball
10. Each player of the fielding team must bowl with the exception of the wicket keeper. No bowler to bowl more than 4 overs. Wides and no balls will be scored 2 runs each and no extra ball bowled except in the last over of each innings when normal rules apply – one run scored and extra ball to be bowled.
11. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs after deductions for fall of wickets
12. In the event of the scores being equal the result shall be a tie
13. If a player is injured his/her place may be taken by a reserve
14. If a team is short the fielding team may select the player to bat twice
15. League points awarded:
 - win - 3 points
 - tie - 2 points
 - no result - 1 point

Under 13 years – 11 A SIDE 20 / 20 LEAGUE

1. Each team shall comprise 11 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - a. the pitch shall be 21 yards
 - b. stumps 27" x 8"
 - c. ball 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be of 20 overs duration.
5. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must 'retire' and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
6. No bowler to bowl more than 4 overs.
7. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs
8. In the event of the scores being equal the result shall be a tie
9. League points awarded:
 - win - 3 points
 - tie - 2 points
 - no result - 1 point

Under 13 years – 11 A SIDE CUP – ECB NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Each team shall comprise 11 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - a. the pitch shall be 21 yards
 - b. stumps 27" x 8"
 - c. ball 4 ¾ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be of 20 overs duration
5. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs, they must 'retire' and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 if their 'retirement' would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
6. No bowler to bowl more than 4 overs.
7. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs
8. In the event of the scores being equal – the team losing the least number of wickets will progress. Should the wicket loss be equal, then the team with the highest run total at the start of the last over shall progress. Should that score be equal, the run total at the start of the penultimate over shall be taken into account and so on back through the overs.

Winners of the Somerset County Final will progress to the SW Regional finals with winners qualifying for National finals.

Under 15 years 11 A SIDE 20 / 20 LEAGUE

1. Each team shall comprise 11 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - a. the pitch shall be 22 yards
 - b. stumps 27" x 9"
 - c. ball 5 ½ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 8 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be 20 overs duration.
5. No bowler to bowl more than 4 overs.
6. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs, they must 'retire' and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 50 if their 'retirement' will end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
7. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs.
8. In the event of the scores being equal the result shall be a tie
9. League points awarded:
 - win - 3 points
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 - no result - 1 point

Under 15 years – CUP / ECB NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Each team shall comprise 11 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - a. the pitch shall be 22 yards
 - b. stumps 27" x 9"
 - c. ball 5 ½ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 8 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be of 20 overs duration
5. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs, they must 'retire' and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 50 if their 'retirement' would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
6. No bowler to bowl more than 4 overs.
7. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs
8. In the event of the scores being equal – the team losing the least number of wickets will progress. Should the wicket loss be equal, then the team with the highest run total at the start of the last over shall progress. Should that score be equal, the run total at the start of the penultimate over shall be taken into account and so on back through the overs.

Winner of the Somerset County finals will progress to the SW Regional finals with winner progressing to National finals.

Under 17 years – 20 / 20 CUP

1. Each team shall comprise 11 players
2. ECB recommendations:
 - a. the pitch shall be 22 yards
 - b. stumps 27" x 9"
 - c. ball 5 ½ oz
3. In all matches no fielder shall be allowed to field nearer than 8 yards from the middle stump except behind the wickets on the off side
4. Each game shall consist of 1 innings per team. Each innings shall be of 20 overs duration
5. No bowler to bowl more than 4 overs.
6. The winning team shall be the team recording the higher number of runs
7. In the event of the scores being equal – the team losing the least number of wickets will progress. Should the wicket loss be equal, then the team with the highest run total at the start of the last over shall progress. Should that score be equal, the run total at the start of the penultimate over shall be taken into account and so on back through the overs.

League Rules

1. The league shall be known as the Taunton & District Youth Cricket League incorporating the name of main sponsor.
2. The general management committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting and shall consist of the president, chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and results secretary. Representatives of each age group may be co-opted.
3. The annual general meeting shall be called no later than 31st December. Each club shall be entitled to one voting representative.
4. An extraordinary general meeting shall be called at the request of one quarter of the membership. such a meeting shall have the power of an agm and must be called within one month of the request giving at least two weeks notification to all member clubs.
5. At all meetings a simple majority of those voting members present shall be sufficient. in the event of a tied vote the chairman shall have an extra casting vote.
6. The general management committee shall have the power to deal with matters arising between agms.
7. The amount of the league membership annual subscription and any fines shall be set at the agm. clubs that have not paid annual subscription or other outstanding monies by 1st february shall cease to be members and will not be readmitted to membership until any such arrears have been cleared.
8. The competitions to take place in the next year and the ruling playing conditions shall be confirmed at the agm.
9. Any proposed changes to the rules must be notified to the secretary by September 30th. the proposing club must have a seconder. such proposed changes to the rules shall be circulated to all members two weeks prior to agm.
10. All officials, umpires and players shall be bound by the mcc 'spirit of cricket' and the ecb code of conduct
11. All clubs will maintain a register of bona fide members with emergency contacts and information of any medical condition the managers/ coaches should be aware of.

Playing Conditions

1. In all competitions a player may represent a club if they are under the age group limit at midnight on the 31st August prior to the season of the competition. For girls there will be a two year leeway.
2. Clubs may enter one or more teams – each team will be considered as a separate club. In some ECB National Competitions, clubs are limited to one team.
3. A player cannot play for more than one club in any one season. In some circumstances it may be allowed following notification to the league Results Secretary who will approve or refuse the request.
4. No player at under 11 yrs and under 13 yrs shall be allowed to field closer than 11 yards from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side. At Under 15 age group the distance shall be 8 yards.
5. All players must wear suitable protective equipment. A minimum of gloves, abdominal protector, leg guards and helmet with face guard when batting and standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping.
6. At the under 11yrs age group there will be league(s) cup and plate competitions.
7. At the under 13yrs age group there will be league (s) and cup competition leading to County, Regional and National finals. Any club qualifying must be affiliated to SCB.
8. At the under 15yrs age group there will be league(s) and cup competition leading to County, Regional and National finals. Any club qualifying must be affiliated to SCB
9. At the under 17yrs age group there will be a cup competition.
10. Club Youth Secretaries will be provided with the current season's match rules and are responsible for ensuring all Managers are fully aware of such rules appropriate to their age group.
11. League games will be played in accordance with the published fixture lists.
12. Rearranged games will be permitted, only if prior to the scheduled date, both clubs agree an alternative date and the appropriate collator advised. In the event that no agreement is reached the team not fulfilling the scheduled fixture will concede the game and points.
13. League games cancelled due to adverse weather conditions cannot be re-arranged. No result game - teams awarded 1 point each.
14. All National competition games to be completed one week prior to qualification.
15. Games delayed may be reduced, with Managers agreement, to not less than 10 overs per side with bowling quotas 20% maintained.
16. Games abandoned with managers' agreement due to adverse pitch conditions – safety must be primary factor - No result game – teams awarded 1 point each.
17. Cup and Plate competition games to be played by scheduled dates, teams unable to fulfil fixture will forfeit match. Games not played due to adverse weather conditions to be rearranged provided game played prior to next scheduled round. If not possible by agreement, by toss of coin to decide.
18. In all league competitions points awarded are Win 3pts Tie 2pts No result 1pt.
19. League winners will be decided on points total. Should two teams finish level on points the team winning the game between those two teams shall be deemed to be champions. If the two teams did not play then the champions will be decided on run difference as will be the case if more than two teams finish level on points.
20. Managers shall be responsible for the conduct of players both on and off the field of play and will work together to ensure games are played in the right spirit and to the best traditions of the game.

TDYCL – Adopted Rule Changes for 2014 Season

To promote better management, administration and respect for other teams and league officers, the following series of fines (points and financial) apply for the 2014 season. All are as a result of issues and complaints received during the 2012 and 2013 seasons, none of which is considered acceptable by the management committee. Many take into account the increasing burden on age group co-ordinators and will alleviate intervention through set procedures:

	Offence	First Occurrence	Second and Subsequent Occurrence
1	Fielding an over-age player	Offending team minus 3 points and win awarded to opposition	As first occurrence plus £30 league fine
2	Conceding a match on the date of the fixture, in addition to 2 above	£10 league fine	As first occurrence
3	On the occasion of conceding a third game in one season	Withdrawal from the league (and £30 league fine under 2 above)	N/A
4	A Home Team receive no opposition and did not receive any prior notification of cancellation from the Away Team	£30 ground expenses to Home Team plus (2) and (3) above	As first occurrence plus (2) and (3) above
5	An Away Team travel to find no opposition and did not receive any prior notification of cancellation from the Home Team	£30 travelling expenses to Away Team plus (2) and (3) above	As first occurrence plus (2) and (3) above
6	Failure to record a result of the league website	Notification of failure	£5 league fine
7	On field coaching contrary to league rules	Investigation and notification from committee	Minus 3 points and £30 league fine

General Notes:

1. All league fines will be donated to the Harry Burden Bursary.
2. Most of the fines above are to ensure the maximum amount of cricket is played, whether in a league format or friendly.
3. Clubs with fines outstanding via any team will not be permitted entry in future seasons.

Individual Notes:

1. Managers are responsible for checking qualification of players as per the league handbook. The committee have dealt with over-age players in both 2012 and 2103.
2. Late cancellation of a match does not give opposition time to find an alternative friendly fixture. Cancelling on the day gives no possibility of alternative play and the committee find this unacceptable.
3. Cancelling a third game in one season is a clear indication that a team does not have sufficient players. To allow further opposition in the season to find alternative friendly matches rather than receive further cancellations, offending teams will be withdrawn.
4. Non-notification of cancellation is unacceptable.
5. Non-notification of cancellation is unacceptable.
6. To ensure results are ratified, both home and away teams are required to enter a result on the league website.

This follows increased incidents and reports of coaching outside of league rules in 2013.

Junior Cricket Player and Parent Charter

All Players, Parents and Coaches are required to read and comply with this Charter

PLAYER

- Enjoy participating in junior cricket
- Be prepared properly for participation in junior cricket
- Participate at a level commensurate with their age, ability, maturity and interest
- Participate according to the rules, play hard but fairly and safely within the spirit of the game
- Enjoy the satisfaction of achievement, success and belonging
- Display Sportsmanship and teamwork, tolerate differences and acknowledge good performance whether by team mates or opponents
- Experience skilled, qualified and sensitive leadership by coaches
- Cooperative and show respect for the coach, team mates, opponents, officials and parents. Support and encourage your team without abuse/intolerance to opposition.
- Accept and abide by the decisions of officials without dissent. If necessary let the captain or coach seek clarification. There should be absolutely NO dissent at decisions
- Have opportunities to contribute to leadership and decision making roles in the team and in the competitions in which they participate
- Have access to and use suitable, good quality equipment and facilities

PARENT

- Encourage their children if they are interested in participating in junior cricket, without forcing them to play.
- Remember children are involved in junior cricket for their own enjoyment, not to satisfy aims and ambitions of adults.
- Encourage children to play hard but always play by the rules
- Focus on effort, skill development and performance rather than on the outcome
- Praise children for the good things they do rather than criticise them for making mistakes or losing.
- Lead by example and display good sportsmanship for children to copy
- Acknowledge good performance by players in both teams
- Be courteous in communication with players, coaches, administrators and opposition supporters.
- Respect officials decisions and teach children to do the same
- Support your players, but leave the running of the match to officials and coaches.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and administrators and show appreciation and support for the time, effort and resources they put into junior cricket. Without them children could not participate



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