

N E WALES Junior Cricket League – Competition Rules - Under 9's

1 Qualification of Players

A player may represent the club in the Under 9 competition if he/she is **under 9 years of age on 1st September** of the year preceding the season in question.

2. Playing regulations

The laws of cricket shall apply with the following exceptions:

- a) The pitch shall be **16 yards** in length
- b) The ball used shall be an **incrediball**
- c) Each team shall comprise of **8 players**
- d) Each innings shall be of 16 overs duration
- e) The batting side shall be divided into pairs and each pair shall bat for 4 overs. Pairs shall change at the end of the 4th, 8th and 12th overs
- f) Batsmen shall have unlimited lives but every time they are out 5 runs shall be deducted from the total. No Batsman who is out for any reason shall face the next ball
- g) Each player on the fielding side **MUST BOWL** with the exception of the wicket keeper
- h) No player shall bowl more than 3 overs
- i) Wides and No Balls shall count as 2 runs and no extra balls shall be bowled in the over
- j) Each team shall commence its innings with a total of 200 runs
- k) The winning team shall be the side scoring the highest number of runs after deductions of runs for the number of wickets lost
- l) The use of artificial pitches is permissible
- m) Coaches/Umpires are allowed to advise during the course of a game. Umpires should wear Umpires coats.
- n) No fielder except for the wicketkeeper and fielders behind the wicket on the off side shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards from the middle stump

3. Points System

Points will be as follows 1) 4 for a win 2) 3 for a tie 3) 2 for a postponed or abandoned game

4. Fixture Schedule

The decision regarding fitness of grounds is the sole responsibility of the home club. It is also their responsibility to let their opponents know at least **ONE HOUR** before the scheduled start if it has been postponed to avoid unnecessary travelling. All fixtures are to be played on the scheduled date and rearrangements will only be allowed if the home club's ground is unavailable whereupon the following should be considered: -

- a) transfer the fixture to the opponent's ground
- b) play the fixture on an alternative day in the same week

5. Match Results

Each **HOME CLUB MUST TELEPHONE THE RESULT TO JOHN LLOYD WITHIN 2 DAYS** and give details of any outstanding individual performances for inclusion in Press coverage. This includes **POSTPONED OR ABANDONED MATCHES**. Failure to do so may result in a fine or possible points deduction for the offending club at the discretion of the Management Committee of the League.

6. Safety

Safety must remain a principal concern for all coaches/umpires. Coaches/ Umpires should be fully aware of Rules 2 (m) and (n) above.

It is the responsibility of all clubs to ensure that safety and protective equipment is provided and worn at all times.

7. Disputes

All disputes must be referred in writing to the N E Wales Junior Cricket Development Committee **WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE INCIDENT OCCURRING**

8. Champions

The league winners will be decided as follows: -

- a) highest number of points
- b) if equal, most wins
- c) if still equal, most wickets taken