

THE BERKELEY SPORTS TWO COUNTIES YOUTH CRICKET COMPETITION.

ALAN STAVES CUP Under 9 RULES

ECB RECOMMENDED PITCH LENGTH – 18 YARDS. BALL SIZE - 4¾oz

1) ELIGIBILITY:

No player may play for more than one club during the season. He/she may, however, play for another club in a different age section **PROVIDED** they remain with that club.

2) AGE:

To play in a specific age group, all players must be younger than that age group on Sept 1st of the year preceding the season. i.e. to play in an Under 12s match the player must have been under 12 on the preceding Sept 1st. Clubs who field over-age players may forfeit matches as a consequence.

3) U9 SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES

- a. **TEAMS** 10 players per side.
- b. **SCORING** Start with 100 runs and deduct 5 runs for each wicket lost.
- c. **BATSMEN** to bat in pairs for 4 overs with a total of 20 overs per innings; change ends at the fall of a wicket with the exception of run out or the end of an over.
- d. **BOWLERS** in the fielding side to bowl at least 1 over, maximum 3 overs. (Under arm bowling permitted for those who cannot bowl over arm)
- e) **WIDE BALL** will result in a penalty of 2 runs plus others that may accrue as byes. NO EXTRA BALL will be allowed. However the last over in each innings will revert to the standard laws of the game; one counting for a wide and an extra ball bowled.
- f. **FIELDERS** to be 10 yards away from centre stump unless in the slip area.
- g. **COACHING** permitted on field of play provided it does not interrupt the flow of the game.
- h. **PITCH** Artificial or grass **18 yards**. Boundary about **30 yards**.
- i. **BALL** to be a 'incrediball' 4¾oz as purchased from our sponsor Berkeley Sports. 01252-728083.
- j. **PROTECTION** head gear optional as are gloves but excessive gear such as pads is not recommended.

4) GENERAL PLAYING RULES:

- a. All matches should start at 10.00am/6.00pm SHARP. Matches in the league will consist of 20 six ball overs per side with the team making the highest score being declared the winner. If it is not possible to start a game until 10.15/6.15 or after, the game will be restricted to 18 overs per side. If it is not possible to start a match until 10.30/6.30 or after, the match will be restricted to 16 overs per side. Every effort must be made to ensure a punctual start. (Note: Some matches have become over long. Teams should jog to their positions at the end of an over and be ready to play as soon as the umpires are in position. Incoming batsmen should walk briskly to the wicket without standing discussion with the coach or outgoing batsman. An innings should last 75 minutes as a maximum).
- b. **In cases where teams are unable to field 11 players the league encourages matches to be played with reduced numbers rather than abandoning games altogether to a minimum of 6 a side.**
- c. Each side **MUST** provide an experienced umpire. Partial failure should see the experienced umpire at the bowlers end. Special attention should be given to the need to call a "wide ball" if an umpire is satisfied that a bowler is deliberately bowling wide of the line of the stumps. Managers and umpires **MUST** use their authority to ensure that any instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour, both on and off the field, are dealt with speedily and effectively and the Section Secretary informed if necessary. **(Also see the Code of Conduct)**

- d. Behaviour and neatness of dress is the responsibility of the Club and Team Manager and any player, or team, found guilty of misconduct will be dealt with severely and expelled from the Competition.
- e. Cricket balls used in matches **MUST be purchased from the Sponsor, BERKELEY SPORTS –01252 728083.**
- f. The Committee deprecate the practice of batsmen being deliberately retired prematurely when uninjured except as allowed in the age section playing Rules. The Committee would remind all managers of this obligation and if there continues to be instances of batsmen deliberately forced to get themselves out, or of fielding sides not trying to get batsmen out there will be a revision of the rules preventing retired batsmen returning to the crease.
- g. A player **MUST** have played a **MINIMUM** of **THREE** games for his/her club to be eligible to play in the final.
- h. The use of artificial wickets is acceptable and it is the responsibility of the **HOME** club to notify the visiting manager of any special footwear requirements.