



The Lord Taverners U14 Competition Rules

The first named school in each pairing is drawn at home and is responsible for arrangements and for making the initial contact with its opponents. Each school in the COUNTY COMPETITION will provide one umpire and scorer for all matches.

Matches must be played by the dates laid down in the draw. If the original match cannot take place an alternative date is permissible. In which case the alternative date is binding and any side cancelling must give a walk over to the other side.

(a) If rain prevents a decision, the match will be replayed BEFORE the deadline date of that round. Only one attempt at a replay is permitted. In the event of no decision being reached because of inclement weather or inability to rearrange a replay BEFORE the deadline date of that round, then the result will be decided by bowling at a wicket. A wicket consists of three stumps and two bails. Each member of both teams will bowl one ball at a wicket. The side breaking the wicket the greater number of times will be the winner. (See Bowl Out Rules.)

Umpires will officiate to ensure fair play. All players MUST bowl over-arm.

(b) In the last resort, the decision must be made by the toss of a coin.

If a school has an artificial wicket only or inferior facilities, matches can be played on a local club ground, if both sides agree. Without agreement the match will take place on the home side's ground regardless.

It is the responsibility of the winning team in COUNTY ROUNDS to inform the County Association Secretary of results.

The Laws of Cricket (including the size of bat, ball and wicket, and length of pitch) will apply, with the following exceptions:-

1. The length of the innings shall be 40 overs (fewer by arrangement IF NECESSARY).
2. No Player may bowl more than 8 overs (reduced proportionately for reduced over matches).
3. If a bowler breaks down, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over when working out each bowler's limit.
4. The side which scores the most runs shall be the winner.
5. If the scores are level, the side which has lost the least wickets shall be the winner.
6. If the scores continue level, the winner shall be the side, in order:-
 - (a) which has the higher score over the first 20 overs of the innings.
 - (b) which loses the least number of wickets in the first 20 overs of the innings.
 - (c) which has the higher score over the first 10 overs of the innings
 - (d) losing the least number of wickets in the first 10 overs of the innings.
7. If the scores are still level a bowl out will be organised, or at the last resort the Captains will toss a coin to decide the winner.
8. If rain curtails a match, the winner shall be the side scoring more runs in the first 10 overs of the innings.

Note: The ESCA/ECB regulations concerning CLOSE FIELDERS and Helmets will apply in all matches.

The National Final will not be replayed should it be rained off with no result possible. Both sides will be awarded a trophy and gold medals.