



CTC KS3 (U13) Outdoor Softball

Aim

All Chance to Compete competitions have been designed to provide players with access to a fun, inclusive and fast paced softball format of the game. Competitions are generally run on a festival basis.

Umpires & Scorers

Umpiring and scoring will be by PE staff or trained leaders in the local rounds. For the finals there will also be Devon Cricket staff on hand to umpire/score.

Clothing & Equipment

Kit will be provided by the festival organisers (SGO or Devon Cricket). Schools are encouraged to bring their own cricket bats if they wish. For the local rounds windballs should be used, incrediballs will be used in the finals.

Eligibility

This competition is for state schools.

BOYS/MIXED: This is a 'mixed' competition to allow girls to play in the team should their school not be able to field a team in the girls only competition. There is no requirement for ratio of boys/girls in this competition. **Boys who have represented Devon at hardball cricket are not eligible to play.**

GIRLS: This softball competition is aimed at those newer to the game and sides should be picked on this basis. **Any players involved in an England Development Squad or Regional Development Centre are not eligible to play.**

Playing Conditions

- 45m boundary, 19 yard pitch
- Bowling should be from one end only to ensure the game is played as quickly as possible
- Teams shall consist of 8 players each, with a maximum of 10 players per squad
- Each match shall consist of one innings per team; with each innings lasting 40 balls
- Each player in the team should bowl 5 balls; this includes the wicket-keeper who can be rotated
- Bowling should be overarm only
- Batting is in pairs for 10 balls per pair
- If a batter is out, the batting pair should swap ends, continue, and 5 runs are added to the fielding teams total (no runs are lost by the batting team)
- If the ball bounces above shoulder height, or is above waist height without bouncing, it will be a 'No ball'. If the ball bounces twice or more before reaching the batter this should also be called 'No ball'
- In the event of a 'No ball', a 'free hit' will be awarded to the batting team; this means on the next ball, the batter **cannot** be given out by any method of dismissal, apart from being run-out.
- If the ball is too wide for the batter to hit it will be called a 'Wide ball'. Cones/markers can be used to show wide lines/crease.

Bowling

Bowling should be overarm only with a straight arm. If a bowler should bowl with a bent arm:

- In the first instance always help the bowler to improve their action
- If bent arm bowling persists, then the batter can ONLY be dismissed by RUN OUT
- The bowler should not be stopped from bowling in an over, unless the bowling is contributing to the safety of the game.

Scoring

CTC (KS3) U13 Softball can be scored using the Countdown Cricket app, using the Dynamos format - more info below.

Alternatively, please use our paper scoresheet below.

Standard scoring rules of cricket apply (runs completed, plus boundary 4s & 6s), as well as:

No Ball

- If a no ball is called, then 2 runs shall be credited under extras, but no extra ball will be allocated. The next ball will be a free hit.
- If a no ball is bowled in the last set of 5 balls then the ball will have to be re-bowled

Wide

- If a wide ball is called, then 2 runs shall be credited, but no extra ball will be allocated
- If a wide ball is bowled in the last set of 5 balls then the ball will have to be re-bowled

Results

The team scoring the most runs shall be the winner. If the scores of both teams are equal, then the team who took the most wickets shall be the winner.

If teams are level on points at the end of the group stage, then the result between the two sides will determine the overall winner.

If this cannot decide the outcome, then run rate will then decide the winners, calculated as follows: The total runs scored in the group games are added together with the wickets taken, each wicket taken will count as 10 runs towards the total.

If scores are still level after this then it will go to the team who has taken the most wickets in their games. If a result cannot be reached after all this, then a bowl out between the two teams will take place.

Where matches are rained off / unfinished a bowl out with each person bowling one delivery at 3 stumps shall decide the winners. Eight players will bowl alternately at stumps and if scores are level after eight attempts each it shall go to sudden death where the team with the most strikes with an equal number of deliveries shall be declared the winners.

For more information contact competitions@devoncricket.co.uk

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Methods of Dismissal

Bowled, caught, run out, stumped, hit-wicket. There will be no LBWs unless a batter deliberately blocks the ball in front of the stumps.

Countdown Cricket App

The countdown cricket app is an easy way to score pairs cricket games on a phone or tablet. A few pointers:

- Use the Dynamos format- select number of balls in the game format – 8 players – 40 balls
- Select 2 teams – if you register you can add your custom teams
- If the ball is a wide or no ball enter 2 + any runs scored off that ball
- In the last set of 5, if the ball is a wide or no ball enter 'extra' plus any runs scored off the following extra ball

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