

2019 SEASON

WEST DEVON YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE

RULES, CONSTITUTION, CODE OF CONDUCT

&

PRINCIPLES OF THE LEAGUE

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PARTICIPATION

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Generic Playing and General Rules & Regulations

Player Match Rules

1. All games to be played under the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 code 2nd edition – 2019) except for the Under 10's & 12's (U12's LEAGUE ONLY) competition. Please refer to U10's & U12's (League Rules for exceptions).
2. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on the 31st August in the year proceeding the current season. All Clubs shall hold a list of players with their dates of birth.
3. Up to the maximum of 3 U17s players may play in any given U16s match. Only U17s players who have **NOT** represented an MCC Hub, district/development, county or national team during the current or past one season (U16s) are permitted to play under this ruling. The number of u17s that a club can registered is unlimited however only 3 can be selected to play at any point. No U17s player can obtain an average or be awarded any prize for his/her accolades whilst playing in the league.
4. Up to the maximum of 3 players who would be classed as U15s may play for the U14s in any given match. This only applies to clubs who do not have an U16s team and only for players who have **NOT** represented an MCC hub, district/development, county or adult (C division or above) team during the current or past one season. No player can obtain an average or be awarded any prize for his/her accolades whilst playing in the league below their actual age group.
5. A player who was registered with the WDYCL for a team the previous season in the WDYCL is free to move Clubs from the 1st October until March 31st of each new season. Between the dates of April 1st until September 30th of each season no player will be allowed to move Club unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such exceptional circumstances a full account for the reason for the players move must be submitted to the league Secretary in writing. The league committee will then make a final decision within 48 hours with regards to allowing the transfer or not.
6. Players may play for only one Cricket Club in any season.
7. A female may play cricket in the West Devon Youth League in an age group up to two years below her actual age (based on age at midnight on 31st August the previous year) unless she has represented the following during the previous season.
 - A. County Age Group cricket in which case the player can only play **one** year below her actual age (based on age at midnight on 31st August the previous year)
 - B. County Senior Women's cricket in which case the player is exempt from the ruling entirely and can only play in the age group determined by their date of birth based on age at midnight on 31st August the previous year.

8. A team may loan a player from its own membership within the age limit to an opposing team that maybe struggling for numbers. NOTE this is agreement between the two clubs playing each other on that given day. No team may loan a player to another team who are not participating in the match. The loan player may bowl and bat for his on the day team but will not count towards the averages. Such players will be documented on play cricket as “SUB Player”. Once the game is completed the player is then returned to the loaning club.
9. Where standard rules of cricket apply a game will be contested between two teams of 9 players. The two clubs participating can discuss at least 72 hours before to increase the playing number to the maximum of 11 players per side. If one team can't avoid reducing its numbers after agreement has been made to play 9, 10 or 11 a-side, then that team will play with a player number deficit within that game. If the two opposing teams can't agree on player numbers prior to the 72-hour cut off, then the game will default to a 9 a-side fixture. A team may consist of the minimum of 8 but the opponents will be entitled to play 9.
10. Team managers and coaches have a duty of care to all players. Players should only be allowed to participate if the responsible adults are satisfied that they are competent to do so. Suitable arrangements need to be in place, particularly relating to changing facilities and transportation arrangements, if applicable. Teams in this League may have any number of girls as players.
11. No player registered to the North, South or East Devon youth Cricket Leagues is permitted to be registered to any of the affiliated West Devon Youth Cricket League teams at ANY age group. Players registered to the West region may play in another county youth leagues i.e. any of the Cornwall youth cricket leagues.
12. No game may be replayed for any reason other than that of abandonment due to inclement weather conditions. Any fixture not played for any other reason will result in the defaulting team losing 1 point and the other team being awarded 3 points. The fixture may be reorganised by the clubs but will be considered as a friendly only, with no game statistics being recorded by the league.
13. If two teams finish the season on the same number of points in 1st place in any age group league table, then the title will be decided by the winners of the head to head **league** match against each other during the **same** season. Should this prove to be a tied or the game was not played due to cancelation because of bad weather, then the title will be decided on Wickets taken in the league, if still level then wickets lost.

14. The Match result after every league and cup game must be fully completed and submitted on Play-Cricket.com with all Christian names and Surnames present. All bowling and batting stats as well as the fielder of the day for both teams must be documented fully. This process must be completed with-in 48 hours of the match day. Any reports must be forwarded onto to the league Rep official by no later than the Sunday following any match.

Please Note: A winning team that fails to comply with this rule will be issued with a warning in the first instance.

Should that same team reoffend during the same season a £10 levy will be charged against that club.

If a team offends for the third time, then 1 point will be deducted from the current league total of the persistent offending team.

15. Any player playing in the *West Devon Youth Cricket League and Cup Competitions* must wear a helmet when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket (within 5 meters of the wicket). THE HELMET MUST BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL WITH ALL PARTS COMPLETE. No player under the age of 14 shall be allowed to field closer than 11 yards (10 meters) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball. The distance for players between the age of 14 to 17 is 8 yards (7.3 meters). These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back, to a safe distance.
16. Before the toss of a match the Manager shall provide the Umpires with a signed team sheet, clearly identifying the ages of the players.
17. No league game will be permitted to take place after 15th August each year. Outstanding fixtures played after this date will not be awarded league points and no statistics will be recorded.
18. All under 16's fixtures are to be played on a grass pitches, where weather permits.
19. Colour clothing is permitted in all age groups. The league encourage that all players entered game in either all whites or in color kit as a team.

Additional Cup Competitions Rules

20. Any Club cancelling a Cup tie for any reason other than inclement weather will forfeit the tie. Should a club feel it has extenuating reasons for cancelling a match, then it shall address these reasons to the Management Committee before the due day and the management committee's decision shall be final!
21. In the event of a tie, the result will be decided on wickets lost. If these are equal the tie will be replayed on the away side's ground or in the case of the final on a neutral ground.

22. To be eligible to play in the semi-final and final of all cup competitions a player must have played at least two league games for their junior club in the current league season. Failure to comply may result in a team not being permitted to enter the Cup in the following season.
23. Cup Dates will be published as separate documents as decided by the Management Committee each year. The Play by dates must in all cases be adhered to. The League committee retain the right to eliminate any team from the cup should they be seen to be not forthcoming in arranging a cup fixture by such a deadline date.

Additional Rules for the 8 A-Side version of the game: Including the U10's Non-Competitive & U12s Competitive League (League Format ONLY):

Competition Rules

24. Pairs Cricket will be played at the U10s & U12s age groups. The U12s will ONLY use this format in League fixtures which will be played and concluded before the start of any Cup tournament. **A CUP TOURNAMENT FIXTURE IN THE U12S WILL BE RAN USING STANDARD CRICKET LAWS!**

Player and Match Rules

25. Each team shall comprise 8 players in League matches. Any team without the required 8 players present have until the start of the 12th over (16 Over game) or 15th over (20 over game) (the start of the last batting pair innings) to complement their team numbers. Should this not occur then the game will be deemed as a friendly match with the team with the required numbers present winning the match by default.
26. A team may bring a 9th player to any 8 A-Side format matches. Both managers must be fully aware of the 9th man being present before the start of the game. **Note the next part of the ruling is for U12s League matches ONLY, U10s friendly fixtures are not required to play to the following.** The 9th player may then be permitted to field for that team but must not bowl or bat. Any substitute acting on the behalf of an injured player during their team innings, shall only act as a non-striker. (In such circumstances the *live* batsman shall receive continuously.) If a Substitute takes to the field for an injured bowler during the middle of their over, then the remaining balls shall be shared between the remaining six fielders without exceeding their allocation.

27. In any game where a side starts a game with only 7 players then the game may go ahead with the following conditions. If the team with only 7 players is elected to bat first, then this team will have until the end of the 11th over to complement their team with another registered eligible player of their club. The player may then partner the 7th player into bat for the last 4 overs. If the team fields first, then the team have until the end of the innings to complement their team. The 7 fielders on the field must all bowl in this circumstance including the wicket keeper. In both events if these conditions are not met then the game will be classed as a friendly. The points in full will be awarded to the team with 8 players. 0 points will be deducted from the team with only 7 players in this situation.
28. The winning team shall be the side scoring the highest number of runs after the deduction of all 5 runs has been taken into consideration.

Match Officials & Managers Requirements

29. All clubs must have designated members in place for the following roles: Lead Colt Representative, and a fully qualified Child Welfare Officer. It is the responsibility of the Lead Colt Representative of each club to inform the League Secretary the details of the individuals undertaking these roles no later than 1st February of each year. Failure to comply with this ruling can lead to a club's expulsion from the league.
30. All Lead Representatives must inform the League Secretary of a Manager and 2nd point of contact for each team entered no later than the 1st March of each season. Failure to comply with this ruling can lead to a team expulsion from the league.
31. Any official involved in a WDYCL match (umpire, manager, coach, scorer etc.) must have been DBS checked within the past three years. It remains each club's requirement to ensure this is the case. The WDYCL and its officials take no responsibility if this proves not to be the case. All Clubs must have completed a formal Child Protection Policy in line with the current ECB Policy – Safe Hands.
32. Clubs must have two, suitably checked and qualified adults present at all fixtures.
33. Umpires must be at least sixteen years of age (unless the individual under 16 has previously completed an ACO Level 1 course), appropriately dressed and only should always wear an umpires white coat (subject to extreme climatic conditions). Umpires must have a good understanding/knowledge of the Laws of cricket.
34. All sides **must provide** a competent scorer not involved in the game

League Age Group Set-Up Rules

U8s Friendlies & U8s Festival Fixtures

The rules for the U8s Friendlies & U8s Festival Fixtures will be supplied along with a scoring sheet template by Andy Rickard. Please contact via email: rickard816@btinternet.com.

The Match Ball Used in all U8s matches will be a Windball: Colour is at the club's discretion.

The Ball **MUST** be supplied by Devon County Sports:

U10s Friendly Fixtures 8 A-Side Pairs

<u>Age Group:</u>	<u>Under 10s</u>
Season Start & Finish:	April 28 th , 2019 to September 30 th 2019:
League Status:	Non-Competitive:
Day of Play:	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs:
Playing Number Format:	8 A-Side Set:
Game Format:	Pairs:
League Points	N/A: League Tables & Players Stats will not be produced or published:
Ball Type & Colour:	Soft, Kookaburra Ball, Colour at club's discretion. Ball <u>MUST</u> be supplied by Devon County Sports:
Ball Size:	As Standard for type of ball above:
Overs Per Innings:	16 overs:
Pitch Length:	17 Yards:
Boundary Size (Max):	30 Yards:
Innings Starting Total:	200:
Number of Runs Lost when given out:	Unlimited lives, when given out a reduction of 5 runs to the batting teams total will be implemented:
Bowling Rules/Restrictions:	Minimum of 8 players bowling 2 Overs each. All Wides & No-Balls will be deemed as two runs to the batting total with <u>NO</u> additional/extra ball being delivered, except for the last over of each innings, when standard cricket laws apply. Which is one run for a Wide or No-Ball plus an extra ball to be bowled.
Batting Restrictions:	Each pair bat for 4 overs each: Batting Pairs change on the 4 th , 8 th , 12 th over:
Additional Optional Rulings:	No LBW's to be Awarded by Umpires:

U12s League Tournament 8 A-Side Pairs

<u>Age Group:</u>	<u>Under 12s</u>
Season Start & Finish:	April 28 th , 2018 to June 18 th 2019:
League Status:	Competitive League Format:
Day of Play:	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs:
Playing Number Format:	8 A-Side Set: If either team has less than 8 players present, then the game will still be played but deemed as a friendly. The points available will be awarded to the team fielding 8 players in full. Zero points will be deducted in this case if the game proceeds as friendly. See Rules 22 to 26 for Additional wording:
Game Format:	Pairs.
League Points	3 points for a Win: 2 points for a Tie: 1point for an abandonment: 0 points for a loss: -1 point - if a team cancel a game due to lack of players without honouring as a friendly: Top two teams will play-off in a Final:
Ball Type & Colour:	Hard, Pink: Ball <u>MUST</u> be supplied by Devon County Sports & <u>MUST</u> have the leagues sponsor imprinted on the Ball:
Ball Size:	133 Grams, (4 ¾ Oz):
Overs Per Innings:	16 overs Minimum if both teams agree before the start of play, Otherwise 20 overs to be played and is the maximum length permitted:
Pitch Length:	19 Yards:
Boundary Size (Max):	35 Yards:
Innings Starting Total:	200:
Number of Runs Lost when given out:	Unlimited lives, when given out a reduction of 5 runs to the batting teams total will be implemented:
Bowling Rules/Restrictions:	Minimum of 7 players bowling 2 Overs each: Maximum of 3 overs per player in 16 Over game & 4 overs in 20 Over game: All Wides & No-Balls will be deemed as two runs to the batting total with <u>NO</u> additional/extra ball being delivered, except for the last over of each innings, when standard cricket laws apply. Which is one run for a Wide or No-Ball plus an extra ball to be bowled:
Batting Restrictions:	In a 16 over game batting pairs change after every 4 overs: Batting pairs change on the 4 th , 8 th , 12 th over: or In a 20 over game batting pairs change after every 5 overs: Batting pairs change on the 5 th , 10 th , 15 th in a 20 over game:
Additional Optional Rulings:	None, all other cricket laws apply.

U12s Cup Tournament Standard Cricket Laws

<u>Age Group:</u>	<u>Under 12s:</u>
Season Start & Finish:	June 9 th 2019 to July 31 st 2019:
League Status:	Competitive Cup Format:
Day of Play:	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs:
Playing Number Format:	9 A-Side Minimum - Up to 11 A-Side Maximum: Both teams MUST agree to 10 or 11 A-Side before the start of play. If not processed correctly then a 9 A-Side game will be default number permitted:
Game Format:	Standard Cricket Laws:
Cup League Format & Points System	The Cup will be run as a league format with the Top two teams playing-off in a Final. 3 points for a Win: 2 points for a Tie: 1 point for an abandonment: 0 points for a loss: -1 point - if a team cancel a game due to lack of players:
Ball Type & Colour:	Hard, Pink: Ball <u>MUST</u> be supplied by Devon County Sports & <u>MUST</u> have the league's sponsor imprinted on the Ball:
Ball Size:	133 Grams, (4 ¾ Oz):
Overs Per Innings:	16 overs Minimum if both teams agree before the start of play: Otherwise 20 overs to be played and is the maximum length permitted:
Pitch Length:	19 Yards:
Boundary Size (Max):	35 Yards:
Bowling Restrictions:	Minimum of 1 Over from at least 7 players. Maximum of 3 overs per player in 16 Over game & 4 overs in 20 Over game: All Wides & No-Balls will be deemed as two runs to the batting total with <u>NO</u> additional/extra ball being delivered, except for the last over of each innings, when standard cricket laws apply. Which is one run for a Wide or No-Ball plus an extra ball to be bowled:
Batting Restrictions:	A batter must Retire when the player reaches an individual score of 25 runs. Players who have retired in this manner (ONLY) may return in order of retirement to the crease, once all other players from the batting team have batted and completed their own innings.
Additional Optional Rulings:	None, all other Cricket Laws apply.

U14s League & Cup Tournament Standard Cricket Laws

<u>Age Group:</u>	<u>Under 14s:</u>
Season Start & Finish:	April 28 th 2019 to August 26 th 2019:
League Status:	Competitive League & Knock-out Cup Format:
Day of Play:	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs:
Playing Number Format:	9 A-Side Minimum up to 11 A-Side Maximum: Both teams MUST agree to 10 or 11 A-Side before the start of play. If not processed correctly then a 9 A-Side game will be default number permitted:
Game Format:	Standard Cricket Laws:
League & Cup Format & Points System	A League game will generate the following points: 3 points for a Win: 2 points for a Tie: 1 points for abandonment: 0 points for loss: -1 if a team cancel a game due to lack of players: League winners & Runner Up will be decided on league Positions: Please see Refer to rule 10, for additional Information: The cup will be played as a knockout tournament:
Ball Type & Colour:	Hard, Pink Ball MUST be supplied by Devon County Sports & MUST have the league's sponsor imprinted on the Ball:
Ball Size:	133 Grams, (4 ¾ Oz):
Overs Per Innings:	16 overs Minimum if both teams agree before the start of play. Otherwise 20 overs to be played and is the maximum length permitted:
Pitch Length:	21 Yards:
Boundary Size (Max):	35 Yards:
Bowling Restrictions:	Minimum of 2 Overs from at least 6 players: Max of 4 Overs Per Player: All Wides & No-Balls to be treated as per the laws of the game:
Batting Restrictions:	Batters don't have to retire at any score: The league promotes Rotation & Participation as a vital element of the game. Clubs should consider their own best course of action for their players:
Additional Optional Rulings:	None, all other Cricket Laws apply:

U16s League & Cup Tournament Standard Cricket Laws

<u>Age Group:</u>	<u>Under 16s:</u>
Season Start & Finish:	April 28 th 2019 to August 26 th 2019
League Status:	Competitive League & League Cup Tournament
Day of Play:	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs:
Playing Number Format:	9 A-Side Minimum up to 11 A-Side Maximum: Both teams MUST agree to 10 or 11 A-Side before the start of play. If not processed correctly then a 9 A-Side game will be default number Permitted:
Game Format:	Standard Cricket Laws:
League & Cup Format & Points System	A League game will generate the following points: 3 points for a Win: 2 points for a Tie: 1 point for abandonment: 0 points for loss: -1 if a team cancel a game due to lack of players: League placing will be decided on an end of season positional method: The cup will be played as a knockout tournament:
Ball Type & Colour:	Hard, Pink. Ball <u>MUST</u> be supplied by Devon County Sports & <u>MUST</u> have the league's sponsor imprinted on the Ball:
Ball Size:	155.9 Grams, (5 ½ Oz):
Overs Per Innings:	16 overs Minimum if both teams agree before the start of play. Otherwise 20 overs to be played and is the maximum length permitted:
Pitch Length:	22 Yards:
Boundary Size (Max):	Standard Club Boundary:
Bowling Restrictions:	Minimum of 2 Overs from at least 6 players: Max of 4 Overs Per Player: All Wides & No-Balls are to be treated as per the laws of the game:
Batting Restrictions:	Batters don't have to retire at any score: The league promotes Rotation & Participation as a vital element of the game. Clubs should consider their own best course of action for their players:
Additional Optional Rulings:	Free hit for ALL No-Balls bowled will be played. During the Free hit ball, the fielders must remain in the position they found to be when the offence occurred. The bowler must bowl a fair delivery, a wide or additional no ball will see the free hit being carried to the next delivery. The batters can only be given out by being deemed as ran out or obstructing the field. Once the ball has been deemed as dead and the officials are satisfied that the bowler's delivery was fair, standard cricket laws will be reintroduced.

Committee and Membership Club Rules

35. The Management Committee has been empowered by the membership to review the performance of Member Clubs with regard their commitment, organisation and reliability and to make formal recommendation at the AGM that an invitation to take part in the league to the club(s) falling below the required standard be withdrawn. The Management Committee will invite a club to appear before them in order that areas of concern can be discussed before issuing a formal warning. Clubs are required to ensure they are represented at **ALL** meetings. Failure will result in the League reconsidering the Clubs membership.
36. Perpetual trophies must be returned, in a clean and damage free condition, to the relevant result secretary by the 31st July. Should a trophy not be returned for presentation, the League will arrange for a new trophy, fully inscribed with all previous winners, to be purchased and the total cost will be the responsibility of the club failing to return the trophy/ies. *(Clubs are advised to ensure their insurance policy covers for the loss of trophies, as the costs involved are likely to be more than £275.00).*
37. A complaint/appeal must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the League on the prescribed complaint/appeal form, to arrive within 28 days of the event giving rise to the complaint itself. To meet this requirement the *Complaint/Appeal Form* must be submitted stating the full grounds of the complaint, signed by the Chairman of the complainant club, any requisite deposit of fees and copies of all documents to be relied upon in supporting the complaint.
38. The League Committee reserves the right to organise any Age Group into 2 divisions once the number of teams entered has increased to more than 13 in each League.

SOCIAL MEDIA STATEMENT

The league uses social media in order to attract publicity and celebrate the achievements of the teams and players within the league.

In order to maintain control of its social media accounts and prevent any abuse or misuse, the accounts are administered by the league webmaster, whose details are available on the Devon Cricket Website.

The league currently runs Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts in order to appeal to as broader cross section of parents and players as possible. Whilst these are ideal platforms for publishing pictures, in order to maintain it's commitments to safeguarding of our players the following points must be adhered to:

- Before any pictures are taken of a game where players from the other team are visible, both managers must check with each other if there are any children whose parent/carer has not given consent to have their photo taken. If there are then it must be ensured that those children are not included in any photo.
- All photos sent to the webmaster must be accompanied in an email with a statement from the manager that all children in the photo have written consent to have their photo taken.
- The webmaster will keep these emails on file.
- If anyone becomes aware of a photo that has a child in who does not have consent for their photo to be taken, then they are to inform the league secretary and webmaster straight away so the photo can be taken down.

West Devon Youth Cricket League

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

1.1. The name of the organisation shall be the West Devon Youth Cricket League (referred to in this document as either “the League” or “the WDYCL”). A sponsor’s name can be prefixed

2. Aims

2.1. To actively govern and promote the playing and development of the game of cricket at youth level in West Devon

2.2. To encourage the upholding of the traditions and standing of the game of cricket in accordance with both the Laws of Cricket and the “spirit of cricket”.

2.3. To be open in carrying out the League’s business and in taking account of the views of organisations and individuals that wish to contribute to youth cricket in West Devon.

2.4. To uphold and operate a policy of non-discrimination. Accordingly, membership shall be open only to clubs paying the appropriate affiliation fee and whose Membership shall be open to all, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, colour, creed, ethnic origin, social status, religion and sexual orientation

3. Objectives

3.1. To determine policies for the development of youth cricket in West Devon in accordance with national, regional and local priorities and available resources.

3.2. To support and develop players to encourage selection and representation of Devon cricketers at county, regional and national levels.

3.3. To adopt, implement and support policies to ensure the welfare of young people playing cricket in West Devon.

3.4. To run Age Group League and Cup Competitions.

4. Membership

- 4.1. Membership of the League.** The voting composition of the League shall consist of a vote per club.
- 4.2. General requirement.** Any Club seeking to become a member of the League shall apply in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting and paying the appropriate affiliation fee confirm that it agrees to be bound by the Rules, Codes, Directions and behavioral standards promulgated by both the League and ECB from time to time.
- 4.3. Failure to pay the appropriate Affiliation Fee.** Failure to pay the appropriate affiliation fee shall disqualify from being affiliated to the League from a date one month after that fee became payable, and from that date the relevant Club or other body shall be ineligible for any of the benefits of affiliation to the League or to benefit from any of the services which the League provides.

5. Appointments by, and working arrangements of the League

- 5.1. Officers of the Committee.** The League shall appoint and be administered by a Chairman: Vice Chairman: Honorary Secretary: Minutes Secretary: Honorary Treasurer: Honorary Fixture Secretary: Website & Social Media Administrator: Child Welfare Officer: Under 10's, Under 14's and Under 16's Result Secretary: West Devon Coaches Representative:
Note: The West Devon Schools Development Officer will also sit on the committee. This role is appointed by the DCB as an employment position.

All Life Members of the West Devon Youth Cricket League carry the right to attend and vote at committee meetings. These appointments need not necessarily be made from within the League membership and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In all cases of urgency and the need for urgency precludes action through a formal meeting of the League, the Honorary Secretary (acting in consultation with the Chairman) shall be empowered to exercise the powers of the League (including that of appointing members to an ad hoc Committee or the Appeals Committee for the purposes of dealing with a specific case). In all cases where the Honorary Secretary exercises powers in these circumstances, a formal report of the action taken and the circumstances in which it was taken, shall be submitted by the Honorary Secretary to the next meeting of the League.

5.2. Any nomination for an Officer of the League shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting at which the appointment is to be made. All nominations shall be supported both by a Proposer and a Seconder

5.3. Each officer of the League, at committee meetings, will have one vote, except that the Chairman will be empowered to exercise a second and casting vote where otherwise there is an equality of votes cast for any proposition.

5.4. The League shall meet a minimum of twice per year and in addition hold an Annual General Meeting. All clubs must be represented at meetings. The League committee shall be empowered to call additional meetings, if it is considered a necessity to conduct the business of the League effectively.

5.5. Notice of no less than seven days of all League Meetings will be given to each League member in writing.

5.6. The quorum for League meetings will be 75% of the total membership of the League. This shall include at least two Officers as specified in Clause 5.1 above. Alterations to this Constitution may only be made at the Annual General Meeting of the League or at an Emergency General Meeting of the League. No alterations shall be approved unless full notice of the proposed changes has been given to the full membership of the League in the Notice convening the Meeting. There shall be a requirement of a clear majority of those present at any such meeting voting for a new rule in its entirety or amendment to a current rule for the motion to be carried. If a motion is tied, then it will not be carried.

5.7. The League may establish such other Committees as it from time to time thinks fit and may delegate to them such functions as it decides.

5.8. The Annual General Meeting of the League. This shall be held in November of every year. The separate age group divisions and cup competitions shall be governed by their own rules and playing conditions. These rules and conditions shall be subject to addition, change and amendment at the Annual General Meeting. All propositions should be submitted, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary of the League, no later than 6 weeks before the date of the AGM.

5.9. The Business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be specified on the Agenda and shall include: the receipt of a report on the membership of the League for the next ensuing year; the election of Officers; the receipt and approval of the Accounts of the League for the preceding year; the approval of Affiliation Fees for the next following year.

5.10. Entry into each division shall be submitted in writing, on the prescribed form, to the Honorary Secretary prior to the commencement of the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting (League Entry Meeting). The Honorary Fixture Secretary will circulate the Fixtures at least 14 days before the Fixture Meeting. Clubs will determine the dates of fixtures within the prescribed format. The Honorary Fixture Secretary to be advised in writing of the agreed dates within seven days of the Fixture meeting held in February every year.

5.11. Withdrawal; Should a team/s be withdrawn from a division after the League entry meeting, then the club will be responsible for the team/s annual affiliation fee

5.12. Cup Draw, the age group cup draws will be made at the League Entry Meeting.

5.13. The Code of Conduct, Playing & General Regulations and Underpinning Principles shall apply to all divisions. These items shall be subject to addition, change and amendment at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Administration and Finance

6.1. The League shall be empowered to establish such other Committees, as it shall judge to be desirable in the interests of the efficient discharge of the functions of the League.

6.2. The Honorary Treasurer will keep proper records of all accounts, transactions, assets and liabilities that give a clear and accurate view of the financial affairs of the League.

6.3. The League's financial year shall commence on 30th October in one year and end on the 29th October in the following year.

6.4. The accounts for each year will be reported to the Annual General Meeting of the League. The accounts shall be circulated to Members of the League in advance of each Annual General Meeting.

6.5. The Honorary Treasurer shall plan for the annual accounts to be appropriately checked before submission to the Annual General Meeting.

7. Affiliation Fees

7.1. All Affiliated Members of the League shall pay an annual Affiliation Fee for each team entered which shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the League for the relevant year starting on the following 1st January. U10s to U16 leagues Subs are £40 Per Team. U8s Subs are £20 Per Club.

7.2. The League is empowered to pay any appropriate subscription to any relevant regional or national organisation.

8. Discipline

8.1. General conduct. All Members of the League and of all clubs affiliated to the League shall be expected to conduct themselves both on and off the field of play in such a way as to avoid bringing themselves, the League, or the game of cricket into disrepute. The League shall be empowered to investigate any complaints made by or against a Member of the League, any Club or affiliated to the League. The parties involved in any complaint shall be given the right to attend and appear before a Committee (other than the Appeals Committee) whose decision shall then be binding on all parties, subject only to the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee. The ECB Code of Practice to be applied in respect of any such investigations.

8.2. The League shall be empowered to discipline any Member of the League, any Club or any member of any Club which is affiliated to the League who fails to abide by the general requirements of good conduct. Any decision to discipline any party shall include the right to exclude any Club, organisation or individual from continued affiliation with the League, but without otherwise limiting the power of sanction or penalty.

8.3. Appeals Committee. The League shall establish an Appeals Committee. The Committee shall meet when required and will normally be chaired by the Chairman unless unavailable. In that circumstance, the League Secretary shall appoint another suitable person to take the Chair of Committee for that meeting. The Appeals Committee shall if practicable be comprised of three Members of the League. Additionally, if for the purposes of any specific appeal and for ensuring fairness to the parties involved the League considers that an external independent Chairman or other member(s) should be appointed then the League shall be empowered to make such an appointment for the purposes and to pay any costs thereby incurred by the League. Otherwise all costs of any appeals shall be borne by the parties themselves. If exceptional costs are incurred by the League in dealing with an appeal, the Appeals Committee shall have power to require, and may therefore order, either party to the appeal to pay those costs.

8.4. The Appeals Committee shall never include within its membership for the purposes of hearing any specific appeal any person who has had any earlier involvement whatever in respect of the matter which is the subject of that specific appeal.

8.5. The Appeals Committee shall establish formal written procedures for the conduct of any Hearings. This procedure shall have proper regard to all the principles of natural justice. A copy of the procedure shall be made available to all parties involved in any appeal hearing in advance.

8.6. The adjudication on any appeal shall be given only after a formal Hearing to which each party is invited and is given the opportunity to present their case. A minimum of fourteen days' notice of holding such a hearing shall be given in writing to all parties. The written note of the procedures which will be followed by the Appeals Committee at the Hearing shall be issued to all parties with the Notice of the Hearing, together with a description of the provisions in this Section of this Constitution. A written notice of the decision of the Appeals Committee shall be issued to all parties within fourteen days of the conclusion of the Hearing.

9. Dissolution of the League

9.1. If the League either ceases to exist or a decision is taken that it be dissolved for any reason such assets and monies as the League shall then have after the settlement of all its liabilities shall be distributed in such manner as the Devon Cricket Board shall advise but with the specific interests of benefiting the continued fostering and development of youth cricket within the County of Devon.

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West Devon Palladium Youth Cricket League

Code of Conduct

1. Behavior and dress at grounds both on and off the field, should be in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game. The WDYCL officials ask all Managers/coaches to ensure their teams play in white cricket clothing.
2. Foul and / or abusive language on or off the field is unacceptable.
3. Intimidation, aggressive behavior and / or deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions are unacceptable.
4. Dissent at Umpire decisions is unacceptable. **Walking** is to be encouraged.
5. In recognising the competitiveness of matches the highest standards of sportsmanship will be displayed.
6. The WDYCL has adopted in full the ECB Model Discipline Regulations.
7. All managers have a duty of care regarding safety and light.
8. Bowler's Run up. It is recommended that bowlers be discouraged from taking an unnecessarily lengthy run-up. They should be encouraged to return to their bowling mark as quickly as possible.
9. Coaching of players whilst the game is in progress shall not be permitted from the side lines during a match. In such an event the umpire shall request the coach/manager/parent/spectator to stop. If this persists the umpire shall have the power to warn the offending manager that the matter will be reported to the League.

The Underpinning Principles of the West Devon Palladium Youth Cricket League

- All Young People within Cricket, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to be protected.
- All Young People participating in sport and Cricket have a right to do so in a safe environment.
- Adults working within Cricket will provide a safe, positive and fun Cricketing experience for Young People.
- Adults - Volunteers, Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Scorers will understand and be supported in their role and responsibility regarding the Duty of Care for Young People.
- Individuals should receive support through Education and Training, to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare issues that may come to light.
- All Clubs will adopt the ECB's *Safeguarding Policy* and be supported to do so through Education and Training.
- All suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously, with any matters being dealt with swiftly and appropriately by the League's Welfare Officer.
- The Palladium League recognises the responsibility of the statutory agencies and is committed to complying with the Local Area Child Protection Procedures.
- It is the responsibility of the child protection experts to determine whether abuse has taken place, but it is the responsibility of all those working within Cricket to report any concerns. The West Devon Youth League is governed by a formal constitution. Copies are available from the League Secretary.