



Guidance for Young Players

Restrictions

ECB Helmets, Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations should always be adhered to for junior players in Open age group cricket.

Minimum age

Players who are selected in a County U12 squad in spring for a summer squad or in another squad deemed by ECB Performance Managers to be of a standard above 'district level' for that season are eligible to play Open age cricket.

District and club players who are not in a county or area squad must wait until they reach the U13 age group, be in Year 8 and be 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year before being able to play in any open age group cricket. As before written parental consent is required for these players.

Barford Cricket Club

We love having new Junior Members in Barford Cricket Club, and hope that you find this information useful.

So that you understand why the Team Captain uses your skills with the bat or the ball, we enclose this information on what you can and can't do when it comes to the England Cricket Board's Rules & Regulations.

We look forward to seeing you on the field soon!



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Rules for Junior Members



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Injury Protection for Fast Bowlers

For the purposes of these Rules a fast bowler should be defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would, in normal circumstances, stand back to take the ball.

Directives for Matches:-

Up to Age 13 – 5 overs per spell Max 10/day

U14-U15 - 6 overs per spell Max 12/day

U16-U17 - 7 overs per spell Max 18/day

U18-U19 - 7 overs per spell Max 18/day

ECB Fielding Regulations –

No young player in the under 15 age group, or younger, shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played the ball.

For players in the U13 age group, and below, the distance is 11 yards (10 metres). These distances also 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.

In addition any young player in the U16 to U18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off-side.

Batting Guidelines & Equipment.

Helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions. Wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector, when standing up to the stumps.

All young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and an abdominal protector (box).

Parents are asked to provide this equipment to Junior Members and make sure it is of appropriate size.