

## **SARACENS HERTFORDSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE - JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIVISION MATCH RULES**

### **Aim**

This Division is a platform for JUNIORS under 17 years of age to develop into adult cricket and any club flouting this intent will be told to leave the division. The aim of the Junior Development Division is to provide regular cricket for club (s) players under 17 years of age . Matches will be played on Sundays and the intention is a) to introduce youngsters into Adult Cricket and b) to playing the longer game

The format will offer total flexibility with a minimum number of rules. While remaining competitive, the Division(s) will encourage full participation by its younger players, with a focus on their development interests.

### **Rules**

1. All MCC laws and ECB regulations and directives apply.
2. Matches will be 40 overs a side. First innings overs cannot be reduced for cricketing purposes, unless the Laws of Cricket apply.
3. Each side shall have a minimum of seven Development players ( male or female), all of whom will be under 17 years of age on April 1st of that season.
4. All matches start at 1.30 pm unless agreed by both sides on a day prior to the match.
5. A new ball will be provided for the start of the match by the home side. The make and type to be determined by the League.
6. No bowler shall bowl more than eight overs and ECB directives will apply.
7. No more than two Adults can bowl in any one innings.
8. The side scoring the most runs shall be deemed the winner. However, if the weather intervenes in the second innings, 25 overs must be bowled to constitute a match. The side with the faster rate of runs per completed over will be deemed the winner. If a side is all out in first innings they will have been deemed to have batted 40 overs.
9. Points are awarded as follows:
  - Win 5 points
  - Win through default 5 points
  - Tie (scores level, wickets down irrelevant ) 3 points
  - Loss 1 points
  - Cancelled due to ground conditions 1 point per side
  - Failure to raise a side minus 1 point
10. League positions will be determined firstly by most points, if equal secondly by most wins, if equal thirdly by team with highest run per over rate.
11. Each side will normally provide an adult umpire. If only one adult umpire then he/she may stand at the bowlers end.
12. Each club will attempt to provide acceptable playing conditions. However, good artificial wickets can be used.
13. Result Reporting. All results ( including cancelled matches ) will be reported by the home side in a manner deemed appropriate by the committee at the start of the season.
14. Scorers should keep a record of runs & wickets at the end of each over.
15. All matches will be played on Sundays.
16. Sides competing to confirm their intentions to committee by 30 November prior to season.

**Committee: Richard Burling, Gerry Wilkinson & Brian Mulholland**