



Kent Cricket Under 11 Girls'

Club COUNTDOWN Cricket Festivals

2024 Rules

1. Entry Fees

- 1.1 The cost for this competition is £30.00 per team per festival.
- 1.2 We will invoice your club via your club treasurer at the end of the competition.

2. Eligibility, Teams and Squads

- 2.1 Players must be aged 10 or under at midnight on 31st August 2023. (i.e., in year 6 or below).
- 2.2 Players should be active members of your cricket club. It is acceptable for clubs to enter a team with one Under 11 guest player, provided Kent Cricket is notified in advance, the player is not a current county player and the guest player's club is not participating in the 2024 Kent Countdown Festival.
- 2.3 Squads may be eight players strong.
- 2.4 Clubs may play one Year 7 girl, providing they are not County players (current or previous).
- 2.5 Clubs must not play 'guest', or over age players if sufficient under 11 players are available from their club.
- 2.6 If you have extra players, you may be asked to lend them out during a festival, to other teams who may be short. In our extended experience of running festivals, teams that come with less than six players are not necessarily disadvantaged, because their best batters have another turn. Therefore, in the interests of fairness, if a team arrives short of players and there are no spare players from other teams, both managers must decide and agree those players who are to bat for a second time. If managers cannot agree, the festival organiser's decision shall be final.

3. UMPIRES & SCORERS and ADULTS in charge of TEAMS

- 3.1 It will be the host club's responsibility to manage the match play during the afternoon, provide the junior incrediballs and set up the pitches for the festival.
- 3.2 Clubs will need to provide umpires and scorers (on the scoresheet, online or one of each), please bring clipboards and pencils to help with this.
- 3.3 KWAG will produce a scoresheet for clubs to print and use specifically for the competition.
- 3.5 Clubs must bring and use their own wooden/plastic cricket bats, clearly marked with club name.
- 3.6 Clubs are responsible for the First Aid of their own players and MUST bring a First Aid pack with them.
- 3.7 KWAG will appoint independent umpires for the County Finals Day.



4. Points

4.1 For the group stages, the following points will be awarded:

- 4.1.1 Win = 3 Points
- 4.1.2 Tie = 2 Points
- 4.1.3 Loss = 1 Point

4.2 League positions shall be decided by,

- 4.2.1 Points Total
- 4.2.2 Total Runs
- 4.2.3 Total Wickets Taken
- 4.2.4 The result of the match between the teams involved
- 4.2.5 Finally, a super over!

Parents are advised to bring a picnic, plenty to drink, chairs, clothing for all types of weather and blankets to sit on. We suggest hosting clubs provide catering as a good fundraiser for their club.

5. FORMAT and RULES

5.1 The format for matches is 6-a-side pairs cricket.

5.2 The matches will be played on pitches that are 16 yards long, from wicket to wicket.

5.3 Teams start on 0 when they bat. Fielding runs gained by taking wickets are added at the end.

5.4 The batting team are organised into three batting pairs, with each pair facing 10 balls (innings 30 balls)

5.5 The number of balls in an over may vary – this is determined by the host venue and their schedule.

5.6 Runs are scored as in the normal rules of the game.

5.7 Generally, there are no boundaries and all runs are run, unless local rules dictate.

5.8 If the ball is struck across an adjacent pitch, umpires should suspend play to allow the ball to be retrieved.

5.9 Each time a batter is out, 5 runs are awarded to the fielding team, and the other batter of the pair faces the next ball.

5.10 Batters change ends at the end of each over.

5.11 A batter may be out bowled, caught, run out, stumped, hit wicket.

5.12 There is no LBW rule unless the batter deliberately blocks the ball with a leg or foot.

5.13 Batters do not have to wear batting pads and they may wear batting gloves if they are using bats with rubber grips. Batting gloves MUST NOT be worn when using softball cricket bats without rubber grips.

5.14 As we are playing with soft ball, helmets are not compulsory, however, they may be worn if preferred.

5.15 Free Hit - Following a no ball or a wide, the batter receives a “free hit” from the batting tee, and any runs scored are added to the total for that delivery (for example 2 runs for a wide, plus 1 run from the “free hit” = 3 runs).



5.16 Batting Tees are kept immediately behind the striking end wicket. Once the tee has been moved into position near to the batting crease and everyone has retired to a safe distance, batters have 3 seconds to take their free hit, which must be hit in front of square.

NOTE: - The Free Hit is not an additional ball. It is part of the wide or no ball which preceded it.

NOTE: Batting Tees are to be provided by the hosting club. The Tees should be Yellow Countdown Tees. Blue Kwik Cricket Tees may be used if Yellow are not available. There is a slight difference in the height of these Tees. Whichever Tee is used, the colour/type must be consistent at all pitches.

5.17 If the Free Hit goes directly behind square, all runs from the hit are lost. If the Free Hit starts off in front of square but ends up behind square, any runs completed may be added to the score.

5.18 In the fielding team there are 6 fielders, including the wicketkeeper.

5.19 Each of the fielding side bowls 5 balls.

5.20 No-balls & wides are scored as 2 runs to batting team and no extra delivery to be bowled.

5.21 Bowling is from one end only, decided by the Festival Organiser, but may be changed by the umpires in the interest of safety or practicality.

5.22 Fielders may be substituted between overs, or at any time in the case of injury to a player.

5.23 With the exception of the wicketkeeper, no fielder is allowed within 10 yards of the batter until the ball is played by the batter (this includes slip/gully area).

5.24 Overarm bowling is encouraged for all deliveries. Players must attempt at least 2 overarm deliveries with the first two balls, however, if the player is experiencing difficulties and bowls no balls and wides, she may revert to underarm bowling to complete the five balls.

5.25 Fielders do not have to rotate position after each over.

5.26 Wicket keepers may keep for entire innings or can be changed and allowed to bowl if required.

5.27 Wicket keepers MAY wear wicket keeping gloves.

5.28 No extra ball for wide or no ball – penalty 2 runs to batting team, except in the last over of each innings, where the penalty for a wide remains as 2 runs.

5.29 Penalty runs are added to any runs that are scored from no balls or wides. For example, if two runs are scored as a result of byes from a wide ball, then the total number of runs would be 4, 2 + 2.