

# THE CARDIFF AND VALE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE

## 2013 Handbook



# **The Cardiff and Vale Junior Cricket League**

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## Junior Open Coaching Programme

If you are looking to improve your skills, get a head start for the coming season, or just desperate for some more cricket – then the Open Coaching Programme is just for you.

Every Winter and Spring term the Cardiff & Vale Junior Cricket Development Committee run courses for boys and girls of all abilities ages 7 to 15. These courses are extremely popular so early booking is advisable.

If you are not already on the mailing list to receive details and registration forms for these courses, contact Peter Morgan, the Open Coaching Administrator on 029 2089 0813 or email your details to [Peter.j.morgan77@gmail.com](mailto:Peter.j.morgan77@gmail.com).

## New Coaches

We are always keen to hear from parents and cricketers who would like to develop as a coach, whether it is to learn more about the sport or to coach and develop youngsters effectively and safely. Whatever your reason for wanting to be a coach, the most important quality you will need is enthusiasm. You don't need necessarily to be a first class cricketer! There is a great deal to learn but don't let this put you off, the end result will be rewarding and fun.

Most coaches work part-time in a voluntary capacity, and indeed most clubs would have great difficulty in functioning without a dedicated band of volunteers, but there are opportunities to use a coaching qualification within a career or for part time paid coaching.

Cardiff and the Vale generally run level 1 courses and a level 2 courses each winter as well as occasional continuing education courses. For details on courses in Wales and in the local area please look at the CBW website - [www.cbw.org.uk/coaching](http://www.cbw.org.uk/coaching) or contact Mike Beacham at [michael2@glamorgancricket.co.uk](mailto:michael2@glamorgancricket.co.uk).

## Child Welfare

Issues of Child Welfare are taken very seriously throughout junior cricket in Cardiff & the Vale. Each club in the Junior League has its own Child Welfare Officer, charged with seeing that good practice and guidelines are followed within each club.

If you wish to raise any specific issues about Child Welfare, or require further information, please contact your club Child Welfare Officer in the first instance. If they are unable to satisfactorily resolve the matter, please contact Sue Johnson (details in front of handbook).

## **Fair Play Code of Conduct**

All who participate in the Cardiff & Vale Junior Cricket League (players, officials, parents and supporters) are expected to abide by this code. Cricket within the Junior League has a hard earned reputation for being played, win or lose, within the boundaries of "fair play" showing at all times the highest level of sportsmanship towards your opponents and team mates.

**RESPECT** – for opponents, officials and the rules and spirit of the game.

**STAYING CALM** – no matter what happens.

**DIGNITY** – in winning and losing.

**ENJOYMENT FOR ALL INVOLVED.**

**Therefore: -**

Gamesmanship and "sledging" are unacceptable for players and officials.  
Aggressive involvement from parents or supporters is unacceptable.

### **Team tactics**

Matters relating to team tactics are the sole responsibility of the Club Coach and Team Captain. They should not be publicly criticised by players, parents or non-participants. Players, parents and spectators must accept without question decisions made by selectors and most especially the umpires during the course of the game.

### **Discipline**

All matters relating to team and individual discipline on and off the field are the responsibility of the Club's selectors, Coaches and Managers. This includes players' behaviour off the field and when travelling to and from matches.

### **Support for Coaches and Managers**

At Club level, youngsters need the support and encouragement of their parents. It is detrimental to their personal and cricketing development if they witness a parent or supporter publicly contradicting what they have been told by their Coach or Manager, however unhappy the parent may be about any specific incident. Respect for the opposition and positive support for your team, Coach and Manager is required at all times.

### **Acceptance**

It is assumed that any player accepting an invitation to play club cricket does so in the knowledge of the above and the acceptance of and compliance with the principles contained within this code.

## **League Rules**

Please note that the 2013 season must be completed by midnight on Sunday 18th August 2013 and all results and claims received by the League before midnight on Monday 19th August 2013.

The Under 11 B League and the Under 13B League have been regionalised once again in 2013. Note that Under 11 B League final will be between the team that finishes first in the Under 11 B East and under 11 B West division. The Under 13 B League final will be between the team that finishes first in the Under 13 B East and under 13 B West division.

The finals will be played at St Fagans CC on Sunday September 8th 2013 and, with the exception of the Under 11 B League and the Under 13 B League as described above, will be between the top two teams in each division as defined in rule 14.

### **1. General Principles & Interpretation**

The league is intended to provide opportunities for children within the area to be involved in competitive games of cricket, and by doing so develop their skills and understanding of the sport. Whilst the league is competitive, all children who play should have the opportunity to participate in the game as much as possible and to derive enjoyment from playing, even when not winning.

In this respect the rules of the league are intended to ensure opportunity to participate, fairness and that matches are played within the 'spirit of the game'.

Where not specifically amended by these rules, the Laws of Cricket will apply in all matches. However any interpretation of the rules must firstly ensure the application of the spirit of the game and secondly apply common sense in relation to the age and abilities of the children playing.

Where a decision on the interpretation of the rules is required, both managers should attempt to resolve this amicably at the time and explain any decision clearly to the players. If it proves impossible to reach such an agreement, the match will proceed upon the interpretation of the home manager, but will be referred immediately afterwards to the league executive committee, who may determine what action, if any, to take. (Note: The powers of the Executive Committee to run the League, to make decisions and the appeal process is set out in the League Constitution - copies available on request).

### **2. Code of Conduct**

All players, managers, coaches, umpires, parents and spectators are expected to observe a high standard of integrity and behaviour. In this respect it is expected that they adhere to the code of conduct, before, during and after matches. Breaches of the code must be reported to the League.

### **3. Players**

A player may represent a club in the appropriate age group if he/she is under the age for that team (9/11/13/15/17 years of age) at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of the competition. Girls are allowed to play down one calendar year (so for example if they were under 12 they could play down as under 11, but if they were under 13 they would be regarded as under 12 and therefore have to play under 13), but that no girl is allowed to play down if she is also playing for her own age group.

Where a club has more than one team at the same age group the following rules apply:-

□ Players may play for a side up to 5 times before they become ineligible to play for any other side at the same age group.

□ County squad and national squad players must play in the A league team, if it exists, at each club unless they are more than a year younger than the maximum age.

All players must be bona-fide Junior Members of the club they represent and not play in any other junior club league competition during the same season, unless sanctioned by the Executive committee. The league will not condone any form of poaching of players, whether direct/indirect or by influence, from one club to another by parents, coaches/officials or players.

No player shall play for more than one club during the summer (outdoor) season without the consent of the Executive Committee.

#### **4. Fixtures**

Matches will be played at the scheduled time on the date shown in the published League fixtures, unless

a) An alternative date or time is agreed between the clubs and reported to the League Results Secretary in writing at least 72 hours before the scheduled start time.

b) The teams are prevented from playing on the designated home team's pitch, due to bad weather or other unpreventable situation e.g. vandalism, failure of a contractor to cut the grass etc.

Where matches are postponed under 4 b) the home team must contact the away team to agree a new date. The home team must then report to the Results Secretary in writing within one week with the revised date for the fixture or the reason for the failure to rearrange the match.

Clubs who use more than one ground must inform their opposition at least 7 days before the fixture as to where the game will take place.

Clubs must make every effort to commence matches on time and complete the game promptly. If one team is not ready to commence a match on time the other team may if it wishes claim the toss. Managers should report on the scorecard teams that unduly delay the match. The Executive committee may impose sanction on persistent offenders.

#### **5. Matches**

Matches shall consist of one innings per side.

For Under 11 matches the overs received in each innings shall be twice the number of batters.

For Under 13/15 matches each innings shall normally be 20 overs, but maybe reduced to 18 overs or increased up to 24 overs if agreed by both coaches.

Under 17 matches will normally be 30 overs but can be changed if managers agree before the match.

## **6. Teams**

Teams will be made up of a minimum of 8 players. Sides with less than this number of players will forfeit the match.

Under 11 matches will normally consist of 10 players per side, but the managers may agree in advance of the game to increase this up to a maximum of 12 players per side.

Under 13/15/17 matches will normally consist of 11 players per side, however provided managers agree before the date of the match U15/17 matches may consist of any equal number of players between 8 and 11.

Clubs should make every effort to ensure that players are appropriately dressed in cricket whites, wherever possible. The use of matching coloured clothing for matches at any age group is permissible.

## **7. Pitches**

Clubs should attempt to play matches on good quality grass wickets. However as an alternative artificial wickets are a perfectly acceptable alternative, especially where it enables a match to proceed when the weather has prevented playing on grass

The pitch shall be Under 11 Under 13 Under 15/17  
20 yards 21 yards 22 yards

The outfield must be grass, no matches to be played on any artificial outfield surface. Boundaries must be marked by a line, rope or flags and should be set at an appropriate distance taking into consideration the age and ability of the players.

## **8. The Ball & Stumps**

The ball shall weigh 4.75 ounces for Under 11/13 matches.

A new or good condition ball should be provided by the home side for each match.

Once the match has commenced the ball should only be changed if it is badly damaged or lost. In such circumstances it is to be replaced by the best available ball.

A white ball can be used in U15 matches if both sides are wearing coloured clothing.

Where possible for U11 & U13 matches the stumps shall be 27 inches above ground and 8 inches wide. Otherwise they should be full size.

## **9. Bowling**

No player can bowl more than four overs in a game. No player may bowl and keep wicket in the same match except where the wicket keeper is injured and is forced to leave the field.

In under 11 matches every member of the fielding side with the exception of the wicket keeper must bowl at least one over.

If a ball bounces more than twice or rolls along the ground before reaching the batting crease, then a "no ball" will be called.

## **10. Batting**

Batters must wear pads, gloves and a protector. All batters must wear a helmet. It is the responsibility of the clubs, coaches and umpires to ensure that no-one bats without a helmet.

Batters shall retire after reaching a personal score of 30 in Under 13 matches and 35 in Under 15/17 matches. Retired batters will not be allowed to bat again in the match.

In Under 11 matches the batting side shall be divided into pairs and each pair shall bat for four overs. If there is a single batter he/she shall bat for two overs, with a runner at the non strikers end. (Note: if there are less than 10 batters the number of overs in the innings is reduced, therefore no batter can bat for more than 4 overs.) Batters shall have unlimited "lives" but each "life" shall be recorded as a wicket lost. A batter dismissed cannot receive the next delivery.

### **11. Fielding**

All wicketkeepers must wear a helmet when standing up to the wicket. It is the responsibility of the clubs, coaches and umpires to ensure that no-one keeps wicket without a helmet. No fielder except the wicket keeper will be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards measured from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside.

### **12. Scoring**

For Under 11 matches the following will apply:

- Each team shall commence its innings with 200 runs.
- Where a team has less than 10 batsmen, 12 runs shall be deducted from the team's score for each 'missing' batsman.
- 6 runs shall be deducted from the overall score for each wicket lost.
- 2 runs will be added to the score for a wide or no ball and no extra ball will be allowed except in the final two overs of an innings.

The normal laws of cricket will apply to scoring for Under 13/15/17 matches

### **13. Umpires/ Coaching**

It is appreciated that it will not generally be possible to appoint neutral umpires for matches (though this will be arranged for finals and play offs). Clubs should make every effort to find umpires (other than the coach) who have an understanding of the Laws of Cricket, the league rules and who can apply these sensibly to the age and ability of the players. Whoever umpires a match, they must do so impartially.

Once an umpire has commenced standing in a match, he/she should normally complete the whole match. If it is necessary to change an umpire, the reasons must be explained to the other umpire and both coaches (if different) before they stand. Umpires may stand at whichever end they consider most suitable, for example, if one umpire is inexperienced, the other umpire may stand at the bowlers end every over.

The team captain is responsible for managing the players on the pitch. However in U11 matches it is permissible for coaches to stand on the playing area to give coaching advice and demonstrate skills, providing they do not interfere with or delay play. Coaches must only advise the captain on fielding positions between overs, but they may demonstrate a skill between balls.

### **14. Results/ League Tables/ Finals.**

In each match the team scoring the most runs shall be the winner. In the event of the scores of each team being the equal the winner shall be the team which has taken the greater number of wickets. If still equal the side which has scored the most runs from the bat.



Three points will be awarded to a team that wins or is awarded the match. One point will be awarded to a team playing and losing a match. One point will be awarded to each team where a game is abandoned after 5 overs and is not re-arranged. No points will be awarded to either side where a game is not played, claimed or is abandoned before five overs are bowled and is not rearranged.

Matches not played or properly re-arranged under rule 4 may be claimed. If a team wishes to 'Claim' a match, then it must complete Section A of the 'Match Conceded/ Claim For Points' form and send the whole form to the Results Secretary who will send it to the manager of the opposing team to complete Section B. If the completed form is then not returned to the Results Secretary within seven days of posting, the claimant team will be awarded the match. If the form is returned with a counterclaim then the Results Secretary, and/or the Chairman, will decide on whether the game should be awarded to one of the sides, replayed or deem it as Abandoned and award points accordingly; the decision will be final. The latest date of receipt of any such claim will be 31st July except where a match has been arranged before that date to be played in August and one of the teams then cancels it, in which case the latest date for any claim will be the end of season date.

Both teams will be responsible for sending the result card to the League within 7 days of the game. Failure to do so may mean that teams will not be awarded points. League tables will be published by the League from time to time throughout the season. Any decision made on appeal by the Executive Committee on contested results or league tables will be final.

Finals will involve the two teams who scored the most points, subject to them having played a minimum of 50% of their fixtures. If no team has played sufficient matches the team(s) having played most matches will qualify. In the event of two or more teams tied on points then order of selection will be:-

- Most games played
- Results against tied teams
- A play-off.

No player may appear in the finals unless they have played for that team during the season, unless approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

The venue(s) dates and times of finals will be determined by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final. Trophies will be provided at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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