



## Schools Cricket Association of Middlesex Competition Rules

The Schools Cricket Association of Middlesex (SCAM) run competitions for Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, and Under 19 age groups. They also run the U12, U13 and U14 Plate competitions, alongside an U15 twenty over competition.

**Below are the rules and regulations for all age group tournaments and the U15 T20 tournament.**

1) All players must have been born on or after the birth date shown for their age group. Players who are eligible to play in the U15 or U14 competitions may still do so as well as representing the 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

Age group	Players birth date
Under 12 (Year 7)	1st September 2007
Under 13 (Year 8 and below)	1st September 2006
Under 14 (Year 9 and below)	1st September 2005
Under 15 (Year 10 and below)	1st September 2004
Under 19	1st September 2000

2) It is the responsibility of **the HOME** side to arrange the game. It is, however, the **WINNING** team's responsibility to notify the Competition Secretary of the result within 24 hours.

3) Teams arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the toss.

4) a) No fielder, except the wicketkeeper, shall be allowed to field nearer than the *permitted distance shown* for their age group, which is measured from the middle stump, unless they are behind the wicket on the off-side. A fielder shall be allowed to move into the restricted area to make a catch or field a ball provided that s/he is outside the area when the stroke is made.

Age group	Distance required
Under 12/ Under 13	11 yards
Under 14/ Under 15	8 yards
Under 19	No restriction

b) There are no fielding circles required, **with the exception** of the Under 19 Final, where there will be a 30 yard circle in place with a Power Play (no more than 2 fielders outside the circle) during the first 6 overs.



5) Players when batting and/or when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard cricket ball during matches and practices shall wear a helmet. **Parental waivers will not apply.**

6) U12/13: Providing **both managers agree**, all wides and no balls shall count two runs plus any other runs scored with no extra balls; except in the last of the allotted overs when a no ball or wide counts one plus any other runs scored and an extra ball is bowled. The default position will be according to the laws of cricket i.e. as previously.

7) U12/U13/U14: Providing **both managers agree**, each team shall have the option of using 12 players. No more than 11 players can bat or be on the field at any one time. However, once a player has taken the field s/he can take a full part in the match. Players off the field shall be rotated regularly unless injured. The default position will be according to the laws of cricket with a 12<sup>th</sup> man allowed to field but not bowl i.e. as previously.

8) The Laws of Cricket will apply including the size of bat, ball and wicket and length of pitch with the following exceptions:

a) The length of each innings in the rounds up to the semi-finals in the U12, U13, U14 and U15 main competitions shall be 20/25/30 overs (fewer than 20 overs may be played with the mutual agreement of both managers). The Plate competitions, U15 T20 and U19 competitions are 20 overs throughout the competition. Each side must face one quarter of their innings to constitute a match. The length of the Finals will be:

Age group	Final match length
Under 12	30 overs
Under 12 Plate	20 overs
Under 13	30 overs
Under 13 Plate	20 overs
Under 14	40 overs
Under 14 Plate	20 overs
Under 15 Rawlings Trophy	40 overs
Under 15 T20	20 overs
Under 19	20 overs

b) No player may bowl more than 4 overs in a 20 over match, 5 in a 25 over match, 6 in a 30 over match, or 8 in a 40 over match (reduced proportionately for reduced over matches).



- c) If a player breaks down, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over when working out each bowler's limit.
- d) The side which scores the most runs shall be the winner.
- e) If the scores are level, the side which has lost fewer wickets shall be the winner.
- f) If the scores continue level, the winners shall be the side, in order:
- 1) Which has the higher scoring rate (runs/overs) over the first 10 overs of its innings.
  - 2) Which loses the least number of wickets in the first 10 overs of its innings.
  - 3) A bowl out
  - 4) A toss of a coin by the captains will be a last option
- g) In a match abandoned or cancelled because of weather conditions, the winner shall be the side scoring most runs in the first 10 overs of the innings, or 9,8,7,6, down to 5. Overs will be reduced at the rate of one per 3.75 minutes. Each side must face one quarter of their innings to constitute a match.

h) The weight of the ball in each match will be:

Age group	Ball weight
Under 12/ Under 13	4 1/2oz.
Under 14	4 3/4oz.
Under 15/ Under 19	5 1/2oz.

i) A new ball will be provided for each innings

j) The length of the pitch in each match will be:

Age group	Pitch length
Under 12/ Under 13	19 yards
Under 14/ Under 15/ Under 19	22 yards

k) Timed Out: the incoming batsman must be in position to take guard within one minute and thirty seconds of the fall of the previous wicket.



9) Please keep these rules in mind when recording the score. The umpires shall keep a record of the score and overs bowled and shall ensure the scoreboard is kept up to date. The umpires' decisions are final.

10) Advice, coaching or field placing should not be offered during play by team managers, parents, or any other off-field personnel.

11) If the Competition Secretary has not received the result of a match within 24 hours of the date for completion of the round, he will assume the match has not been played and both teams may be eliminated.

12) All disputes should be settled between the two schools. In the event of a disagreement over interpretation of the rules or any other matter, please contact the Competition Secretary, whose decision is final.

#### **Additional rules - U15 T20:**

Coloured clothing will not be provided for the National Finals.

The Regional Co-ordinator may opt to hold a Regional Final with just two teams and not as present with 4 semi-finalists. They will inform county winners.

#### **Additional rules - U19 T20:**

In the final, two runs and a free hit will be awarded following a no ball for overstepping. For this, the batter cannot be given out in any way apart from being run out, hitting the ball twice, obstructing the field or handling the ball.

In the final, a power play will take place during the first six overs when a maximum of 2 players can be outside the circle whilst for the remaining 14 overs this is extended to a maximum of 5 players.

These rules will apply to the Final only, unless BOTH schools agree to play according to these rules during the earlier rounds.