



L&DCC WOMEN & GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2019

RULES

TEAMS

Teams of 8 players. Squad can be of unlimited size. Players can be alternated for individual matches but not **DURING** a match. Each team to have a captain who sets the field.

U15 GIRLS Competition - Players to be U15 ie Year 9/10 but younger girls may play:
Minimum age Year 6.

WOMEN'S Competition - Aged 16+ (Max 3 players Aged 14 or 15 may play per team)

All equipment provided. Balls will be softball 'Incrediball'. Bats will be ECB Girls/Women's Softball Festival type. The League will take place over 5 dates during the 2019 season.

TOSS The 2 captains are present at the toss with an umpire. Captain who wins the toss determines whether their team bats or bowls first.

PITCH

The pitch length shall be: 18 Yards

- Each match shall consist of one innings per team
- Each innings shall consist of a maximum of 8 'six ball' overs
- Batters will bat in pairs, receiving 2 overs per pair
- Batters change ends at the end of each over
- When a batter is out, 5 runs will be deducted from the batting team's total. The out batter shall not face the next delivery. Teams start at 200
- Bowl from one end only. Overarm bowling
- No more than 2 overs shall be bowled by any individual player

RESULTS

The team scoring the most runs in its innings shall be the winner and awarded 3 points. The losing team shall receive 1 point. If the scores of both teams are equal, then the team taking the greatest number of wickets shall be the winner. If the teams are still equal, the game will be declared a tie and each team will be awarded 2 points. At the conclusion of the 5 meets,

the team with the most points will be champions. If one or more teams are level on points final rankings will be decided by the number of wickets taken. If these are the same then runs scored will be the determinant. If still no separation, the head to head record of the teams in question will be applied.

SCORING

The scoring shall take place as follows:

- A ball struck over boundary without touching the ground shall count as 6 runs. A ball struck over boundary whilst hitting the ground first shall count as 4 runs.
- **No Ball**
A No Ball shall score two penalty runs in addition to any other runs scored. **No balls shall only be re-bowled in the final over of each innings.** No ball defined as a delivery that bounces more than twice when arriving at the batter, for above waist high full toss, and overstepping crease in delivery
- **Wide**
A Wide Ball shall score two penalty runs in addition to any additional runs. **Wides shall only be re-bowled in the final over of each innings.**

METHODS OF DISMISSAL

Apart from the normal methods of dismissal contained in the Laws of Cricket, the following variations shall apply:

- LBW may only be given if a batter deliberately blocks the ball to prevent it hitting the wicket

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The League has been set up principally as an entry level competition for clubs who are developing female cricket teams, many for the first time, after hosting an ECB Women's Softball Festival or associated groups have attended the same.

No player registration will be required as in other L&DCC competitions but it is hoped that clubs will respect the prevailing experience level of the majority of teams in player selection. We are applying one restriction only: a limit of one player who has played any hardball league cricket (junior or senior) in the last 2 years. We entrust that clubs will take a common sense approach to selection given the cricket environment of the new league. Basically, if a player is already playing competitive league cricket (hardball), this is not really for them. The Comp hopes to offer a range of formats in the future as the female game develops in our area, that provide an appropriate outlet for players in line with their stage of development - including hardball products. For now though, that is for the future.

In respect of the U15 competition the upper age limit of Year 10 will be applied as the age range for this competition is already very broad to allow younger girls to take part (down to Year 6).

However, up to 3 girls (aged 14 or 15) are able to play in the women's competition to accommodate older juniors aged 15 (Year 11) taking part in the League.

All school years given above relate to the current school year ie 2018/2019