

Royal London Girls Under 17 & Under 15 County Cup

Competition Rules

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This competition will use the Generic 40 overs per side Playing Conditions (p.41).

1 Title

The title of the competitions will be the Royal London Girls Under 17 and Under 15 County Cup.

2 Management

- 2.1 The control of the Competition shall be undertaken by the P&G Committee and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned. These rules apply to all competitions in this book together with other County Age Group matches within the age groups U9 to U17.
- 2.2 The ECB and P&G Committee may delegate any of their powers and duties.

3 Entry

- 3.1 Entry into any of ECB's County Competitions shall be open to those County Boards recognised by the ECB.
- 3.2 Counties who participated in the previous year's Competition shall automatically be included for the following season unless written notification to the contrary is given by 1st October in the year prior to the Competition. A County wishing to enter or be readmitted to a Competition must give written notice to that effect to the ECB Competitions Department by 1st October in the year prior to the Competition.

4 Competition Structure

- 4.1 The competition will be organised on a flexible Regional basis as decided by the ECB. The competition shall be split into A and B Divisions. The winner of each group in the A Division shall progress to the Semi Final stage of the National Finals.
- 4.2 Fixtures have not been allocated to set dates. Counties are free to arrange their fixtures to any date they choose (providing it is before the fixture deadline for that competition) with agreement from their opposition.
- 4.3 The designated home county will be required to enter fixture details onto the Play-Cricket website prior to 1st April 2018, these details must include:
 - 4.3.1 Date of fixture
 - 4.3.2 Venue of fixture
 - 4.3.3 Time of fixture
- 4.4 If changes are made to fixtures during the season, the home side will be expected to amend the fixture details.
- 4.5 Rearrangement of matches
 - 4.5.1 Both cancelled and abandoned matches can be rearranged following an agreement by both Counties.
 - 4.5.2 All matches must be played by the fixture deadline for the competition and notification of a change of fixture must be updated on Play-Cricket.
 - 4.5.3 If matches cannot be rearranged and there is no fault on the part of either County, a cancelled match shall be recorded.
 - 4.5.4 If Counties cannot agree an alternative date the original fixture date given prior to 1st April 2018 will count as the "original" fixture date and the ECB will allocate points accordingly.
- 4.6 The ECB Competitions Department will conduct a draw for matches in the Semi Final and Final rounds which

shall be played on the dates laid down by the ECB Competitions Department.

5 Qualification of players

Please refer to Generic Rule 3.4 (Qualification criteria for Junior cricketers)

- 5.1 A player may play for only one County in the Royal London Girls Under 17 and Under 15 County Cup in any one season. If a County includes in their team a player who has played for another County or for whom consent to play has not been obtained all points attained by that County in the match or matches shall be forfeit. From the Semi Finals the match shall be forfeit.
- 5.2 In the event of a dispute, the matter shall be referred to the ECB, whose decision shall be final.
- 5.3 Players from the Channel Islands shall be eligible to play for any County in the Royal London Girls Under 17 and Under 15 County Cup provided that they only represent one County in the Competition in any one season.

6 Cricket Balls

The Home side shall provide two new cricket balls for each match when balls are not provided by the ECB. The balls shall be of the standard laid down by the ECB for each Competition and shall be given to the umpires prior to the commencement of the match. The Home side will also be responsible for supplying enough spare balls of equal standard. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings.

- 6.1 A 5oz pink hardball will be used for both age groups
- 6.2 Each host County will receive enough match balls to cover all of the matches over the days on which they are hosting.
- 6.3 All Counties are encouraged to play in coloured kit, although this is not mandatory, but all players within the team must be in the same kit. It is noted that coloured

shirts and white trousers would be acceptable in order to assist with the transition.

7 Helmets and Faceguards

Any player under the age of 18 playing in any ECB Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive

8 Umpires

Counties shall appoint two umpires who shall be Full Members of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO) and also have DBS clearance for each home match they play.

9 Scorers

Each team shall provide their own competent, non-playing scorer in all matches. If a team fails to provide a scorer a player has to be nominated from the team to take up the duty for the entire duration of the match.

The use of live electronic scoring is strongly encouraged for all matches.

10 Team Sheets

Each side must provide the umpires with a team sheet before the start of the match identifying any player who has not reached the age of 18 on the date of the match and showing the specific age group of any player who is in the Under 19 age group or younger. It is recommended that the ECB Team Sheet card (available from the local County Board) is used whenever possible.

11 Match Results

It is the responsibility of the HOME side to enter the result and full scorecard details onto the appropriate site on play-cricket.com within 24 hours of the match being completed. The AWAY side should confirm that the summary result has been correctly entered within the next 24 hours. Both sides must ensure that their squad

details have been entered into play-cricket.com prior to every match they play.

11.1 In the event of the match being cancelled or abandoned and then rearranged it is the responsibility of the home County to update Play-Cricket with the new match details.

11.2 In the event of the match not being rearranged, it is still the responsibility of the home County to enter the fact on Play-Cricket.

12 Code of Conduct

All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.

13 Coaching

Coaching shall not be permitted from the sidelines during a match. In such an event, the umpire shall request the coach/manager/parent/spectator to stop. If this persists, the umpire shall have the power to warn the offending team captain and manager that the matter will be reported to the County Board/ECB. The above does not apply to coaches during drinks intervals.

