

## **Berkshire U10/U12/U14 Div.2 Girls Festival Rules 2018**

### **Playing Rules**

1. Aim
  - 1.1 The enjoyment for, and fair play by, all players.
2. Pitch
  - 2.1 Two sets of wickets, 16 yards apart (U10); 18 yards apart (U12); 20 yards apart (U14).
  - 2.2 Boundaries ideally should be a minimum of 30 yards long.
3. Teams
  - 3.1 Each team comprises of 6 players.
  - 3.2 In the event of injury to a player, a substitute will be allowed to field, but not bowl. Should such an injury prevent the player batting, a substitute will be allowed to bat only with the permission of the opposing team's coach.
4. The Start
  - 4.1 The two teams toss a coin to decide which team has the choice of either batting or fielding first.
5. The Game
  - 5.1 Throughout the Festival each game shall consist of one innings per team, each innings to be 9 overs long.
6. Batting & Scoring
  - 6.1 The batting side shall be divided into pairs, each pair batting for 3 overs, with a new pair starting at the end of the third and sixth overs.
  - 6.2 Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs.
  - 6.3 Each time a batter is out, 5 runs are deducted and the other batter of the pair faces the next ball.
  - 6.4 At the end each over the batters must swap ends.
  - 6.5 A batter may be out bowled, caught, run out, stumped, hit wicket.
  - 6.6 There is no LBW law unless the batter deliberately blocks the ball with a leg or foot.
  - 6.7 Runs will be scored in the normal way, as will byes.
  - 6.8 2 runs will be awarded to the batting team for each wide ball and no-ball bowled, but no extra ball will be allocated, except in the final over of each innings when, in addition to the 2 runs, an extra ball will be bowled. See glossary below for details.
  - 6.9 At the end of the first 3 overs, the first pair of batters retires and is replaced by the second pair until all 3 pairs have batted for 3 overs each.
  - 6.10 The second team then bats for its 3 overs swapping with the 3<sup>rd</sup> pair after 6 overs have been bowled.
7. Bowling and Fielding
  - 7.1 Each player on the fielding side must bowl 1 over, with the exception of the wicket keeper who does not have to bowl. No bowler can bowl more than 2 overs per innings. If a team decides to switch wicket keepers in an innings all 6 bowlers must bowl a minimum of 1 over each.
  - 7.2 Bowling will take place from one end only.
  - 7.3 Players on the fielding side DO NOT need to rotate fielding positions.
  - 7.4 With the exception of the wicketkeeper no fielder may field within 10 yards of the wicket, measured from the middle stump except behind the wicket on the off-side. A fielder may move into the restricted area to field a ball provided she was outside the area when the stroke was made.
8. The Result
  - 8.1 The team with the higher net score (runs scored less five runs per wicket lost) wins.
9. Equipment
  - 9.1 A junior 'incrediball' is to be used in all games. The host club is responsible for providing match balls.
  - 9.2 Girls are advised to wear batting gloves, but no other protective equipment needs to be worn.
10. Eligibility
  - 10.1 Please note that the tournament is open to all girls 10/12/14 respectively or under (at midnight on 31 August 2018).

## **Glossary**

### 11. LBW

11.1 In the very simple terms, a batter can be given out if the umpire feels that a ball, which hits the batter's leg, would have hit the stumps. This law though will not be used unless a batter deliberately blocks or kicks the ball away with the leg or foot.

### 12. Wide ball

12.1 A ball that is too far from the batter to strike will be called a wide. A ball will not be called a wide, no matter how wide it may be, if the batter manages to hit it with bat or body.

### 13. No ball

13.1 If a ball bounces more than twice before reaching the batsman, or if it reaches the batsman above waist height without bouncing, it will be called a no ball.

## **Results**

14. It is the responsibility of the host club to collate the results from their festival. Simply the match result and final score is required. These should then be emailed to [verity.johnson@berkshirecricket.org](mailto:verity.johnson@berkshirecricket.org) at the earliest opportunity.