

NatWest Under 13 National Club Championship

Competition Rules

1 Title

The title of the Competition shall be the NatWest Under 13 National Club Championship for the Ken Barrington Cup.

2 Management

Please refer to Generic Rule 1.

3 Entry

3.1 County

Please refer to Generic Rule 2.

3.2 Clubs

All competing cricket clubs must be affiliated to the ECB through their County Board. Each club must apply to enter their County Competition by the date specified by their County Board. A club may only enter the County Competition of one County Board irrespective of how many County Boards they are affiliated to. Counties must submit a list of competing clubs and contact addresses each year to the ECB Competitions Department by the date specified by the ECB.

4 Competition Structure

4.1 County

The Competition shall be organised on a County basis and each County Board shall organise their own Competition to determine a winner to enter the National Stages of the Competition. All arrangements for County Competitions shall be the responsibility of each County Board and must be completed and reported to the ECB Competitions Department in accordance with the timetable specified by the ECB. The name and contact details of the winning club

in each County Competition must be immediately notified to the ECB Competitions Department.

4.2 National Stage Round 1

Matches in National Stage Round 1 (previously known as County Playoff) shall be undertaken in accordance with the draw and the timetable made each year by the ECB. Arrangements for these matches are to be made by the respective County Organisers in consultation with the clubs involved. The results must be notified to the ECB Competitions Department immediately following each match.

4.3 National Group Finals

The National Stage Group Finals (previously known as the Regional Finals) shall be organised with four teams playing two National Quarter Finals, one Semi Final and a playoff match on one day at one of six venues. All arrangements for these matches shall be made by the ECB Competitions Department.

4.4 National Finals

The winning team from each of the six Semi Finals shall participate in the National Finals which take place over three days as a residential cricket festival. All arrangements for the National Finals shall be made by the ECB Competitions Department.

5 Eligibility

The Competition shall be open to all clubs which are affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through their County Board. Clubs should enter the Competition of the County in which they are physically located (as per the ECB Cricketing County boundaries as currently defined). If a club wishes to enter the Competition of another County for reasons of easier travel or historical precedent this can be arranged provided that the permission of the home County Board is obtained. Such permission should not be

unreasonably withheld. A club may enter one or more teams but Rule 6 will apply in so far as each team will be considered as a separate club.

6 Qualification of Players

A player may represent a club in the Competition if they are under 13 years of age at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of the Competition. All players must be bona-fide Junior Members of the club they represent and play for the club in the Junior League or Leagues that the club enters. Overseas exchange students who are based in England and Wales for less than three months are not eligible to take part in this competition. A player may play for only one club in the Competition in any one season.

7 Cricket Balls

Each County Board shall be responsible for determining the supply of cricket balls for their own County Competition except the County Final. The ECB shall be responsible for supplying two cricket balls for each match played in the County Final and National Stages of the Competition.

8 Helmets & Faceguards

Please refer to Generic Rule 9.

9 Umpires

Each County Board shall be responsible for the appointment of umpires in their County Competition and for home matches for their County Champion in the National Stage Round 1 matches. The ECB shall appoint all umpires for the National Stage Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals. All appointed umpires must be full members of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials. All umpires must have current CRB clearance.

10 Match Results

10.1 County

Each club must forward the result of their match to their County Board immediately following the completion of each match.

10.2 National Stage Round 1

Each winning club must add the result of their match to the Play-Cricket website following each match in Round 1.

10.3 National Stage Group Finals and Finals

Each club must hand a completed result sheet to the ECB match manager immediately following each of the Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final matches. If an ECB match manager is not present, the winning club must add the result of their match to the Play-Cricket website.

11 Code of Conduct

Please refer to Generic Rule 11.

12 Coaching

Please refer to Generic Rule 12.

Playing Conditions

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 5th Edition – 2013) shall apply with the following exceptions:

1 In All Matches

- 1.1 The pitch shall be 21 yards in length.
- 1.2 The ball shall weigh 4.75oz.
- 1.3 The stumps shall be 27" above the ground and 8" wide (see Law 8.4).
- 1.4 Matches shall consist of one innings per side.
- 1.5 Each innings shall be a maximum of 20 overs in duration. A minimum of 5 overs per side will constitute a match. If the number of overs available to each side are not equal then run rate will be used to decide matches.
- 1.6 No bowler shall bowl more than four overs in a match. In matches of less than 20 overs a side the number of overs per bowler will be reduced pro rata.
- 1.7 When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must 'retire' and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 if their retirement would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.
- 1.8 The team scoring the most runs in its innings shall be the winner.
- 1.9 Restrictions on the placement of Fieldsman – without Inner Circles.

Generic Playing Condition 2.1 will apply at all stages of the Competition.

Generic Playing Condition 3 will apply at all stages of the Competition with the following amendment to Generic Playing Condition 3.1:

The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 25 yards (23 metres).

1.10 Junior Fielding Restrictions

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 5.

1.11 Law 40.2 – Wicket-Keeping Gloves

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 8.

1.12 Law 42.6 – Dangerous and Unfair Bowling

1.12.1 Law 42.6 (b) Bowling of high full pitched balls, to be amended to read as follows:

Any high full pitched ball (regardless of its pace) which passes or would have passed above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease shall be called and signalled No ball by the umpire at the bowler's end.

In addition, if the high full pitched ball is fast, it shall be deemed dangerous and unfair and the umpire at the bowler's end, in addition to the call and signal of No ball, will adopt the procedures of Law 42.7.

1.12.2 Law 42.7 – Dangerous and Unfair Bowling - action by the umpire. Law 42.7 applies except that the reference to Law 42.6 is the amended Law 42.6 as above.

2 In County Competitions

The procedure for arriving at the winner should the scores be equal shall be determined by each County Board.

3 In National Stage Round 1, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals

3.1 In the event of the scores of each team being equal the winner shall be determined as follows:

3.1.1 The team which has taken the greater number of wickets.

3.1.2 If still equal, the side with the highest score at the end of 19 overs, if still equal, at the end of 18 overs, 17 overs, etc.

3.1.3 If still equal, 5 players shall be nominated to bowl alternately at the wickets from the bowler's end and the team scoring the most hits shall be the winner. In the event of the number of hits being equal, the above 5 bowlers shall be nominated to bowl alternately in a sudden death bowl-out, until a winner has been achieved. Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 9.

3.2 In the event of a rain curtailed match:

3.2.1 The match can be rearranged if, before the original game has been started, both sides can mutually agree a reserve date before the deadline date of that round.

3.2.2 Or, if weather permits, the winner shall be decided by bowl-out, as defined in 3.1.3 above.

3.2.3 Or, if a bowl-out is not possible, the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

4 National Finals

4.1 Matches in the National Finals will be played on a league basis with each team playing each other once.

4.2 The winning team in each match shall score 10 points. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined as per 3.1 above. In the event of an abandoned match each team shall score 5 points.

4.3 In the event of two or more teams finishing with an equal number of points, their league finishing position shall be determined by the result of the match(es) between those teams. If they still cannot be separated, their league positions shall be determined by the team with the higher net run rate in the Finals Festival matches in which a result was achieved being placed in the higher position (please refer to Generic Playing Condition 10 for the calculation of net run rate).

