

Royal London Girls Under 17 & Under 15 County Cup

Competition Rules



This competition will use the Girls County Cup 40 overs per side Playing Conditions.

- 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 Talent Pathway Sub-Group and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
 - 2.2 The ECB and Talent Pathway Sub-Group 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 September 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 Team by 1st September in the year prior to the Competition.
- 4 Competition Structure**
 - 4.1 The U17 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. All U15 Counties will progress to one of a number of festivals to be held in August, the festival ranking will be determined by the total number of points gained in both the County One-Day and T20 Competitions from the previous season.
 - 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 2020, 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 2020 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 U17 Semi Final and Final rounds which shall be played on the dates laid down by the ECB Competitions Team.

5 **Qualification of players**

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

- 5.1 ECB has approved a Dual Registration Scheme for both Girls U17 & U15 Cricket for the 2020 season. Any player can be dual registered but may only be registered for a maximum of 2 Counties (their home County plus 1 other). In order for a player to play all parties including the ECB are satisfied that the criteria of the scheme have been met, see separate Dual Registration Scheme paper available from sue.laister@ecb.co.uk. If a County includes in their team a player 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 forfeited.

In all ECB CAG U17 competitive County Cup fixtures every County can play 3x under 19 players, Generic Rule 3.4.6 states age groups are defined by the player’s age at midnight on 31st August in the year prior to the relevant season. The exception to this is for those girls who are over 17 and are a named member of England Women, England Academy or England Training Squads.

- 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 **Number of Players**

Each team may have a squad of up to 12 players, no more than 11 players can bat or be on the field at any time.

All players must be nominated to the umpires in writing before the toss is made. There is no requirement to nominate which 11 players will bat. Any replacement/ substitution of a member of the fielding side can only be made with the approval of the umpires and only at the end of an over, the fall of a wicket or during an interval. Once a player has taken the field they can play a full part in the match, subject to the provisions of Law 17.6 (Bowler changing ends).

- 7 **Pitch Lengths**
Following the recommendations relating to pitch lengths, all Girls U15 cricket shall be played on pitches of 20 yards. For Girls U17 cricket, 22 yards shall be used.
- 8 **Cricket Balls & Coloured Clothing**
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.
- 8.1 A 5oz pink hardball will be used for both age groups
- 8.2 Each host County will receive enough match balls to cover all of the matches over the days on which they are hosting.
- 8.3 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.
- 9 **Helmets and Faceguards**
Any player under the age of 18 playing in any ECB Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **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.
- 13 **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 within 48 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 prior to every match they play.

- 13.1 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. Re-arranged fixtures must be completed before the cut-off date.
- 13.2 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.

14 **Points**

14.1 **Match Results and Points**

Win	10 + Bonus Points
Loss	0 + Bonus Points
Tie	5 + Bonus Points
Abandoned	5
Cancelled	0
Conceded games	-5
Team Conceded Against	18 (<i>including full bonus points</i>)

14.2 **Bonus Points** (max of 4 batting and 4 bowling)

Batting Points *		Bowling Points
Equal or more than:		1 point for each of the following wickets taken: 3, 5, 7 and 9
2.5 Runs per over	1 point	
3 Runs per over	2 points	
4 Runs per over	3 points	
5 Runs per over	4 points	

*e.g. A match is reduced to 20 overs per side. The team batting first makes 100 runs. This is 5 RPO which gives them 4 batting bonus points. The team batting second then scores 60 runs off 10 overs, all out. Despite scoring at 6 RPO, the team batting second only earns 2 batting bonus points (because their allocated number of overs was 20).

- 14.3 If teams have fewer than 11 batsmen – the fielding team shall be awarded full bowling bonus points if only one batter remains.

15 **Division Rankings**

After all matches Counties will be ranked in their respective Divisions using the following criteria, in the order given:

- 15.1 Total points.
- 15.2 Head to head result(s) of teams tied on total points. If Team A wins one match and other match against Team B is cancelled, Team A finishes in higher position. If Team A and Team B win one match each, go to 15.3.
- 15.3 Team with the highest net run-rate from all completed matches.

16 **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.

17 **Coaching**

Additional coaching breaks are permitted in all Royal London U17 and U15 County Cup matches. Details of these are listed in the Playing Conditions.

At all other times 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.

Playing Conditions – Girls County Cup 40 overs per side

The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 2nd Edition - 2019) shall apply with the following exceptions:

1 **Duration**

All matches will consist of one innings per side, and each innings will be limited to 40 six-ball overs. A minimum of 10 overs per team will constitute a match (subject to the provisions of 8 below).

2 **Hours of Play and Intervals**

2.1 Start times are to be agreed by teams or directed by competition organiser.

2.2 The interval will be 30 minutes unless otherwise agreed by both teams.

2.3 The total match time, including interval and coaching breaks, should be no longer than 6 hours 20 minutes, exception given for the final over of each innings.

2.4 **Sessions of Play and Interval between Innings**

Provided that no time has been lost (see below) the interval will be of the agreed duration commencing at the end of the innings of the team batting first.

Unless tea is immediately available, if the team batting first has completed its innings at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled interval, a 10 minute break will occur. The team batting second will commence its innings and the interval will occur as scheduled. The exception to this rule is if the side bowling first complete their overs, in which case they shall have the option of beginning their innings during the time remaining before the scheduled interval or take the interval earlier than scheduled.

In the event of time being lost umpires have the discretion to reduce the length of the interval.

Additional Hour – Subject to weather and light, in the event of play being suspended for any reason other than normal intervals, the playing time shall be extended by the amount of time lost up to a maximum of one hour. If the scheduled match start time is later than 1:00pm, this regulation will not apply. Otherwise, the teams may agree to dispense with this rule only by mutual consent. In such circumstances, the umpires must be notified before the start of the match.

2.5 **Coaching Breaks**

Two compulsory coaching break at drinks per innings will be taken after 14 and 28 overs of the innings unless a wicket falls in the 14th and/or 28th overs, in which case the interval will be taken immediately.

The intervals for drinks shall not last longer than 5 minutes in total for each break. **Note:** in all cases the time taken for drinks and coaching breaks is included in the playing time for that innings.

In addition to the compulsory drinks breaks, one optional batting and one optional bowling tactical break can be taken by the batting/fielding side at any point during each innings at the end of any over. A tactical break can be called by captain or coach by notifying the umpire and once called cannot be reversed. During a tactical break, coaches from both teams will be permitted onto the field. Tactical breaks shall not last longer than 5 minutes in total for each break.

For reduced overs matches between 25-39 overs, only one compulsory drinks break will take place.

For reduced overs matches between 10-24 overs, no compulsory drinks break will take place.

In any reduced overs match, one optional batting and one optional bowling tactical break will remain.

An individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or, at the fall of a wicket, on the field providing that no playing time is wasted. No other drinks shall be taken on to the field without the permission of the umpires except that under conditions of extreme heat the umpires may permit extra intervals for drinks. Any player taking drinks on to the field shall be dressed in proper cricket attire.

3 Length of Innings

3.1 Uninterrupted Matches

(i.e. Matches which are neither delayed nor interrupted)

- (a) Each team shall bat for 40 six ball overs unless all out earlier. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.
- (b) All sides are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last of their 40 overs within 2 hours 55 minutes playing time. In the event of them failing to do so, one fewer fielder shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area in 4.1 or 4.4 than would normally be the case in the Powerplay in progress at the time. All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes dead after the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the innings.

The full quota of overs will be completed.

If the innings is terminated before the scheduled or re-scheduled cut off-time, no over rate penalty shall apply. If the innings is interrupted, the over-rate penalty will apply based on the re-scheduled cessation time for that innings.

The Umpire shall inform the fielding team Captain when taking the field for the first time and on every subsequent occasion if play is interrupted, the scheduled cessation time for that innings.

The Umpire at the bowler's end will inform the fielding Captain, the batsman and their fellow Umpire of any time allowances as and when they arise. (This matter will not be subject to retrospective negotiation). In addition, in all reduced overs matches, the fielding team will be given one over's leeway. For the avoidance of doubt, one over's leeway means that the fielding side must be in position to bowl the first ball of the penultimate over by the scheduled or rescheduled cut off time.

Over-rate penalties apply only to innings of 15 overs or more duration unless a penalty has been applied before 15 overs have been bowled.

This is the only penalty for a slow over-rate.

3.2 Delayed or Interrupted Matches

3.2.1 General

Rearrangement of the number of overs may be necessary due to a delayed start or one or more interruptions in play as a result of adverse ground, weather or light conditions or any other reason. The timing and duration of all suspensions of play (including all intervals) or delays during the match will be taken into account when calculating the length of time available for either innings.

- (a) The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that, if possible, both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.

A minimum of 10 overs must be bowled to the team batting second in order to constitute a match (subject to the provisions of 8 below).

The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of 16 overs per hour in the total time available for play up to the scheduled Close of Play.

- (b) If, owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings, there is insufficient time for the team batting second to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as in 3.2.1 (a) above.
- (c) If the team fielding second fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled cessation time, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
- (d) The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.
- (e) Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs, with total rounded up.

Please refer to 8 (The Result) for methodology of calculating target scores in interrupted matches.

4 **Restrictions on the Placement of Fielders**

4.1 The following fielding restrictions shall apply for **Girls U15 County** matches (*for Girls U17 County matches see 4.4 onwards*):

At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side.

Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 25 yards (23 metres). The semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at 5 yard (4.57 metres) intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches (18 cm) in diameter.

At the instant of delivery:

- (a) **Powerplay 1** – two fielders must be outside this fielding restriction area and there must be two catchers behind the bat plus the wicketkeeper. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 1 to 10 inclusive.
- (b) **Powerplay 2** – four fielders must be outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 11 to 30 inclusive.
- (c) **Powerplay 3** – a maximum of four fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 31 to 40 inclusive.

4.2 In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of overs within each phase (Powerplay) of the innings shall be reduced in accordance with the table in **Appendix 1**. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.

4.3 If play is interrupted during an innings, overs are reduced and the table in Appendix 1 is applied, the Powerplay overs take immediate effect. For the avoidance of doubt this applies even if the interruption has occurred mid-over.

4.4 The following fielding restrictions shall apply for **Girls U17 County** matches (4.4 – 4.14):

At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side.

Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 25.15 yards (23 metres). The semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at 5 yard (4.57 metres) intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches (18 cm) in diameter.

At the instant of delivery:

- (a) **Powerplay 1** – no more than two fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area and there must be two catchers behind the bat plus the wicketkeeper. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 1 to 8 inclusive.

- (b) **Batting Powerplay** – no more than three fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, this is for 4 overs and must be completed before the end of the innings.
- (c) During non Powerplay Overs, four fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area.
- 4.5 For the batting Powerplay Overs (block of 4 overs for an uninterrupted match), it shall be taken at the discretion of either of the batter at the wicket.
 - 4.5.1 A batter must nominate her team's Powerplay no later than the moment at which the umpire reaches the stumps at the bowler's end for the start of the next over.
 - 4.5.2 Once a batter has nominated a Powerplay, the decision cannot be reversed.
 - 4.5.3 Should the batting team choose not to exercise their discretion, their Powerplay Overs will automatically commence at the latest available point in the innings (i.e. in an uninterrupted innings, the batting Powerplay will begin at the start of the 37th over).
 - 4.5.4 Batting Powerplay Overs must commence at the start of an over.
- 4.6 In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Powerplay Overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table in **Appendix 2**. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.
- 4.7 If play is interrupted not during the Powerplay overs, then on resumption, it is necessary to determine how any remaining Powerplay overs should be allocated. The total number of Powerplay overs for the innings is derived from the table in Appendix 2. Any Powerplay overs already taken prior to the interruption will be deemed to have been from the initial allocation followed by the batting side's allocation. The decision of the batting side of when to take any remaining Powerplay overs is made in the usual way.
- 4.8 If play is interrupted during the first Powerplay and on resumption the overs required to be bowled in that Powerplay have already been exceeded, then the Batting Powerplay will be assumed to have been taken immediately and will continue until it is completed.
- 4.9 If following an interruption, on resumption the total number of Powerplay Overs for the innings has already been exceeded, then there will be no further Powerplay deliveries bowled in the innings. Note that this is the only circumstance under which the Powerplay status can be changed during an over.
- 4.10 If following an interruption while a Powerplay is not in progress, it is found on resumption that the recalculated number of Powerplay Overs remaining exceeds the number of overs to be bowled in the innings, then the Powerplays will commence at the start of the next over, with fewer than the scheduled number of Powerplay Overs being bowled in the innings.
- 4.11 At the commencement of the second block of Powerplay Overs, the umpire shall signal such commencement to the scorers by rotating his arm in a large circle.
- 4.12 The umpire shall also indicate to the fielding captain before any signal is made that the batting side has chosen its Powerplay.

- 4.13 In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, the square leg umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'.
- 4.14 In the event of the striker's end Umpire failing to call and signal No Ball when the fielding restrictions in this playing condition have been breached or when Law 28.4 has been breached (at the point of delivery, not more than two fielders other than the wicketkeeper shall be behind the popping crease on the on side), immediately the ball becomes dead the striker may draw the matter to that Umpire's attention. If the striker's end Umpire is able to verify the breach he shall call and signal No Ball. If the striker's end Umpire is unable to verify the breach then he shall confirm that the events of the delivery shall be unchanged.

5 **Number of Overs Per Bowler**

- 5.1 No bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the amount of overs scheduled for the innings. However, in a delayed start, or interrupted match, where the overs are reduced for both sides, or for the side bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance - e.g. after 16 overs, rain interrupts play and the innings is reduced to 32 overs. Both opening bowlers have bowled 8 overs. Two bowlers can bowl 7 overs and three bowlers can bowl 6 overs. Bowlers 1 and 2 have already exceeded this limit. They count as the two bowlers who were allowed the extra over (7 as opposed to 6) and so any other bowlers are limited to 6 overs.
- 5.2 When an interruption occurs mid-over and on resumption the bowler has exceeded the new maximum allocation, they will be allowed to finish the incomplete over.
- 5.3 In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, another bowler will bowl the remaining balls. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.
- 5.4 The ECB Fast Bowling Directives will apply to all matches.

6 **No Ball**

- 6.1 Law 41.6 (Bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries) shall apply with the following additions:
- 6.1.1 Regardless of how wide of the striker a delivery is, there shall be no more than two deliveries per over that after pitching pass or would have passed clearly over shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.
- 6.1.2 The umpire shall make it clear to the bowler (and any bowler called upon to complete an over) and the batsmen at the wicket when a delivery within the limit in 6.1.1 has been bowled. It is unfair if the limit is exceeded and the umpire shall call and signal No ball on each such occasion and consider it as part of the warning sequence in Laws 41.6.3 and 41.6.4.

6.1.3 A different signal shall be used to signify a fast short pitched “No Ball”. The Umpire shall call and signal “No Ball” then raise the other arm across the chest. If the bowler exceeds his limit of short pitched deliveries in an over not only must the Umpire call “No Ball” but he must invoke the procedures of Law 41.6.3 in regard to cautioning the bowler. If a bowler is “No Balled” a second time in the innings for the same offence the Umpire is to invoke Law 41.6.4 and the bowler shall be removed forthwith and shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

Note: For the avoidance of doubt the warnings detailed in Laws 41.6.1, 41.6.2 and those above in 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 are cumulative

6.2 Law 41.7 (Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries) shall apply.

6.3 **Free Hit after a No Ball**

6.3.1 The delivery following a no ball shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.

Note: this applies to all modes of No ball with the exception of a short-pitched delivery that passes or would have passed clearly over head-height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.

6.3.2 If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball), then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it.

6.3.3 For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

6.3.4 Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker or the No Ball was the result of a field restriction breach in which case the field may be changed to the extent of correcting the breach. However, in all circumstances, any fielder within 15 yards of the striker may retreat to a position on the same line no more than 15 yards from the striker.

6.3.5 The umpires shall signal a free hit by (after the normal no ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

7 **Wide Bowling – Judging a Wide**

Umpires are instructed to apply the Laws of Cricket when bowling wide of the wicket.

Any offside or legside delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batter a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide.

8 **The Result**

8.1 A result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 10 overs, unless one team has been all out in less than 10 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 10 overs.

All matches in which a match has begun but both teams have not had the opportunity of batting for a minimum of 10 overs (subject to the provisions of this clause) shall be declared 'Abandoned'.

- 8.2 Where the maximum number of overs available to both sides remains unaltered once play has commenced the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If no winner is required, the match will be declared as a tie.
- 8.3 In a Semi Final or Final match and the scores are tied, the side losing fewer wickets shall be the winner.
- 8.4 If the result cannot be decided by 8.2 or 8.3 above the winner shall be the side with the higher score a) after 30 overs, or if still equal b) after 20 overs or if still equal c) after 10 overs.
- 8.5 In the unlikely event of all these being equal, or if a result cannot be achieved in the match, there will be a bowl-out (outdoors or indoors) under the supervision of the umpires to determine a winner.
- 8.6 If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponent's score, the following shall apply:
 - 8.6.1 If the match is abandoned before the Close of Play, the result shall be decided on the Duckworth/Lewis method (version of DL shall be prescribed by the competition organiser. If no agreement, Play-Cricket Scorer/PCS Pro should be used).
 - 8.6.2 If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second has to be revised, their target score shall be calculated by the Duckworth/Lewis method. With the Duckworth/Lewis method, an integral target will be set for the team batting second with one run less than this target resulting in a Tie.
 - 8.6.3 If 8.6.2 results in a tie and a winner is required or if a result cannot be achieved in the match, there will be a bowl-out (outdoors or indoors) under the supervision of the umpires to determine a winner.
- 8.7 If circumstances in 8.5 or 8.6.3 make a 'bowl-out' impossible, the match shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

Appendix 1

Illustrations of Powerplay Regulations (Girls County U15)

4.2 In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of overs within each phase (Powerplay) of the innings shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.

Innings Duration	Powerplay 1	Powerplay 2	Powerplay 3
10	3	4	3
11	3	5	3
12	3	6	3
13	3	6	4
14	4	6	4
15	4	7	4
16	4	8	4
17	4	8	5
18	5	8	5
19	5	9	5
20	5	10	5
21	5	10	6
22	6	10	6
23	6	11	6
24	6	12	6
25	6	12	7
26	7	12	7
27	7	13	7
28	7	14	7
29	7	14	8
30	8	14	8
31	8	15	8
32	8	16	8
33	8	16	9
34	9	16	9
35	9	17	9
36	9	18	9
37	9	18	10
38	10	18	10
39	10	19	10

- 4.3 If play is interrupted during an innings, overs are reduced and the table in 4.2 is applied, the Powerplay overs take immediate effect. For the avoidance of doubt this applies even if the interruption has occurred mid-over.

Illustrations of 4.3:

A 40 over innings is interrupted after 8.3 overs and on resumption has been reduced to 32 overs. The new phases are 8+16+8. Therefore the middle phase (Powerplay 2) fielding take immediate effect when play resumes and last for a further 15.3 overs. The final phase (Powerplay 3) begins after 24 overs have been bowled.

A 40 over innings is interrupted after 18.5 overs, and on resumption has been reduced to 22 overs. New phases are 6+10+6. When play resumes, the final phase (Powerplay 3) fielding restrictions apply for the remaining 3.1 overs.

Appendix 2

Illustrations of Powerplay Regulations (Girls County U17)

- 4.6 In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Powerplay Overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.

Innings Duration	First Powerplay	Batting Powerplay	Powerplay Total
10 – 12	2	1	3
13 – 15	3	1	4
16 – 18	3	2	5
19 – 21	4	2	6
22 – 24	5	2	7
25 – 28	5	3	8
29 – 31	6	3	9
32 – 34	7	3	10
35 – 38	7	4	11
39	8	4	12

- 4.7 If play is interrupted not during the Powerplay overs, then on resumption, it is necessary to determine how any remaining Powerplay overs should be allocated. The total number of Powerplay overs for the innings is derived from the table in 4.6. Any Powerplay overs already taken prior to the interruption will be deemed to have been from the initial allocation followed by the batting side's allocation. The decision of the batting side of when to take any remaining Powerplay overs is made in the usual way.

Illustrations of 4.7:

A match starts as 40 overs, is interrupted after 9 overs and reduced to 33 overs (The first 8 overs have been Powerplays; the next one was not). The new Powerplay allocation is 7+3, so there is 1 over left for the batting side. This must start no later than the 40th over in order to be completed by the end of the innings.

- 4.8 If play is interrupted during the first Powerplay and on resumption the overs required to be bowled in that Powerplay have already been exceeded, then the Batting Powerplay will be assumed to have been taken immediately and will continue until it is completed.

Illustrations of 4.8

A 40 over innings is interrupted after 7.3 overs, and on resumption has been reduced to 33 overs. Powerplay overs are 7+3. Batting Powerplay is in progress with 0.3 out of the 3 overs completed, i.e. it covers overs 8 to 10. The fielding restrictions relating to the second powerplay take immediate effect on resumption.

- 4.9 If following an interruption, on resumption the total number of Powerplay Overs for the innings has already been exceeded, then there will be no further Powerplay deliveries bowled in the innings. Note that this is the only circumstance under which the Powerplay status can be changed during an over.

Illustrations of 4.9

A 40 over innings is interrupted after 8.3 overs, and on resumption has been reduced to 28 overs. Powerplay overs are 5+3. All Powerplay overs have been completed. Non-Powerplay restrictions take effect immediately and do not need to wait until the end of the over.

- 4.10 If following an interruption while a Powerplay is not in progress, it is found on resumption that the recalculated number of Powerplay Overs remaining exceeds the number of overs to be bowled in the innings, then the Powerplays will commence at the start of the next over, with fewer than the scheduled number of Powerplay Overs being bowled in the innings.

Illustration of 4.10

A 40 over innings in which only the 1st Powerplay has been taken is interrupted after 35.1 overs and reduced to 38 overs. Powerplay overs are still 7+4. Powerplays automatically resume for the start of the next over, but only 10 of the 11 scheduled Powerplay overs can be bowled in the innings.