

THE DAVID ENGLISH /BUNBURY CUP
PLAYING REGULATIONS

The Laws of Cricket will apply with the following exceptions:-

1. ESCA recommends that:
 - a) the length of the pitch shall be 21 yards
 - b) the stumps will be 27' x 8"
 - c) the ball will be 4.75 ounces.
2. The length of the innings in the County Rounds shall be to a maximum of 30 overs (fewer by arrangement).
3. The length of the innings in the National Rounds shall be to a maximum of 35 overs (fewer by arrangement, but not less than 30 unless rain affected). The Semi-Finals and Final will be 35 over matches.
4. In County Rounds no bowler may bowl more than 6 overs (reduced proportionately for reduced over matches).
5. In National Rounds no bowler may bowl more than 7 overs (reduced proportionately for reduced over matches).
6. If a bowler breaks down the remaining bowls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over when working out each bowler's limit.
7. The side which scores the most runs shall be the winner.
8. If the scores are level, the side which has lost the least wickets shall be the winner.
9. If the scores continue level, the winner shall be the side, in order:-
 - (a) which has the higher score over the first 20 overs of the innings
 - (b) which loses the least number of wickets in the first 20 overs of the innings
 - (c) which has the higher score over the first 10 overs of the innings
 - (d) losing the least number of wickets in the first 10 overs of the innings.
10. If the scores are still level a bowl out will be organised or at the last resort the captains will toss a coin to decide the winner.
11.
 - a) If the start is delayed by rain, overs will not be deducted until one hour after the scheduled start. From that time they will be reduced at the rate of one over per further five minutes lost to a minimum of ten overs per side remaining.
 - b) If rain interrupts play, overs will be reduced at the rate of one over per five minutes lost from the time of the interruption, unless such an interruption occurs in the first hour. Should the interruption occur in the first hour then regulation 11.a) will apply.
12. If rain curtails a match, the winner shall be the side scoring more runs in the first 10 overs of the innings.
13. The National Final will not be re-arranged. Trophy shared.
14. The decision of the Executive Committee is final in regard to any disputes or infringement of the rules.

Note: The ESCA regulations concerning CLOSE FIELDERS will apply in all matches. The ECB regulations regarding the use of helmets for batsmen and wicketkeepers will be adhered to.

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RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The competition is called The David English/Bunbury Cup for schools and is administered by the English Schools' Cricket Association.
2. Entry is open to all schools affiliated to County Schools Cricket Associations.
3. The Competition will be played each year in two phases. In the first phase a competition within each county will be played between pupils under 12 years at midnight on the previous 31st August. Pupils must be on the school roll at the commencement of the County Competition. This phase of the competition is called the COUNTY COMPETITION.
4. In the second year, a competition will be played between County winners of the previous year and be open to pupils under 13 years at midnight on the previous 31st August. This phase of the Competition will be known as the NATIONAL COMPETITION.
5. Organisation of the County Competitions will be in the hands of the County Secretaries.
6. The draw for the National Competition is made by the Committee and circulated to the schools concerned.
7. The first named school in each pairing is drawn at home and is responsible for arrangements and for making the initial contact with its opponents. Each school in the County Competition will provide one umpire and scorer for all matches.
8. All arrangements for the National Competition Final will be made by the Committee. Semi-finals will be played on the ground of the school winning the draw.
9. In the event of no decision being reached in a match because of inclement weather, inability to arrange or rearrange a fixture before a deadline, or any other reason, then the result will be decided by a bowl-out, in the event of none of the above being possible then the result will be decided by the toss of a coin.
10. It is the responsibility of the winning team in COUNTY ROUND to inform the County Association Secretary of results. In NATIONAL ROUNDS, the General Secretary of the English Schools' Cricket Association. Losers also should send in results cards, which will be provided.
11. In the National Competition, claims can be made for a contribution towards expenses. Schools will be sent Claims Forms which should be returned to the ESCA Treasurer, Mr B L Johns, 52 Hatherley Road, Reading RG1 5QE.