

THE LORD'S TAVERNERS CRICKET COLTS TROPHY FOR SCHOOLS 2010

NATIONAL SECTION

Organised by ESCA

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RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2010

1. The Competition is called "The Lord's Taverners Cricket Colts Trophy for Schools" and is administered by ESCA.
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 who are under fourteen years at midnight on the previous 31<sup>st</sup> August. The pupils must be on the school roll at the commencement of the County Competition. This phase of the competition is called the COUNTY COMPETITION. **All rounds, including the final, must be completed by 30 September in the year of the County competition, so that County winners can be passed on to the National Draw.**
4. In the second year, a competition will be played between County winners of the previous year and be open to pupils under fifteen years at midnight on the previous 31<sup>st</sup> August. This phase of the competition will be known as the NATIONAL COMPETITION. **Counties that have not completed all rounds, including the final, in phase one will forfeit the opportunity to be represented in phase two, the National Competition.**
5. Organisation of the COUNTY COMPETITION will be in the hands of ESCA County Secretaries.
6. 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.
7. The draw for the NATIONAL COMPETITION is made by the Committee and circulated to the schools concerned.
8. The Committee will make arrangements for the NATIONAL COMPETITION and Final. All schools should provide one umpire and scorer except for the Final when neutral umpires will be appointed. Semi-finals will be played on the home side's ground (the first named in each pairing) as shown on the draw.
9. Matches must be played by the dates laid down in the draw. If the original match cannot take place an alternative date is permissible. In which case the alternative date is binding and any side cancelling must give a walk over to the other side.
  - (a) If rain prevents a decision, the match will be replayed BEFORE the deadline date of that round. Only one attempt at a replay is permitted. In the event of no decision being reached because of inclement weather or inability to rearrange a replay BEFORE the deadline date of that round, then the result will be decided by bowling at a wicket. A wicket consists of three stumps and two bails. Each member of both teams will bowl one ball at a wicket. The side breaking the wicket the greater number of times will be the winner. (See Bowl Out Rules.)

Umpires will officiate to ensure fair play. All players MUST bowl over-arm.
  - (b) In the last resort, the decision must be made by the toss of a coin.
10. If a school has an artificial wicket only or inferior facilities, matches can be played on a local club ground, if both sides agree. Without agreement the match will take place on the home side's ground regardless.
11. It is the responsibility of the winning team in COUNTY ROUNDS to inform the County Association Secretary of results.
12. **In NATIONAL ROUNDS, ESCA must be informed.** All schools in the National Rounds will be sent result cards and both winners and losers are requested to return them to the above address.
13. In the NATIONAL COMPETITION, claims can be made for a contribution towards expenses. These should be sent to:- Mr Brian Johns, ESCA Treasurer, 52 Hatherley Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 5QE.

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**PLAYING REGULATIONS 2010**

The Laws of Cricket (including the size of bat, ball and wicket, and length of pitch) will apply, with the following exceptions:-

1. The length of the innings shall be 40 overs (fewer by arrangement IF NECESSARY).
2. No Player may bowl more than 8 overs (reduced proportionately for reduced over matches).
3. If a bowler breaks down, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over when working out each bowler's limit.
4. The side which scores the most runs shall be the winner.
5. If the scores are level, the side which has lost the least wickets shall be the winner.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. If rain curtails a match, the winner shall be the side scoring more runs in the first 10 overs of the innings.

**Note:** The ESCA/ECB regulations concerning CLOSE FIELDERS and Helmets will apply in all matches.

The National Final will not be replayed should it be rained off with no result possible. Both sides will be awarded a trophy and gold medals.