

**ESCA (MIDLANDS REGION) UNDER 15 20/20 COMPETITION 2011.**

Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to send you details of the arrangements in the Midlands Region for the ESCA/ECB Under 15 20/20 Competition in 2011. Eight counties have entered the competition this year, one less than in 2010. There is no entry from Staffordshire. This means that the eight County Winners will play in the Quarter-Finals and there will be no need for an extra round. Each County should complete its internal county competition and let me have details of the County Winner by Friday, 10th June.

Regional Quarter-Finals

Northamptonshire v. Leicestershire

Derbyshire v. Lincolnshire

Warwickshire v. Worcestershire

Shropshire v. Nottinghamshire

These matches to be completed by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Regional Semi-Finals

MATCH 'A' Northamptonshire or Leicestershire v. Derbyshire or Lincolnshire

MATCH 'B' Warwickshire or Worcestershire v. Shropshire or Nottinghamshire

These matches to be completed by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June..

Regional Final

Winner of Match 'A' v. Winner of Match 'B'

This match to be completed by Friday, 1st July.

Arrangements for the Final will be the responsibility of the two finalists. The School drawn at home will be responsible for finding a ground which is acceptable to the visitors. Ideally the ground should have sight-screens and good covers. The starting time is to be agreed by the two finalists. The home team will be responsible for the appointment of two independent, qualified umpires and the provision of appropriate lunches or teas. ESCA will, of course, be responsible for the paying of expenses and claim forms will be available on the day. I will, hopefully, be present at the Final and will bring the match balls and the trophies, etc.

The four Regional Winners will proceed to the National Finals, which will be held at Arundel on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 10.15 a.m.

If you have any queries, perhaps you could contact me at home on 0121 707 4285 and I will try and answer them. May I emphasise how important it is to honour the deadline dates for the playing of matches and the completion of rounds. Delays naturally lead to complications in the later stages of the competition and it is often the innocent party which is inconvenienced. May I also ask you to send me details of results and to keep me informed on how the competition is progressing in your county. This will enable me to sort out any problems and make arrangements for the later stages of the competition. I hope everything runs smoothly and that we have some favourable weather.

Finally, may I ask you to send me a copy of your County Draw as soon as possible. It is the official confirmation that your county has entered the competition.

Best wishes.

Hugh Cherry.