

# ESCA U15 ONE DAY CUP NATIONAL COMPETITION

## RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Competition is called "ESCA U15 ONE DAY CUP" and is administered by ESCA.
2. Entry is open to all schools.
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. 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. If a player is 'over-age' but in the same year group as the eligible pupils in the team, the school may apply by March 31<sup>st</sup> to the General Secretary for an over-age exemption. Applications will be considered in accordance with ESCA's Overage Players Policy.
6. Organisation of the COUNTY COMPETITION will be in the hands of ESCA County Organisers.
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. The draw for the NATIONAL COMPETITION is made by the Committee and circulated to the schools concerned.
9. 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.
10. 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 a bowl-out.
  - (b) In the last resort, the decision must be made by the toss of a coin.
11. It is the responsibility of the winning team in COUNTY ROUNDS to inform the County Organiser of results.
12. **In NATIONAL ROUNDS, ESCA must be informed of the result.**

## ESCA U15 ONE DAY CUP PLAYING REGULATIONS

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

1. A team can consist of 12 players of whom 11 may bat and only 11 field at the same time.
2. The length of the innings shall be 40 overs (fewer by arrangement IF NECESSARY).
3. No Player may bowl more than 8 overs (reduced proportionately for reduced over matches).
4. 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.
5. The side which scores the most runs shall be the winner.
6. If the scores are level the teams shall compete in a one over per side eliminator to determine the winner.
  - a) The team batting second in the match will bat first in the one over eliminator.
  - b) The loss of two wickets in an over ends the team's one over innings.
  - c) In the event of the teams having the same score after the one over per side eliminator being completed the process will be repeated until a winner is decided.
  - d) The side that scores the most runs will be the winner.
  - e) With each subsequent over the batter and the bowler will change.
  - f) The fielding regulations in place at the end of the game should be the same regulations used for the super overs.
7.
  - 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 3 ½ 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 3 ½ 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 7.a) will apply.
8. If rain curtails a match, the following rules will be applied:
  - a) If the stoppage occurs during the first innings overs will be reduced to enable both teams the opportunity to face the same number of overs (ensuring this is a minimum of 10 overs for each innings)
  - b) If the stoppage occurs during the second innings, overs can be reduced accordingly to ensure a result is obtained
  - c) If the number of overs for the team batting second has to be reduced to fewer than the number of overs allocated to the team batting first, then the target score shall be reduced according to the innings run rate of the team that batted first
  - d) If a minimum of 10 overs per innings cannot be achieved a bowl-out will be organised. In the last resort the captains will toss a coin to decide the winner.

### Bowl-Out Regulations

1. Team shall consist of 6 players.
  2. A toss will be taken. Winner of the toss may choose to bowl first or second.
  3. All players shall bowl at 3 stumps from a distance of 22 yards.
  4. The ball shall not bounce more than twice to be a legitimate delivery.
  5. A ball which hits the side or top netting (indoors) shall be called a no-ball, but no extra ball shall be bowled.
  6. The winning team shall be the one which scores most hits in 6 balls.
  7. If after both teams have bowled the scores are level, then bowling will continue alternatively as a sudden death situation.
9. In the National Final, if both sides have agreed to ignore the regulations regarding a rain affected match, then should the game be rained off the trophy will be shared. There will not be a re-arranged final.
10. The decision of the Executive Committee is final in regard to any disputes or infringement of the rules.

#### 11. Free Hit after a No Ball

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.

**Note: The ECB regulations regarding close fielders and the use of helmets for batsmen and wicketkeepers will be adhered to.**

#### FOR NATIONAL ROUNDS ONLY

**Fielding Circles** 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-circle 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 intervals.

No more than 5 fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding circle throughout the length of the innings. At the instant of delivery there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side.