NATIONAL SCHOOLS CRICKET CUPS

A GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS · 2027 SEASON

One pathway for schools cricket

National competitions from Under 13 to Under 18, for boys and girls in state and independent schools – run by ESCA, the Schools Cricket Committee and MCC.

THE COMPETITIONS AT A GLANCE

Under 13

- David English Cup
- State Schools Cup **NEW FOR 2027**
- Girls U13 T20 Cup **NEW FOR 2027**

Under 15

- Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup
- Under 15 National Cup – The One Day Cup
- National U15 T20 Cup **NEW FOR 2027**
- Girls U15 T20 Cup

Under 17 & 18

- Boys U17 Cup
- Girls U17 Cup
- Boys U18 T20 Cup
- Girls U18 T20 Cup

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Under 13

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Boys COUNTY WINNERS

The David English Cup – National Under 13 Cup

The national knockout for county champions. Win your county's Under 12 Cup to qualify for the following season, playing regional rounds through to a national final.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	Free	N/A	Oundle School, Wed 7 July 2027

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Boys NEW FOR 2027 · STATE SCHOOLS ONLY

National Under 13 State Schools Cup

A new national competition for the highest-placed state schools in last season's county Under 12 Cups.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	Free	N/A	Oundle School, Wed 7 July 2027

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Girls NEW FOR 2027 · DIRECT ENTRY

National Girls Under 13 T20 Cup

A brand-new national competition for Under 13 girls' teams. Schools enter directly with the Schools Cricket Committee.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	£60 · state schools free	Sun 28 Feb 2027	Date and venue TBC

How the ESCA county route works

ESCA competitions begin at county level. Enter your team in your county's Under 12 Cup through your County Schools Cricket Association or County Cricket Board. The following season, the county winner goes forward to the David English Cup, and the highest-placed state schools to the Under 13 State Schools Cup. Girls are welcome to play in boys' teams in all ESCA competitions.

Under 15

MCC & MCC Foundation
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Boys · Girls · STATE SCHOOLS ONLY

Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup

For state secondary schools in the UK, Year 10 and below, with separate boys' and girls' competitions. County rounds start in April; finals on the Main Ground at Lord's.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	Free (county fee may apply)	Mon 30 Nov 2026	Lord's, September 2027

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Boys · COUNTY WINNERS

Under 15 National Cup – The One Day Cup

The premier national cup at this age. Win your county's Under 14 competition to enter the following season, through regional rounds to a national final.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
35 overs	N/A	N/A	Oundle School, July 2027

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Boys · NEW FOR 2027 · DIRECT ENTRY

National Under 15 T20 Cup

A new direct entry competition leading to national finals in September. This competition replaces the long-running ECB/ESCA National T20.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	£60 · state schools free	Sat 30 Jan 2027	Kibworth CC, early September

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Girls · DIRECT ENTRY · NOW T20

National Girls Under 15 T20 Cup

The national competition for Under 15 girls' teams, switching from 100 balls to T20 for 2027. Schools enter directly.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	£60 · state schools free	Sun 28 Feb 2027	Dorridge CC, late June / early July

Under 17 & 18

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Boys DIRECT ENTRY

National Boys Under 17 Cup

A longer-format national knockout for Under 17 boys, played with a white ball and in coloured clothing where possible.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
35 overs	£60 · state schools free	Sun 28 Feb 2027	Edgbaston Foundation Ground, Sept 2027

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Girls DIRECT ENTRY

National Girls Under 17 Cup

The national competition for Under 17 girls' teams, with a finals day at Arundel.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	£60 · state schools free	Sun 28 Feb 2027	Arundel, late June 2027

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Boys DIRECT ENTRY

National Boys Under 18 T20 Cup

The premier national schools competition for 1st XIs: regional rounds through to a national final.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	£60 · state schools free	Fri 6 Nov 2026	Wormsley, Wed 30 June 2027

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Girls DIRECT ENTRY · NOW T20

National Girls Under 18 T20 Cup

The national championship for senior girls' teams, switching from 100 balls to T20 for 2027.

FORMAT	ENTRY FEE	DEADLINE	FINAL
20 overs	£60 · state schools free	Sun 28 Feb 2027	Wormsley, Wed 30 June 2027

How to enter

ESCA

Enter through your County Schools Cricket Association or County Cricket Board. The National U15 T20 Cup is direct entry.

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Schools Cricket Committee

Enter directly. £60, state schools free. Discount for entering more than one girls' competition or the Boys U17 Cup.

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MCC Foundation

Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup: state schools enter online by Mon 30 Nov 2026. No entry fee.

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