

**WEST AREA CRICKET ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RULES**  
Revised March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017

*'It is hoped that these competitions will give youngsters an opportunity to experience all the joys of cricket at any early age. The competitions should not in any way detract from the principles of fair play enshrined in the game. There is no place for bad behaviour from players or spectators and it is hoped that standards set will help to establish the fact that the game is played for enjoyment and with the aim of winning, but not at all cost. All normal cricket rules apply with the exception of those in this document.'* Quote from the original softball Rules

## WSAJCL Rules for Pairs Games

Match day & Time	U10 Matches to be played on Saturdays at 9:30am (U9 Mini Festivals host club to decide) U11, U12, U13 Matches to be played on Sundays at 9:30am
Player Eligibility	Age limits apply to the normal formula (1/9 – 31/8). Clubs have a responsibility to ensure that they know and adhere to the correct ages for all of their players. There is no lower age limit but managers are responsible for ensuring the safety of the players. The playing down rule applies; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls are allowed to play two age groups down.</li> <li>• Boys may play one year down for development or 'to get the game on' see page 4</li> </ul> Players to be Junior Members of the Club they represent. Players may not play for more than one West Area Club during the current season without the consent of WACA. Permission must be requested each season. A player selected for a Rep fixture in the afternoon, is not allowed to play a club game in the morning. <a href="http://wacasussex.wordpress.com/western-warriors/">http://wacasussex.wordpress.com/western-warriors/</a>
Stumps	Suitable junior size stumps must be used, if plastic sets are used bowled decisions will include the ball hitting the base.
Ball size	The Home team is responsible for providing ... Softball - a new Incrediball, or mutually agreed alternative Hardball - 4 ¾ oz
Pitch Length	A suitable 19 yard pitch should be used for u9s & u10s, 20 yards for U11s
Pitch	An artificial pitch may be used
Overs	U9 & u10 between sides of 8 players. U11, U12 & 13 matches are to be played between a min of 4 pairs & a max of 6 pairs. If necessary the number of overs in bat or bowling can be reduced if time is a consideration 16 overs must be bowled to complete an innings with the Win going to the team with the largest NET SCORE. A tied result is possible.
Bowling	Each player must bowl at least one over with a maximum of 3. Wicket keepers who keep for the entire innings are exempt from bowling. Over arm bowling must take place, unless mutually agreed between managers
Batting	Players to bat in pairs for 4 overs Players change ends when out, except when a player is dismissed off the last ball of an over. Wooden or plastic bats may be used in the softball competitions.
Wicket Keeper	Wicket Keepers can be changed during the course of an innings but only at the end of an over. In the softball cricket a wicket keeper is encouraged to wear gloves.
Fielding	Fielding restriction under <a href="#">ECB code</a> must be strictly enforced.
No Balls & Wides	No Balls and Wides count as 2 runs in addition to other runs scored, including byes & leg byes. No extra ball is bowled in the over, except in the final over of the match, when this rules still applies but 6 legitimate deliveries must be bowled.
Wickets	A deduction of 5 runs is made from the batting side's score for each wicket lost. Teams start with 100 runs credit
LBW	No L.B.W. decisions unless a player deliberately obstructs the path of the ball onto the wicket when they would be deemed to be out under the normal LBW laws.
No-ball	All usual No Ball Laws apply as defined in the <a href="#">MCC – The Laws of Cricket</a> .
Match Officials	Each team to provide an umpire and a scorer

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## WSAJCL Rules for Traditional 11-a-side Games

Match date & Time	U-17's, U-14's, U-12's and U-11's Sundays 9:30am U-15's and U-13's Wednesday league. <i>See Rescheduling for clubs unable to play on Wednesdays</i>
Player Eligibility	Players to be Junior Members of the Club they represent, Players may not play for more than one West Area Club during the current season without the consent of WACA. Permission must be requested each season. Each player must be rising the age in which they are playing or younger eg a player turning 11 years old in the current school year may play u11 or above Girls may play 2 years below their age group. Clubs have a responsibility to ensure that they know and adhere to the correct ages for all of their players. A player selected for a Rep game in the afternoon, is not allowed to play a club game in the morning. <a href="http://wacasussex.wordpress.com/western-warriors/">http://wacasussex.wordpress.com/western-warriors/</a>
Stumps	Full size
Ball size	U-11/12/13 - 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz U-14/15/16 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz
Pitch Length	U-11 - 20 yards (18m) U-12/13 - 21 yards (19m) U-14/15/17 - 22 yards (20m)
Pitch	Where possible the home side should provide a grass wicket. It is permissible to use an artificial wicket provided the manager of the home team notifies the opponents at least 48 hours prior to the match being played. It is highly recommended that all U13 and above age groups play on a grass wicket
Overs	40 overs 20 per innings. (Overs not to be carried over)
Bowling Restrictions	Max of 9 balls per over. 3 overs maximum with a run up not exceeding 15 yards. 'Non-spin' bowlers will also be subject to the <a href="#">ECB Fast Bowling Match Directives</a> .
Batting Restrictions	On reaching the maximum runs a batsman must retire – not out but are not permitted to return. U11 & u12 20 runs U13 & u14 25 runs U15 & u17 40 runs
Fielding Restrictions	No fielder, apart from the wicketkeeper and slips on the off-side, shall be allowed to field nearer than U13, 11 yards U17, 8 yards from the middle stump of the batsman, until the batsman has played the ball. <a href="#">ECB Fielding Restrictions</a> All Clubs are required to abide by the ECB's Safety Guidance Recommendations regarding the wearing of cricket helmets with face guards for all U-18 youth players when batting, or keeping wicket standing-up to the stumps. This is COMPULSORY for ALL players taking part. <a href="#">ECB Helmet Guidelines</a>
No-ball	All usual No Ball Laws apply as defined in the <a href="#">MCC – The Laws of Cricket</a>
Match Officials	Each team to provide an umpire and a scorer

## WSAJCL Rules for Results for All formats

Results	The HOME club is responsible for entering the results on the play-cricket site within 48hrs All matches must be played and results notified by 31st August
Points	10 points for a win or win conceded 5 points for a tie, abandoned or cancelled 3 point for a loss 0 points for conceded.
League Results	Any club that does not fulfil ALL of their League fixtures may, at the discretion of the WSAJCL, be removed from the League and all points gained by their opposition shall be ignored in calculating the final League positions at the end of the season League Winners will be confirmed by a league subcommittee and announced on the WACA website by 7 <sup>th</sup> September. Trophies will be awarded to the winning team.  Trophies are to be returned to C&M Trophies by Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> the following year.

## WSAJCL Rules for rescheduling any League game.

Web forms can be found on the League Admin page on the West Area Clubs website [WAclubs.wordpress.com](http://WAclubs.wordpress.com)  
Hours are calculated from the start time of the scheduled game as listed on Play-cricket. If no time is listed the default times will be 9:30 for weekend matches and 6pm for weekday matches  
Days are measured with Day 1 being the day after the match was scheduled to be played.

Weather Cancellation	CANCELLED/ABANDONED DUE TO WEATHER. Within 48 hours of the scheduled game, WACA to be notified using the web form Within 14 days of a weather cancellation a new match date to be submitted to WACA via the web form. If a new match date cannot be agreed within 14 days the game will be considered cancelled
Early Cancellation	ADVANCED NOTICE OF CANCELLATION - more than 72 hours' notice. Cancelling manager to notify opposition & complete the cancellation notification form on the website. Within 14 days of the cancellation notification the new date to be submitted to WACA via the web form. If a new match date cannot be agreed within 14 days the game will be considered cancelled. 5pts each. <b><i>Matches rescheduled using the web form before 1st May are not subject to the cancellation notification &amp; the 14 day rule.</i></b>
Late Cancellation	LATE NOTICE OF CANCELLATION - less than 72 hours' notice Cancelling manager to notify opposition & complete the cancellation notification form on the website. The side that does not cancel can choose for the rescheduled fixture to be played home or away. Match to be played within 14 days of date listed on play-cricket. If the team cancelling the original game is not able to play within 14 days, they will concede the game and the committee will award the 10pts to the opposite. If the team which did not cancel the original game, cannot play within 14 days, the game will be considered cancelled and both teams awarded 5pts.
Appeals	To be submitted to WACA via a claims form on the website To be submitted within the 14 day play/reschedule window, or within 48 hours of a match being played. A list of games for appeal will be listed on the WACA website on an appeals page It is the responsibility of the appealing manager to ensure their game is listed prior to the next meeting. Appeals will be reviewed 4 times between 1st May – 7th September by a league subcommittee. The meeting is open; clubs involved in an appeal are invited to attend while their appeal is under review. The date, time and location of the next meeting will be on the appeals page. The decision of the league subcommittee is final.
The West Sussex Area Junior Cricket Leagues are run by the West Area Cricket Association, and all decisions they reach are final.	

## Further information on the pilot changes for the 2017 Season.

If you have any feedback or concerns about the implementation of these changes during the season please use the 'Contact Us' option on the WACA Sussex website.

Age limits apply to the normal formula (1/9 – 31/8). Clubs have a responsibility to ensure that they know and adhere to the correct ages for all of their players.

The items in grey are not new rules, just a reminder of your options.

WACA committee is keen to get as many games as possible played. We would rather see a game played than conceded without being played. As a pilot for 2017 season, if a team is struggling to fulfil a fixture due to lack of number of players of the correct age or below, the suggested route for "Getting the game on" they can:

1. Play girls, which are allowed to play two age groups down
2. Play lower age players, managers are responsible for ensuring the safety of players
3. As a pilot overage boys can play one year down, with the following proviso's
  - a. For the "Spirit of Cricket" to field a side for a game to be played
  - b. Less experienced and/or new to cricket
  - c. Maximum of 2 overage boys
  - d. Boys must not be involved in representative cricket
  - e. Inform the opposition Manager via email of the plan to field overage boys.
  - f. The Committee reserves the right to amend the result if a club is believed to be breaking the "Spirit of Cricket" re overage players
4. If still not possible to raise a side, more overage players can be used so the game is played (making sure that the overage players are used in the "Spirit of Cricket"), but the game is conceded.

The Committee is keen for as many games as possible to be played, even if the game is conceded.

- Players to be Junior Members of the Club they represent.
- Players may not play for more than one West Area Club during the current season without the consent of WACA. However, in the spirit of "getting the game on", the WACA committee would encourage cross club partnerships to allow players to participate for more than one club, as long as this is across different age groups. The relevant paperwork must be completed prior to a player playing for a second club both clubs must be in agreement, before this is put in place. Use the Contact Us link on the WACA Sussex website.
- A player selected for a Rep fixture in the afternoon, is not allowed to play a club game in the morning.

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### **Pilot Rules for 2017 Season**

- Maximum of three overs per bowler in traditional cricket format.

Clubs should be aware that they have the flexibility to move fixtures by date, time and length of game, in the interest of getting the game played. Both clubs must be in agreement for the game to take place.

Bowling Restrictions will apply:

20 Over Game – 3 overs per bowler

16 Over Game – 3 overs per bowler

12 Over Game – 2 overs per bowler