**DCB Junior League - 2016 Rules**

**Under 11s – League & Cup Rules**

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 11s League, a player must be under 11yrs on Sept

1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 12yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year.

2. Matches will be played on a Sunday morning commencing at 9:30am, earlier by agreement.

3. Each team will comprise 8 players per side.

4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising 20 six ball overs.

5. The pitch will measure 20yds.

6. The ball shall weigh 4 and ¾ ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.

7. The batting side will be divided into pairs.

8. Each pair shall bat for a full 5 overs.

9. Each pair shall be exchanged after the 5th 10th and 15th overs.

10. Batters shall have unlimited lives but each life lost will result in 5 runs being deducted from the score.

11. Each team will commence the innings with 200 runs on the scoreboard. A deduction of 5 runs will be made for each wicket lost.

12. Wides and No Balls shall count two runs, but there will be no additional ball bowled, unless, it is the last over of the match when a Wide/No Ball shall be scored as one run and an additional ball should be bowled for each Wide/No Ball called.

13. Each player except the wicketkeeper shall bowl a minimum of 1 over with a maximum of 4.

14. The winning team shall be the side scoring the greatest number of runs following deductions for wickets lost.

15. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 page 13.

**Under 13s – League & Cup Rules**

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 13 League, a player must be under 13yrs on Sept

1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 14yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year.

2. Matches will be played on a Wednesday evening commencing at 6pm.

3. Each team will comprise 11 players per side.

4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising 20 six ball overs.

5. The pitch will measure 21yds.

6. The ball shall weigh 4 and ¾ ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.

7. ECB Bowling and Fielding restrictions will apply.

8. A minimum of 7 bowlers are to be used.

9. No bowler is permitted to bowl more than 3 overs per innings.

10. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs they must ‘retire’ and he/she will not be allowed to return to the crease. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 30 runs if their ‘retirement’ would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

11. The designated wicket keeper will not be allowed to be changed, or bowl, during the innings unless, in the occurrence of an injury when he/she may be substituted.

12. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 page 13.

**Under 15s – League & Cup Rules**

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 15s League, a player must be under 15yrs on Sept

1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 16yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year.

2. Matches will be played on a Monday evening commencing at 6pm.

3. Each team will comprise 11 players per side.

4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising of 20 six ball overs.

5. The pitch will measure 22yds.

6. The ball shall weigh 5 and ½ ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.

7. ECB Bowling and Fielding restrictions will apply.

8. No bowler is permitted to bowl more than 4 overs per innings.

9. When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must ‘retire’ and he/she will not be allowed to return to the crease. A batsman can continue their innings beyond 50 runs if their ‘retirement’ would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.

10. The designated wicket keeper will not be allowed to be changed or bowl during the innings, unless in the occurrence of an injury when he/she may be substituted.

11. Results and full scorecards for Under 15 matches shall be entered by the home club on their play-cricket website within 72 hours of the games completion.

12. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 page 13.

Under 18s - League & Cup Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in the Under 18s League, a player must be under 18yrs on Sept

1st of the previous year. In the case of a female player, 19yrs on Sept 1st of the previous year.

2. Matches will be played on a Tuesday evening commencing at 6pm.

3. Each team will comprise 11 players per side

4. Matches will be one innings per side, comprising of 20 six ball overs per side for League games and 15 six ball overs per side in cup competitions.

5. The pitch will measure 22yds

6. The ball shall be pink or orange, weigh 5 and ½ ounces and must be either a Kookaburra, Reader or Duke, but does not need to be a new ball.

7. Players may wear coloured clothing but this is not mandatory.

8. ECB Bowling and Fielding restrictions will apply

9. No bowler is permitted to bowl more than 4 overs per innings

10. There are no batting restrictions

11. The designated wicket keeper will not be allowed to be changed or bowl during the innings, unless in the occurrence of an injury when he/she may be substituted.

12. In U18 cup competitions the following additional rules will apply:

o Front Foot No Ball & Free Hit: A ‘Free Hit’ will be allowed for each ‘no ball’ called for a front foot infringement by a bowler. Field changes are not permitted for ‘free hit’ deliveries unless there is a change of striker.

o Tight Leg Side Wides: Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation of MCC Law 25.1 to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any offside or leg-side delivery which, in the opinion of the umpire, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score, shall be called a wide ball.

o Fielding Circle: At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fielders (plus the

bowler and wicket keeper) must be in an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the square leg umpire shall call no ball. The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at 5 yard intervals, each dot to be covered by a plastic or rubber (not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter.

13. **Round Robin Cup matches:** Points awarded for each round robin cup match will be the same as for league games. See rule 9.20 page 13.