

SURREY JUNIOR INVITATION LEAGUES



**SURREY
CRICKET
FOUNDATION**
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League Rules

1 Title

- 1.1 The title of the league shall be the Surrey Junior Invitation League (SJIL).

2 Management

- 2.1 The control of the Competition shall be undertaken by the Surrey Cricket Foundation (SCF) and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the League shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 2.2 This League will be administered by a League Administrator (SJIL Administrator). The programme will be overseen by a sub-committee (SJIL Committee) consisting of the League Administrator, 2 nominated members of the SCF Junior Leagues Working Group (JLWG) and one SCF Executive member. Any dispute that cannot be resolved by the League Administrator shall be referred to the SJIL Committee. If still unresolved, the matter shall be referred to a Disputes Panel consisting of, at least, the League Administrator, plus one member of the SCF JLWG and one SCF Executive member. The SCF JLWG representative shall not be a member of the SJIL Committee. The decisions of this Panel will be final.
- 2.3 The SCF may delegate any of their powers and duties in respect of this League.

3 Eligibility of Teams

- 3.1 The Competition shall be open to all clubs which are affiliated to the Surrey Cricket Foundation, either individually or through membership of an affiliated Senior League.
- 3.2 Clubs will be invited to apply to enter the League. Invitations will be based on the performance of the team in local junior leagues during the two previous seasons. In exceptional circumstances, applications will be considered from other teams in the light of supporting evidence.
- 3.3 It shall be a condition of entry that the relevant Club is located within the ECB Cricketing Surrey County Boundary. Priority will be afforded to such clubs, but:
 - 3.3.1 Application from clubs outside of the ECB Cricketing Surrey County Boundary may be made on the basis of travel times being unreasonable for entry into their own County's leagues, however:
 - 3.3.1.1 the decision on whether to accept a club into The SCF Junior Invitation League is at the sole discretion of the SCF and
 - 3.3.1.2 no claims on the basis of precedent will be accepted and
 - 3.3.1.3 any acceptance into the Surrey Junior Invitation League from a club located outside of the County of Surrey will be valid only for that one season.
- 3.4 Fees
 - 3.4.1 All clubs must pay an entry fee of £20 per age group per entry to the SCF and this must be received by the SCF by 28 February of the year of the competition.

4 League Structure

4.1 Season

- 4.1.1 The SCF Junior Invitation League season will commence on the first Sunday in May and end at the last Sunday in July

4.2 Divisions

- 4.2.1 The SJIL will be organised as one division of 12 teams in each of the U13, U14 & U15 age-groups.

4.3 Fixtures

- 4.3.1 Fixtures will be published on the SCF Junior Competitions Play-Cricket site in January. Fixtures will be shown with a default date which will be a Sunday. Clubs must arrange a mutually agreeable date and time, before the following Sunday, to play each published match. Where a team is significantly affected by loss of players to Performance Programme fixtures, the League Administrator can allow the fixture to be re-arranged as long as the new date is before the limit date (*see also 4.3.4 & 4.3.5 below*). Any changes from the default date must be entered on Play-Cricket and notified to the League Administrator at the earliest opportunity. Clubs should note that fixture changes are entered via their own Club site on Play-Cricket.
- 4.3.2 Each club should confirm fixture details with opposing clubs by the end of February 2018. Although default dates are set, some clubs may want to play afternoon matches, and clubs will not necessarily use their main ground. Any issues, including lack of contact, should be notified to the League Administrator asap. Fixture details will be locked on Play-Cricket on 31 March 2018. Any changes after that date must be agreed with the League Administrator.
- 4.3.3 If both teams are unable to agree a date within the relevant time period as defined in 4.3.1 above, then the match will be considered as cancelled and no points will be awarded.
- 4.3.4 If one team is unable to fulfil a fixture on the agreed date then the other team may apply for a concession. ALL CONCESSIONS MUST BE AGREED by the League Administrator BEFORE entry in Play-Cricket. Reasons for claiming a concession must be supplied and ideally be supported by the team agreeing to make the concession. Concessions will NOT automatically be agreed by the League.
- 4.3.5 In the event of fixtures clashing with ECB NCC Regional matches on 08, 15, or 22 July, clubs may re-arrange matches to Sunday, 29 July if it is not possible to agree another date before this deadline.
- 4.3.6 In exceptional circumstances, the League Administrator may give permission for other fixture re-arrangements if dates can be mutually agreed. Examples may be pre-arranged events on the ground, national competitions, etc. Requests for such re-arrangements must be made, in writing, to the League Administrator at least 7 days before the original fixture date.

4.4 Other:

- 4.4.1 If a Club fails to fulfil their administrative responsibilities, including the provision of adequate refreshments, or any fixture in the competition, other than due to bad weather, the SCF reserves the right, and the club accepts, that they may be fined, have points adjusted and/or be banned from entering the competition for the following season.

5 Qualification of Players

- 5.1 A player may represent a club in a SJIL competition if he or she is under the relevant age at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of the competition. All players must be bona-fide Junior Members of the club they represent by 1st May in the year preceding the year of competition. SCF reserves the right to request documentary evidence in cases of dispute.

- 5.2 In exceptional circumstances, a player joining the club after the 1st May deadline may be granted permission to play following representations to the League Committee.
- 5.3 A player may play for only one club in the SJIL in any one season unless agreed otherwise in advance by the League Administrator.
- 5.4 All disputes relating to these qualification criteria should be addressed to the SCF.
- 5.5 If a club is proven to have used an ineligible player, then the League Committee will decide the appropriate penalty which could be the award of the match, or a points penalty.

6 Cricket Balls

- 6.1 The balls for SJIL matches will be pink Reader County balls which should be purchased from SCF.
- 6.2 Each team will provide one new ball to be used when that team is batting..
- 6.3 Team Managers should ensure that suitable replacement balls are available in the event of loss or damage to the ball being used.

7 Clothing

- 7.1 The SCF encourages the use of coloured clothing by clubs if they wish to wear it, but whites are also acceptable.

8 Umpires

- 8.1 Each team will supply an Umpire for matches who shall be a competent responsible, appropriately vetted adult. All umpires must have current DBS clearance.
- 8.2 Where possible the umpire should not be the person responsible for managing the team on the day.

9 Match Results

- 9.1 The winning team must report the result to the League Administrator and upload the result, including full and complete scorecards, to Play-Cricket within 24 hours of the completion of the match. Clubs should note that results are entered via their own Club site on Play-Cricket.
- 9.2 The losing team must report the result to the League Administrator and check the scorecard on Play-Cricket within 48 hours of the completion of the result.
- 9.3 Where matches are either not arranged, abandoned or conceded, both teams must report the result to the League Administrator within 24 hours of the scheduled start of the match.
- 9.4 Note: In order to facilitate the efficient uploading of complete scorecards, clubs are asked to ensure that the names of squad players are entered on to the club's Play-Cricket site by 15 April 2018. Basic information of First Name, Surname and Date of Birth should be entered to allow for Record Matching. Further names can be added during the season as required.

10 Awarding of Match Points

- 10.1 The match result shall be determined as stated in SJIL Playing Conditions Para 4, and points awarded as follows:

Win - 4 points; Tie/Abandonment - 2 points for each team; Loss/Cancellation - 0 points

- 10.2 If, due to adverse weather conditions, an arranged match is not played, or is abandoned after the start, then two points shall be awarded to each side.
- 10.3 If a match is cancelled for reasons other than weather, or no date agreed, then both sides will be awarded no points.
- 10.4 Matches conceded (see 4.3.3 above) will be considered as **Win (4 pts)** or **Loss (0 pts)**.
- 10.5 Should a team withdraw from the League during the season then any points obtained against such a side shall be void, and results involving that team shall be expunged from Play-Cricket.

11 League Tables

- 11.1 The league winner will be team with the highest total of Match Points at the end of the season.
- 11.2 In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the league winner will be decided in the following order of priority:
 - 11.2.1 When 2 teams have equal points, the team which was the winner of the match between the two teams will be deemed the league winner.
 - 11.2.2 When the teams cannot be separated as in 11.2.1 above, or more that 2 teams have equal points, then the team which has the most wins from matches between the teams involved will be deemed the league winner.
 - 11.2.3 If the teams still cannot be separated, then the team with most wins overall will be deemed the winner.
 - 11.2.4 If the teams still cannot be separated, then the team taking most wickets in all matches will be the league winner.
 - 11.2.5 If the teams still cannot be separated, then the teams will be joint winners.

12 Code of Conduct

- 12.1 All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.
- 12.2 The penalty runs provision is not used by the SJIL - other than the 5-run penalty for the ball hitting clothing/helmet, etc, left on the ground by the fielding team.

13 Coaching

Coaching shall not be permitted from the sidelines during a match. In such an event, the umpire shall request the coach/manager/parent/spectator to stop. If this persists, the umpire shall have the power to warn the offending team captain and manager that the matter will be reported to the League Administrator.

14 Disputes

Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of the Rules and Playing Conditions shall be referred to the League Administrator. Any decision of the SCF Disputes Panel shall be final and binding on the parties concerned.