

UPPER AIREDALE JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Administrative, Playing and Disciplinary Rules

For all junior cricket organised by the Upper Airedale Junior Cricket Association

1. CONSTITUTION

This Junior Cricket Association is conducted for the purpose of fostering and organising the game of cricket for players under the age of 18, in and about the Upper Airedale District of Yorkshire, irrespective of any senior club affiliation. Membership shall be open to all, with the aim to ensure that individuals (including players, spectators, coaches, officials & administrators) do not receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of their age, disability, race, ethnic origin, gender, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief, class or socio-economic status, sexual orientation or political belief. The Association is opposed to all forms of discrimination and all forms of racism and is committed to its elimination.

- 1.2. The Association Executive comprises the elected Officials (the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer & Compliance Officer). The Association Committee comprises the members of the Executive Committee and a representative from each member club. It is the Association Committee which governs the UAJCA, with day to day running of the Association devolved to the Executive Committee which is answerable to the Association Committee for its actions and decisions.
- 1.3 Minutes of all Executive Meetings held will be circulated via e-mail to club reps. Should the Association Committee agree recommendations made by the Executive Committee, the minutes will be ratified at the next Association Committee Meeting. If the Association Committee does not agree the recommendations made by the Executive Committee, this will be fully discussed at the Association Meeting until agreement is reached.
- 1.4 Clubs joining UAJCA will be allocated either [a] Associate rights or [b] Affiliate rights.
 - 1.4.1. Associate rights include full voting rights on all matters.
 - 1.4.2 A club allocated Affiliate rights will ordinarily be a club which retains its **primary** junior organisation with *other* governing bodies [leagues, associations] other than UAJCA.
 - Affiliated clubs normally give preference to their own governing body where fixture clashes occur. An affiliated club utilises UAJCA membership for additional cricket opportunity for its players.
 - Affiliate rights exclude the right to vote on constitutional matters.
 - Additionally, in order to avoid disruption to UAJCA Associate member clubs, affiliated Clubs will not be allowed to re-arrange UAJCA fixtures to accommodate fixtures for other leagues /associations. In such cases a 'concession' will be awarded to their opponents.

This regulation to be reviewed should neighbouring leagues & associations introduce similar flexibility as within UAJCA.

Association meetings

- 1.5.1 At Association Meetings each club has one vote in a simple majority-voting system with the Chairman having any casting vote. Matters relating to particular age groups should be voted on only by clubs with teams in that age group, at the time of the vote. Eight Club Representatives are required to form a quorum for an Association Meeting. All key matters are detailed in the Association Rules.

1.5.2 The Association holds three administrative meetings per year:

January/February	The Annual General Meeting
March	Preparations for the New Season
November	End of Season Review

1.5.3 Optional Extra-ordinary meetings may be called by the UAJCA Executive as required or by a minimum of 5 clubs making their request jointly to the Association Executive in writing stating their reasons plus the full agenda for the meeting.

1.6 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in January each year to receive reports from the Association Officials for the past season, elect President, Vice President and Officials for the ensuing season, and transact business as customary at such a meeting. All member clubs shall be entitled to send one representative to this meeting with Associate members holding the power to vote.

1.7 The Association has a duty of care and welfare of young people. As such, we have adopted and implemented the ECB Safe Hands Policy. All clubs within our Association have also adopted and implemented the ECB Safe Hands Policy. Each Club will appoint a Safeguarding Officer who has undertaken a Disclosure and Barring Service [DBS] check and will attend necessary Safeguarding courses. The Association will appoint an Association Safeguarding Officer who will also undertake a DBS check and will attend the necessary Safeguarding courses. The Association Safeguarding Officer will keep up to date records of all club Safeguarding Officers. In addition, all coaches, managers, umpires and scorers (over the age of 18), whether qualified or unqualified, who have direct contact with children should also undertake a DBS check.

1.8 All proposals for changes to any aspects of the current Association Rules are to be sent in writing to the Secretary by 1st November prior to the AGM.

1.9. Should questions arise affecting the Association, not fully provided for in the Constitution or Rules, the Association Committee shall have full power to deal with the same and its decisions on such questions shall be final.

1.10 All Association Officials are to offer themselves for re-election annually at the AGM, by simple majority.

1.11 Where there are no specific playing rules provided by the Association, the Laws of Cricket as laid down by the MCC will apply.

1.12 The Association will adopt directives received from the ECB or the YCB.

1.13 As well as the Association website – www.uajca.com and social media pages – the Association produces an annual Association Handbook, containing all the Association Fixtures; Association Executive, Club Representatives and Team Manager' contact details, the Association Rules plus other useful information. Each club buys a minimum of 5 copies per season.

1.14 The Association utilises the ECB on-line Play-Cricket Fixtures and Results databases. Member clubs are required to register their clubs with Play-Cricket and appoint one or more club 'Main Administrators', who will manage club membership, player registration and results feedback through an Association-affiliated Play-Cricket website, within the terms of their Club Privacy Notices.

Representative Cricket

1.15 The Association will enter County-wide competitions, organised each year by the Yorkshire Cricket Board or other bona-fide cricket organisers. These will normally be the Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival for any or all of U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17 age groups. Additionally, the Association will seek to provide representative level cricket for other development groups, eg under-12, under-10 etc, as may be accommodated within the fixture plan.

1.16 It is implicit that Member clubs support the Association in promoting Representative cricket and ensure players are made available for matches where fixtures clash with senior matches.

1.17 Each year member clubs will approve appointment of volunteer Team Managers for Representative teams.

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1.18 The Secretary will arrange fixtures with YCB and allocate home venues as per member club wishes. Hosting clubs will be responsible for supplying refreshments for 30 people per match, funded by the Association.

1.19 The Squad Selection strategy will be set each year by a Selection Committee but will take account of:

- Selection for County or District level
- Past performances at Representative level
- Performances in the immediate previous season
- Performances in the current season
- Availability of potential players

Players selected in one season will automatically receive invitation to the following year's trials with the exception of u13s who may 'miss' a year.

The purpose of UAJCA representative teams is to provide talented players with the opportunity to experience that level of competition. Note under-13 and under-15 competitions traditionally take place at the end of the junior season and selection will inevitably be more influenced by current performance. Under-11 and 12 squads generally play on Sundays throughout the season and therefore will be influenced more by previous season performance.

1.20 The Selection Committee will comprise all approved Representative Team Managers and Assistants along with the Secretary, who will have a casting vote, where one is required.

1.21 The Association executive will remove as much as possible of the administration work from the Team Managers in order to enable them to concentrate on Team Management and/or Coaching.

1.22 The Association will provide Annual prizes to the best batsman, best bowler and a merit award.

1.23 Players will be eligible to play for UAJCA Representative Teams only if playing regularly in UAJCA league and cup competitions in the current season. However, players who have previously played regularly for UAJCA, but find no team at their age-group, may also play if not playing for a club outside UAJCA membership.

League Cricket

Each season the Secretary will prepare a fixture schedule to include all team entries as confirmed at the March meeting. This plan will provide league, cup and representative age-related fixtures for all age-groups.

All leagues in all age groups will be conducted on a geographical basis, where team entries permit. The eventual winner of a league may be determined by a play-off system.

The Secretary will endeavour to provide all clubs with fixtures on their preferred HOME day provided clubs accept in principle and practice to play on other clubs Home day preference. Requests to avoid specific dates must be made to the Secretary before the start of the season.

Knock-out Cup Cricket

Cup Final venues for each season will be determined by Association members at the AGM. The procedure for determination will firstly favour those clubs* which have not hosted a Final in the previous five years. If the requisite number of venues is still not thus obtained, member clubs will draw lots on the remaining candidates, a simple majority will apply. *provided facilities meet those outlined in Rule 4.3.

Cups and associated player mementoes will be presented at each Cup Final. Ordinarily these will be presented by Association Officials, however, should officials not be available, Cups and mementoes will be presented on the day by representatives of the host club.

Girls Cricket

The development of Girls cricket will be supported by UAJCA with further regulation

Girls teams will not be required to pay UAJCA subscription. This regulation to be reviewed on an annual basis

UAJCA will contribute to the set-up costs for new girls' teams in two ways:

- Application for ECB/YCB grants on behalf of the team
- Direct financial grant from UAJCA, subject to approval by the Treasurer

Exemption to regulation 3.1 to allow girls to play beyond the age-group cut-off. This is to be initially set at one year, but reviewable on an annual basis.

2.4 FEES AND FINES

2.1 The UAJCA has a tariff of fees and fines that are set at the AGM each year. The fees are set each season by the Association Executive whilst the fines are decided by a simple majority vote of the Association Committee at the AGM when any changes are proposed.

Fees

2.2 Entry fees to the Association and its competitions must be paid within 28 days of the date invoiced by the Treasurer. Entry Fees will be determined by the Treasurer and levied on member clubs based on a 'per team entered' basis. Fees and payment options will be advised via the Play-Cricket Administration desktop.

Fines

2.3.1 Home Club not feeding-back accurate scorecard to Play-Cricket within 18* days of the original scheduled match date: £10 per late result card. *[2 weeks to play the match and 4 days to enter a full scorecard]

2.3.2. In order to avoid such fines, it is permissible for the Away Club to submit the result first and for the Home club to confirm the results.

2.3.3 Both HOME and AWAY teams will 'Confirm' the results as accurate through Play-Cricket. The Competitions Secretary will 'lock' the scorecard after 18 days. UAJCA reserves the right to discount inaccurate scorecards in whole or in part from calculations used to determine prize winners.

2.4 Club Representatives missing Association Meetings: £10 per meeting missed and £20 for the AGM or any Extraordinary/Special General Meeting.

2.5 If payment of entry fees for the current season is not made within 28 days of the invoice date, a defaulting club will be fined at the rate of £2 per week per team until payment is received by the Treasurer.

2.6 All fines' monies shall be paid within 28 days. Failure to comply will result in a defaulting club being a rate of £2 per week until payment is received by the Treasurer.

2.7 Club Representatives submitting a team for the season and withdrawing before they play a match: £25.

2.5 Clubs failing to provide the Association Executive with the required information for the Association Handbook within 14 days of the March meeting: £20

2.6 Monies raised from fines will be utilised to support deserving cricket-related causes each season. As a final resort money will be distributed to all clubs with 100% results reporting as per rule 2.3.3.

3 RECRUITMENT OF PLAYERS

3.1 UAJCA strives to work with clubs to bring young players into the game of cricket. In introducing young players to the game, a Softball Development Programme of events and fixtures will be utilised and will incorporate a process for parents and coaches to assess suitability for advancement to the hardball game as played in UAJCA competitive leagues and cups.

3.1.1 Softball cricket will be conducted without the determination of a 'Champion' team and there will be no trophy that might be construed as representing such an accolade. However, an annual knock-out competition will be organised for those clubs wishing to participate.

3.1.2 Rewards for prowess at Softball cricket will reflect both high achievement and progress for both newcomers and those undertaking subsequent seasons of softball development.

3.1.3 Playing regulations for Softball cricket will be Pairs format of 8 players. This parameter will be reviewed annually.

Playing Eligibility and Registration

Players will be deemed ineligible for play as below:

- Softball Development if he/she is judged by parent and coach competent for hardball cricket
- U 11s if he/she attained his 11th or her 13th birthday before 1st September of the previous season
- U 13s if he/she attained his 13th or her 15th birthday before 1st September of the previous season
- U 15s if he/she attained his 15th or her 17th birthday before 1st September of the previous season.
- U 18s if he/she attained his 18th or her 20th birthday before 1st September of the previous season.
- Eligibility of junior players for Open Age Cricket is detailed at Annex D.

Player Registration

3.2 Player registration is compulsory. The purpose is to ensure all players are:

- The right age for their team.
- A registered Association player.
- A club player registered in accordance with ECB/YCB Safeguarding guidelines.
- To determine eligibility to play for UAJCA representative teams
- To determine eligibility to play in Cup semi-finals and finals

In addition, it is to help the Association to:

- Ensure fairness in a competitive league such that no clubs or individuals gain an unfair advantage.
- Provide player information to help the Association plan for the future.
- To assist in identification of prospective representative level players.

Clubs should note that there are penalties for late or non-registration of players.

Timescales for Player Registration:

Pre-Season.

3.3 The bulk of club players should be registered with the Association by the Club Play-Cricket Main Administrator before the start of the season. It is strongly recommended that this process is completed by clubs at least one week before their first match. Club membership automatically rolls forward to successive years. Main Administrators should need only to manage 'Squad allocation' and additional (new) members. NB prior to registration with UAJCA, clubs must create Site membership for each player on their own Play-Cricket website and allocate them to an age squad.

Additions during the Season:

3.4 Additional players may be registered by a club via Play-Cricket up until 31 May (but at any time for U9s only).

3.5 Further players may also be registered through Play-Cricket from 1-30 June but only after seeking and receiving permission from the Association by email by at least the day before the match is played. However, players who have not played cricket before may be registered at any time.

3.5.1 As a guideline permission will only be given to players who are not registered with another club and have not played for another club that season. As such, and for the purposes of clarity, it will not be given to players who are registered with another club or have played for another club that season. It should be noted that in this context 'another club' specifically includes clubs from other leagues. It is the responsibility of clubs to ascertain this and to state it in writing in their application. Should the statement prove incorrect it will result in penalties from the Association.

- 3.5.2 Where a UAJCA club goes out of existence, its registered players will automatically be allowed transfer to another UAJCA club, provided they are not Category 2 players and playing in other leagues.

Registration Summary

Pre-season [prior to 30 th April]	Any player
30 rd April to 31 st May	Any player
1 st June to 30 th June	Players who have not played for teams in other leagues
1 st April to end of season, per rule	Players under age 9

- 3.6 The aim of this rule is to prevent clubs seeking to gain an unfair advantage through what are usually referred to as 'ringers' (i.e. players brought in from other clubs for one or a small number of matches to gain an advantage but who are otherwise not involved as members of the club). The Association will view such action as against the 'spirit of the game', whether it was done deliberately or not, and will punish clubs accordingly.

Minimum Registration Period Allowable:

- 3.7 All clubs are required to register their players as Category One with the Association through Play-Cricket by the day before they play their first match for their club at the latest. Failure to achieve this requirement will result in penalties from the Association.

Obtaining Registration

- 3.8 Registration is obtained through Play-Cricket once club membership has been approved through a club's Play-Cricket site. The registration form supplements the membership form; however, the minimum requirement for registration is a player's full name, parental email address, mobile phone no. and date of birth. UAJCA Data protection measures are outlined within the Association's Privacy Notice.

- 3.9 In addition, clubs should also ensure they ascertain and state when registering the players for their club:

- 3.9.1 If the player is registered with another UAJCA club at a different age group, this is permissible, providing both clubs have agreed this beforehand and providing the clubs have clearly stated which club is the primary club, to which the player has primary allegiance and that which takes precedence in conflicts of interest between clubs for which the player is registered.

- 3.9.2 If the player is registered with another Club, which is not in our Association (and if so the club and age group), this is only permissible if the player is registered by 31 May as Category Two. This data along with the Date and Category of Registration will be kept by UAJCA within the ECB Play-Cricket password protected secure database and extract will only be granted for legitimate purposes to Association Representative Team Managers or bona fide cricketing authorities such as the YCB.

Maintaining the Club Register

- 3.10 It is also the clubs' responsibility to maintain and up to date their UAJCA registration database on Play-Cricket, within the terms of their club Privacy Notice.

Specific Aspects of Registration

- 3.11 No player is to play for different Clubs in the same Association age group at the same time.
- 3.12 A player may only transfer from one Club to another during the season following discussion and agreement between the two Clubs. A player is only allowed one transfer during the season. The Secretary is to be advised of all transfers by the gaining team, who will enter a registration using the 'Transfer' option within Play-Cricket. In such cases a player's average will be calculated from all scorecards.
- 3.13 Players who have transferred between Clubs will only be allowed to play Cup matches for the new Club if he/she has not previously played in the Cup for the former Club that season.
- 3.14 UAJCA seeks to ensure only players properly committed to UAJCA competitions are allowed to play in Association semi-finals and finals. Any Category 2 player is to demonstrate that commitment by playing in

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a number of matches for his UAJCA team, plus any matches for UAJCA representative teams, prior to the semi-final. That number of matches will be dependent on the number of fixtures scheduled and the number not played for legitimate reasons [i.e. rain]. In each case the number will be determined by the formula: No of potential fixtures prior to the semi-final x 50%, the answer rounded up.

Where extended inclement weather disrupts fixtures, UAJCA Executive may vary this regulation providing its intended purpose is not thwarted.

This rule is aimed to prevent Category 2 players giving preference to their Primary [or other non-UAJCA clubs] rather than UAJCA teams in the run-up to Cup semi-finals.

Any player who has played in a semi-final will ordinarily be allowed to play in the final.

3.15 Where a UAJCA club enters two teams at the same age group, strictly separate identity will be maintained for the teams (n.b. this is not applicable to U9 teams where the squad players may be selected for either team).

3.15.1 Where a club enters two teams at the same age group in accordance with 3.15, up to six players may be registered for both teams.

3.15.2 Registration of players in accordance with 3.15.1 on the Play-Cricket web site should be completed prior to commencement of the season.

3.15.3 Players can be subsequently registered up to the registration deadline up to 31 May in accordance with rule 3.4, providing that the quota of 6 dual registered players is not exceeded.

3.15.4 The Secretary will monitor the registration of players where a club has two teams in a single age group, with regard to reasonableness to ensure that a 'second' team is a 'genuine' second team.

Penalties for Playing Unregistered Players

Playing an Unregistered Player:

The objective of Registration is to ensure fairness. Administrative diligence is required and therefore the principle will be to penalise clubs and not the player. The Club will, with parental permission, submit the child's data for entry to UAJCA. Such registration will be one of the following types:

- A completely new registration for a player who has not previously played cricket
- A player transfer from another club (from within UAJCA or any other league)
- A dual registration where a player will play for different clubs at different age-groups
- A dual registration where a player will play for different clubs in two distinct associations

Clubs must seek to ensure that registration by parents is completed in a timely manner and before their child plays. However, in the interests of the player, if this has not taken place, the UAJCA Secretary may allow a temporary use of an 'unsure' entry provided that the club is able to show due diligence in encouraging the parent to complete registration. Such encouragement will be for the club to demonstrate, and if it is not able to do so a fine will be imposed on the club if a player plays without first being registered.

3.16.1.1 Where playing of an unregistered player can be clearly demonstrated as a result of administrative laxity, the penalty will be a club fine of £5.00 per player per occasion. Clubs should note that at the commencement of each season there is inevitably a 'peak' in registration workload and should take steps to ensure new players are registered in time.

3.16.1.2 Where playing of an unregistered player is deemed to have arisen as an attempt to gain unfair advantage, the penalty will be forfeiture of match points in addition to the fine of £5.

3.17 Playing an Unregistered Player from another Club:

The team forfeit the match and a fine of £10 per unregistered player per match.

3.18 Playing a 'ringer' (as determined by the UAJCA Executive):

The team forfeit the match and a fine of £20 per 'ringer' per match.

3.19 Playing a player in a semi-final or cup final who is registered with another club but has not played the required number of league matches:

The team forfeit the match.

3.20 If any of the four above apply to a cup tie the offending team will be expelled from the competition for that year.

3.21 Repeated transgression of the rule regarding registration will be treated as a disciplinary offence.

4 TEAM AND NEW CLUB ENTRIES

Team Entries

4.1 Each pre-season club will be requested to state the teams they propose to enter during the forthcoming season. This will typically take the form of a provisional declaration at the AGM followed by a final declaration at the March pre-season meeting. The Secretary will satisfy himself that the Association Players' Register has sufficient names – usually a minimum of eleven players - to support the team(s) declared. Any club with insufficient player registrations will be advised their application will not be confirmed until they provide sufficient registered players to man the declared team(s). Teams with insufficient players registered will not be included in the Fixture Plan for the forthcoming season. N.B. It is intended that the fixture plan be released within 7 days of the March meeting. This rule is designed specifically to preclude clubs making declarations without plans in place to recruit sufficient players and then subsequently withdrawing the team(s) after fixtures are prepared. The aim is to prevent all the subsequent re-work that this entails for the Secretary and the other clubs whose fixtures are affected.

New Club Entries

4.2 New clubs wishing to join the UAJCA are required to provide the following:

In writing and in the required format by the AGM

- A provisional list of the players they plan to register for the new season
- Their team manager(s) contact details
- Their Safeguarding Officer's (CWO) contact details plus copies of their Criminal Records Bureau check and CWO course.
- A commitment to Register a Play-Cricket site with the ECB and a subsequent affiliation to UAJCA

Verbally at the AGM

- Details of their club's structure, facilities and personnel for supporting junior cricket
- Details of any plans to introduce an U9 or U 11 team (if they do not have one)
- Assurances at the AGM that they will support Association Meetings

Through Play-Cricket by the Pre-Season March meeting

- A minimum of 11 registered players for each team entered

Staging of UAJCA fixtures and events

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- 4.3 Member clubs have a duty of care for their players, officials and supporters. To meet this requirement clubs staging league, cup or representative matches should ensure the following minimum facilities are provided:

Requirements for play

- A playing surface, cut, rolled and marked to appropriate length [age-group related]
- Where visiting teams agree, artificial practice wickets may be used
- An outfield defined with clearly marked boundaries [white line with flags, rope or boards]
- Outfields should be cut as short as possible within limitations imposed on grounds staff by the weather
- Stumps and bails 27" x 8" [up to age 13] and 28" x 9" [u15 & u17 matches]
- A system for display of match scores (electronic, mechanical or manual)
- A designated, dry, clean and warm area for scorers, free from interruption
- Designated 'Home' and 'Away', clean & tidy, lockable dressing rooms with separate facility for female players where required (which should be notified in advance)
- A designated lockable room for use of Umpires
- A properly stocked first aid kit

Requirements for the welfare of players, spectators and officials

- Sufficient shelter to cater for short-term inclement weather spells
- Clean & tidy male and female toilets with washing & hygiene facilities
- Seating for spectators
- Hot and/or cold drink refreshment

NB. Where facilities for any reason are *temporarily* unavailable, visiting clubs should be informed of such in advance by the Home club.

Additional requirements for Representative Matches or Cup Finals

- Car parking facilities at or close to the club or with signing to indicate other locations
- Early pre-match access for teams to dressing rooms and practice facilities
- Allocation of wicket as close to the centre of the playing square as possible
- For morning matches, breakfast refreshments for the innings interval for all players & officials. For afternoon matches, conventional 'Cricket Tea' refreshments at the innings interval for all players & officials
- UAJCA will provide funds to compensate clubs for such provisions
- Hot and/or cold drink refreshment for visiting players & supporters on arrival, where long-distance travel is a feature

5 MATCH RULES

- 5.1 Matches are in the sole charge of an adult, DBS-approved Umpire (i.e. 18 years of age as a minimum. Each club should endeavour to use one umpire for the duration of the match. A maximum of two umpires may be used by a side in any one game. Each team is to endeavour to see that their players are correctly dressed on the field of play, coloured team-ware is allowed. There is also to be one adult person (i.e. 18 years of age as a minimum) accompanying the team, responsible for their behaviour off the field.

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5.2. Several UAJCA competitions are organised on an 'Stage NOT Age' basis. 'Stage NOT Age' is principally about Transition between the developmental stages, irrespective of age. Clubs and parents should avoid decisions which excludes any young player from the game. To help determine the optimum stage in which to place a young player or to arrange Transition, a three-way agreement between Player, Parent & Coach is required to help avoid an individual player being excluded [e.g. as too old] [see below]

Transition decisions

Parent and the Club Coach should take into account the following:

Player Confidence	Matching opinions	Understand fears, trepidation, dislikes, mental health.
Learning capability	Sensitivity	Understand social skills, educational needs.
Player Safety	Defensive capabilities	Understand technique, reaction to injury.
Player Skill level	Compatible with Stage	Understand techniques, contribution.
Vacancy level	Place availability	Understand team structure, composition, rotation,
Development potential	High potential support	Understand skill level, ambitions, opportunities.

Team Management

UAJCA will monitor the incidence of players appearing beyond the usual Transition points in order to understand reasons for exemption. Where evidence suggests deliberate team manipulation abuse by team managers, disciplinary censure will be invoked, with potential team penalty.

5.3 League and Cup Matches are to be played according to the following rules:

5.3.1 Mixed Gender Cricket

	Softball Development	Hardball Development	Hardball Youth	Hardball Standard	Pink Ball
Age limitation	Stage Not Age	Stage Not Age	Under 13	Under 15	Under 18
Usual fixture day	Sundays	Thursdays	Sundays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Pitch Length	15 yards	17 yards	19 yards	22 yards	22 yards
Ball	Wind-ball	4.75 oz Hard ball	4.75 oz Hard ball	5.5 oz Hard ball	5.5 oz Hard ball
Helmet	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
Overs (6 ball)	16 aside [8 players]	16 aside [8 players] 20 aside [9 or 10 players]	20 16 in 1st 3 fixtures, if mid-week	20 16 in 1st 3 fixtures	20 16 in 1st 3 fixtures
Batting Restrictions	4 pairs Max 4 overs per pair	4 pairs Max 5 per pair 5 pairs Max 4 per pair 9 players 1 player to bat again selected by opposition	Retirement after a stroke which takes score beyond 24	Retirement after a stroke which takes score beyond 34	Retirement after a stroke which takes score beyond 49
Bowling Restrictions	Max 3 overs, Min 2 overs. Every player, bar the wicket keeper, to bowl Min 2 overs.	Max 3 overs, Min 2 overs. Every player, bar the wicket keeper, to bowl Min 2 overs	0-16 over games – max 2 overs 17-20 over games – max 3 overs	0-16 over games – max 3 overs 17-20 over games – max 4 overs	0-16 over games – max 4 overs 17-20 over games – max 5 overs
Wide or No Ball	To count as 1 extra. No additional ball except in the last over.	To count as 1 extra. No additional ball except in the last over.	To count as 1 extra.	To count as 1 extra.	To count as 1 extra.
Front foot no-balls	Umpires will allow discretion for very young or small players	Will count as a no-ball	Will count as a no-ball	Will count as a no-ball	Will count as a no-ball
Number of bounces allowed	More than two bounces is a no-ball	More than two bounces is a no-ball	More than two bounces is a no-ball	More than one bounce is a no-ball	More than one bounce is a no-ball
Full tosses [beamers]	Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is unfair. Whenever such a delivery is bowled, the umpire shall call and signal no-ball.				
Full tosses [beamers] If NOT dangerous	A no-ball is called.	A no-ball is called.	The first such delivery will result in a first warning. A second such delivery will result in a second and final warning. A third such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	The first such delivery will result in a first warning. A second such delivery will result in a second and final warning. A third such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	The first such delivery will result in a first warning. A second such delivery will result in a second and final warning. A third such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.
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Full tosses [beamers] If DELIBERATE	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.
Fast Bowling Directive	See Annex A to rules.	See Annex A to rules.	See Annex A to rules.	See Annex A to rules.	See Annex A to rules.
Batting Restrictions	See 5.3 below	See 5.3 below	1st score after 24. No return.	1st score after 34. No return.	1st score after 49. No return.
Fielding Restrictions	No closer than 12 yards	No closer than 12 yards	No closer than 12 yards	No closer than 10 yards	No closer than 10 yards
Agreement of match duration	Team Managers may agree overs before match start	Team Managers may agree overs before match start	Team Managers may agree overs before match start	Team Managers may agree overs before match start	Team Managers may agree overs before match start
Bad weather pre-match, no start	See rule regarding replays below	See rule regarding replays below	See rule regarding replays below	See rule regarding replays below	See rule regarding replays below
Bad weather during the match	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay

5.2.2 Girls only Cricket

	Softball Pairs Development	Softball Pairs Championship	Hardball Pairs Under-13
Age limitation	Stage Not Age	Stage Not Age	Under-13
Usual fixture day	Sundays	Wednesdays	Wednesdays
Pitch Length	15 yards	17 yards	19 yards
Ball	Wind-ball	Wind-ball	4.75 oz Hard ball
Helmet	Optional	Optional	Compulsory
Overs (6 ball)	16 aside [8 players]	16 aside [8 players]	16 aside [8 players]
Batting Restrictions	4 pairs Max 4 overs per pair	4 pairs Max 4 overs per pair	4 pairs Max 4 overs per pair
Bowling Restrictions	Max 2 overs. Every player, including the wicket keeper, to bowl Min 2 overs.	Max 2 overs. Every player, including the wicket keeper, to bowl Min 2 overs	Max 2 overs Every player, including the wicket keeper, to bowl Min 2 overs
Wide or No Ball	To count as 1 extra. No additional ball except in the last over.	To count as 1 extra. No additional ball except in the last over.	To count as 1 extra. Additional ball in all overs.
Front foot no-balls	Umpires will allow discretion for very young or small players	Will count as a no-ball	Will count as a no-ball
Number of bounces allowed	More than two bounces is a no-ball	More than two bounces is a no-ball	More than one bounce is a no-ball
Full tosses [beamers] If NOT dangerous	A no-ball is called.	A no-ball is called.	The first such delivery will result in a first warning. A second such delivery will result in a second and final warning. A third such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.
Full tosses [beamers] If DANGEROUS	A no-ball is called.	A no-ball is called.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.
Full tosses [beamers] If DELIBERATE	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.	A first and final warning is given. A second such delivery will result in the bowler being withdrawn from bowling.
Fast Bowling Directive	See Annex A to rules.	See Annex A to rules.	See Annex A to rules.

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Batting Restrictions	See 5.3 below	See 5.3 below	1st score after 24. No return.
Fielding Restrictions	No closer than 12 yards	No closer than 12 yards	No closer than 12 yards
Agreement of match duration	Team Managers may agree overs before match start	Team Managers may agree overs before match start	Team Managers may agree overs before match start
Bad weather pre-match, no start	See rule regarding replays below	See rule regarding replays below	See rule regarding replays below
Bad weather during the match	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay	Match started (min 2 overs) but not completed will be draws, no replay

- 5.3 The match format for Softball competitions follows the “*Gordon Bower*” Rules, which means that certain of the Association’s rules and Laws of Cricket will not apply as follows:

Runs	Each innings commences with a score of 200 runs.
Equipment	Softball cricket will be conducted without pads. Gloves & helmets will be optional.
Batting	The batters are to be divided into pairs. Each pair is to bat for 4 overs. Pairs are to change at the end of the 4 th , 8 th and 12 th overs (8 players) Batters have unlimited ‘lives’. Each ‘life’ lost results in 8 runs (Championship) or 5 runs (Development) being deducted from the total. No batter who is out, is to face the next ball. All boundaries will count as four runs [ie no sixes].
Players per team	If teams do not have 8 players, the sixteen overs to be shared in fairest manner & agreed by managers.
Winning Team	The winning team is the one scoring the highest number of runs after deductions for the fall of wickets.
Cup Matches	Softball Championship Cup matches will be played under the same rules. A strict age limitation applies. Players must have been under 11 on 1 st September the previous year.

- 5.4 Team managers are to provide a printed and legible Team Sheet showing first name and surname of all their team for the opposition scorer before each match. The format for a Team Sheet is at Annex B to these rules.
- 5.5. **Home** clubs should submit scorecards via Play-Cricket which have fully balanced batting and bowling figures before final confirmation of the result. **Away** clubs should amend where appropriate and confirm the result.
- 5.6. No fielder, except the wicketkeeper, is to field nearer than indicated in the table at Rule 5.2 as measured from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside, until the batsman has played the ball. If any fielder comes within this distance either umpire must stop the game and instruct the fielder to move back.
- 5.7. The fielding restrictions above shall apply to the player’s age, *not* the team e.g. a player U 13 years of age playing in an U17s team must not field closer than 12 yards. Additionally, wicketkeepers must wear a helmet when standing up to the wicket. Also note all helmets must have grills or visors that conform to ECB rulings.
- 5.8. If the ball in play hits a helmet not in use 5 penalty runs are awarded to the batting side.
- 5.9. It is Clubs responsibility to provide their own helmets for matches and their players will not be able to bat or keep wicket without them. In addition, Association rules do not permit re-arrangement of fixtures should clubs not have helmets. Accordingly, umpires should award the game to the team, which has arrived with helmets for the match unless satisfactory arrangements for sharing can be made.
- 5.10. A bowler [‘standard’ cricket formats only] encroaching into the ‘danger area’ will be given one warning by the Umpire, offences thereafter will incur a 5 run penalty to the bowling team.
- 5.11. Wicket keepers may not be changed during the course of a match, except when they have suffered serious injury. This rule is specifically intended to prevent wicket keepers being changed in order to bowl.
- 5.12. In the event of the scores being level in a cup match the winner shall be determined as follows:
- 5.12.1 The side which has lost the fewer wickets.
- 5.12.2 If still equal, 5 players from each side (not including the wicketkeeper) are to bowl once each at the wickets from the bowler’s end. The team scoring the most hits shall be the winners.

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5.12.3 If still equal, the same 5 bowlers shall bowl alternately in a sudden death bowl-out until a winner is achieved.

5.13. The following rule changes take place for mixed gender Cup Finals:

	Under-9	Under-11	Under-13	Under-15	Under-18
Trophy	Pairs Cup	Barritt-Stephenson	Hindle	Hargreaves	Spencer
Format	5 Pairs	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
Ball	Windball	4.75oz leather	4.75oz leather	5.25 oz leather	5.25 oz leather
Overs (6 ball) per team	20	20	30	30	30
Bowlers Maximum		4 overs	5 overs	6 overs	7 overs
Bowlers maximum spell		3 overs	4 overs	5 overs	6 overs
Batsman Max Score or when passed on same shot		20	30	40	50
Umpires	Club finalists manager	Appointed by Association	Appointed by Association	Appointed by Association	Appointed by Association
U11 Cup Final: ECB rule on 'No Balls' applies in U11 Cup Finals i.e. an extra ball is bowled throughout all the overs played.					

And for Girls only Cup Finals

	Softball	Hardball
Age limitation	Under-11	Under-13
Trophy	Barritt-Stephenson	Hindle
Format	4-team Festival	Pairs
Ball	Windball	4.75oz leather
Overs (6 ball) per team	20	16
Bowlers Maximum	4 overs	2 overs
Bowlers maximum spell	3 overs	NA
Umpires	Club finalists' manager	Appointed by Association

5.13.1 If less than 10 overs play are possible in a Cup Final then the match will be re-arranged on the first suitable date and at the most suitable ground as decided by a Association Officials. If the 10 over minimum has been reached, the scores will stand, and the Cup Final will be completed on the following night(s). If necessary, and in either case, the teams may toss a coin for home advantage.

Allocation of Umpires for Cup Finals

5.14 The Umpiring Co-ordinator will endeavour to allocate qualified umpires from the UAJCA Panel to officiate at Cup Finals. However, should this prove not possible, 8 clubs will be allocated the responsibility of providing one umpire each in order to provide 8 umpires for the cup finals - 2 each for the U 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s. The Secretary will allocate the 8 clubs each year and maintain a record for each club to ensure the responsibility is spread evenly amongst the Association membership.

If, for any reason, a club fails to provide an umpire for a Cup Final it is the responsibility of the club hosting the finals to provide a replacement(s). Umpire nominations from clubs are required by the Secretary in the required format in writing by e-mail by 30 April.

Under-9 Cup Finals will be umpired by each participant's team manager.

Penalties

5.15 The penalties for failing to nominate or provide an umpire for cup finals are as follows:

5.15.1 Failure to nominate an umpire by 14 May: £10.

5.15.2 Failure to provide an umpire for the final: £25 (additional to the £10 above).

Failure to provide an umpire for the finals will also require the club to provide an umpire for the finals for the following season.

6. LEAGUE MATCH POINTS

6.1. Points are awarded in league matches as follows:

6.1.1	Win/Walkover	- 3 points
6.1.2	Tie	- 2 points.
6.1.3.	Abandoned/Cancelled	- 1 point.
6.1.4.	Loss	- 0 points.
6.1.5	Batting & Bowling bonus points may apply in some competitions.	

Walkover means any match dealt with under Rule 7.4, where a club cannot raise a team.

Abandoned means any match which has started but which cannot be finished due to the intervention of adverse weather or other untoward occurrence.

Cancelled means any match not started and not subsequently rearranged under Section 7.

6.2. Points are subject to amendments only if the following applies:

6.2.1 Club playing against an over age or unregistered player in a match: - 3 points.

7 RE-SCHEDULING AND RE-ARRANGEMENT OF MATCHES

7.1 Guiding Principles

7.1.1 The re-scheduling and re-arrangement of UAJCA matches is not a right. It is achieved through mutual agreement between two clubs, within the UAJCA regulations. To assist in reaching such an agreement the UAJCA has three guiding principles that cover both the re-scheduling and the re-arrangement of league matches. The rules seek to support these principles. The principles are:

7.1.1.1 To optimise the number of cricket matches played during the season.

7.1.1.2 To ensure that in competitive leagues that fixtures are re-arranged in a consistent and fair manner so that no team gains an unfair advantage.

7.1.1.3 To discuss and agree re-arrangements in sequential order of initial schedule date, i.e. the first to require re-arrangement should be the first to be discussed.

7.2 Re-scheduling League Fixtures [Pre-season]

7.2.1 Each season the Fixture Secretary will prepare a fixture schedule within an agreed season duration and member specifications. The fixture schedule will be issued via Play Cricket within 14 days of the March Members' meeting. It is recognised that Clubs prepare their fixture handbooks and require changes to be identified early to avoid disruption to this process. Consequently, Clubs are encouraged to review their fixtures as soon as possible after their receipt via Play-Cricket.

7.2.2 If a fixture has been arranged for a date which cannot be met by a host club due to local circumstances then at any time up to 14 days before the first scheduled League fixture that Club may request that the fixture be re-scheduled. In these cases, regulation 7.3 [below] will not apply.

7.2.3 Such a request will only be approved by the Secretary once he/she is satisfied that the proposal will not adversely affect other fixtures. Where other fixtures are affected, the Secretary will consult those Clubs who should agree to the overall rearrangement proposal before the Secretary may approve the change.

7.2.4 The official start date of the season is the first date on which a league fixture is scheduled regardless of the age group. Fixtures will not normally be arranged before St George's Day, 23 April.

7.2.5 The official end date of the mainstream season is the Sunday following the conclusion of the school summer term for all age groups excluding Under-9s. The school summer term will be that of South Craven School. Clubs will be advised of this date in writing before the start of each season. The Under 9s season will end no later than August Bank Holiday Sunday.

7.3 Re-arrangement of Scheduled League Fixtures [During season]

7.3.1 Team Manager's Considerations

7.3.1.1 The re-arrangement of a fixture implies co-operation and at its heart a willingness to see that players play cricket matches, not for any other reason.

7.3.1.2 Re-arrangement must not be requested to achieve a potential advantage not present on the original date set for the fixture

7.3.1.3 The absence of a player or small number of players for any reason does not of itself permit a match to be re-arranged. In simple terms, if the Club has available the minimum number of players [7 standard, 6 pairs] the fixture should go ahead as scheduled. However, flexibility should be available if the cause is a clash with a school event not known when fixtures were published, in particular for Year 6 pupils (for example a nearby high school open evening).

7.3.1.4 If the physical infrastructure at the home club [pavilion, square or outfield] is unavailable, then Team Managers may switch the venue to a ground of their mutual choice.

7.3.1.5 Clubs field different numbers of teams and some therefore have fewer available dates.

7.3.2 Circumstances Permitting Re-arrangement

7.3.2.1 Re-arrangement of fixtures may only be requested in the following circumstances:

7.3.2.1.1 The host ground has become unusable due to effects of inclement weather.

7.3.2.2.2 Either team has more than four players selected for a representative match or trial.

7.3.2.2.3 The Executive requires a fixture to be moved to allow another fixture to take precedence (eg a team having reached a Cup Final or to fit in a representative match)

7.3.2.2.4 Both teams have agreed to move the fixture to a later date and have provided the Executive a minimum of four days' notice of this prior to the scheduled fixture date.

7.3.3 Where in any of the above scenarios, Team Managers do agree a new date for the fixture the Managers must ensure that one of them advises the Secretary of the new date within 14 days of the original scheduled date of the fixture. It is strongly recommended that this is done via e-mail to the Secretary, copying in the other Manager.

7.3.4 Failure to meet this requirement within 14 days will result in the Secretary declaring the fixture as an abandoned match.

7.3.5 For clarity, if a Team Manager determines that his team is unable to meet a scheduled fixture for any other reason than those shown above, the Manager may not request the fixture be re-arranged and must accept that the fixture shall be "Conceded".

7.3 Inclement Weather

7.4.1 If teams have travelled to the venue and the match cannot be started at the scheduled time, due to inclement weather, Captains and Team Managers may await cessation of inclement weather and commence the match at a time not later than 1 hour after the scheduled start time, with or without reduced overs.

7.5 Commencement

7.5.1 Once a fixture has commenced (i.e. at least two overs have been bowled) then it may not be re-arranged. The result in these cases shall be a "Draw".

7.6 Re-arrangement of Cup Fixtures

7.6.1 The Association also has guiding principles for re-arrangement of Cup matches. These are:

7.6.1.1 Cup Finals must take place as scheduled, with two teams having progressed through rounds in an

equitable manner.

7.6.1.2 If a Cup tie is unable to be played due to inclement weather or due to a waterlogged pitch, it will be played on the reserve date set by the Secretary.

7.6.1.3 If a Cup tie has commenced but is subsequently abandoned due to inclement weather, it will be replayed in a new match on the reserve date set by the Secretary.

7.6.1.4 If in a Cup tie one Club is unable to raise a team, there may be no re-arrangement. In such circumstances, the Club able to raise a team will progress to the next round. Clubs are reminded that the minimum number of players required for an official match [standard cricket] is seven or six [Pairs cricket], and Clubs are encouraged to consider either the promotion of younger players or to play with fewer than the usual number of players.

7.6.1.5 If on the day of a Cup tie the “home” ground is required for a senior match, the Clubs concerned may agree to swap the venue to the “away” ground, or they may agree for the fixture to be re-arranged. If a venue swap is not mutually agreeable, the fixture will be played on the reserve date set by the Secretary.

7.6.1.6 Where Cup-ties cannot be played on the reserve date in any of the above situations, the Secretary will Review the overall progress towards the Final to determine whether a new date can be accommodated or whether a drawing of lots must be used.

7.5 Disputes

In disputes where either an issue is not covered, or the interpretation of a rule is not clear, the Executive will make decisions in line with its view of consistency and fairness.

8 CUPS, MEDALS AND PRIZES

8.1. The Upper Airedale Junior Cricket Association will award Championship Trophies to the winning Teams in the U 9, U 11, U 13, U 15 and U 17 age groups. If two or more teams are equal on points then their positions will be decided by a ‘net run rate’ method [Difference in Runs per wicket].

8.2 The Upper Airedale Junior Cricket Association will award the winners of Cup Finals the following trophies:

For U 17s **The William Spencer Memorial Cup**

For U 15s **The Raleigh Hargreaves Cup**

For U 13s **The John Hindle Cup**

For U 11s **The Barritt & Stephenson Cup**

For U 9s **The U9s Pairs Cup**

8.3 The number of additional cups and/or medals to be presented for each season will be decided at an Association Committee Meeting once the structure of the leagues for the season has been decided.

8.3.1 It is the responsibility of the Association Executive to ensure both the league and cup trophies are engraved before the annual presentation evening. This means a winning club can be officially presented with it at that event with their name on the cup. In order to allow the League Executive to get this work done in good time all cups should be returned to them by 31 July. Clubs failing to adhere to this timetable will be fined £20.

Individual player, annual returnable trophies should also be returned to UAJCA officials by 31st July. In the event a trophy is not returned, UAJCA will provide a replacement trophy, the cost of which must be borne by the player’s club.

8.4 The Association will also award Prizes for the best individual Batting and Bowling averages and for Fielding, Wicket Keeping and all-round performances. Qualifications will be varied in proportion to the number of fixtures planned in order to maintain fairness to players in smaller conferences. Qualifications are as follows:

Achievement awards will reflect player performances during the season.

Development awards will reflect changes in performance over the last 2 seasons in the programme.

To determine the extent of development, the UAJCA will cross-compare every under-9 player's out-turn performance, as recorded in the Play-Cricket database, with their previous season's performance. A calculation of the degree of progress will be undertaken to determine entitlement to for Medals in Batting, Bowling and Improvers of the Year categories.

The 12 medals will be given as follows:

1 for Batting achievement, 1 for Bowling achievement and 1 for All Round achievement

3 for development in Batting, 3 for development in Bowling, 3 for development in All Round skills

Data will be prepared by Secretary and reviewed by a panel of 3 officials (the Secretary, Chairman & Treasurer)

All under-9 awards will be presented at the Presentation Night and will be boxed medallions.

Under-11 batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One innings more than 50% of the planned number of league fixtures • And a minimum qualification of 10 runs per league fixture scheduled. • Should a batsman bat twice in a match both innings will count for averages.
Under-13 batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One innings more than 50% of the planned number of league fixtures • And a minimum qualification of 13 runs per league fixture scheduled.
Under-15 batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One innings more than 50% of the planned number of league fixtures • And a minimum qualification of 15 runs per league fixture scheduled.
Under-17 batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One innings more than 50% of the planned number of league fixtures • And a minimum qualification of 17 runs per league fixture scheduled.
Under-11 bowling	0.67 league wickets per scheduled fixture (8 in 12)
Under-13 bowling	0.75 league wickets per scheduled fixture (9 in 12)
Under-15 bowling	0.83 league wickets per scheduled fixture (10 in 12)
Under-17 bowling	1.00 league wickets per scheduled fixture (12 in 12)
Wicket-Keeping	Most dismissals (caught, stumped, run outs when keeping) pro-rated by no of fixtures
Fielding	Most dismissals (caught, run-out)
Cricketer of the Year	Points are awarded for batting, bowling, catching, fielding & wicket keeping based on a formula devised by the Fixtures Secretary which reflects the playing conditions in a particular year. The prize of 'Cricketer of the Year' will be awarded to the player in each age group who has obtained the highest Points total. The Girl Cricketer of the Year Awards will be made with modified calculation to account for inter-age comparison. Further details at Annex C.

- 8.5 All batting retirements count as not out for the averages. Official score sheets are taken as correct for the averages although it should be made clear only league games count.
- 8.7 Where a club has 2 teams in the same age group and a player plays for both teams, their scores for each team i.e. runs, wickets should be recorded in the averages and also in the Cricketer of the Year prize.
- 8.8 If for any reason no player reaches the minimum qualification required for the bowling prize it will be awarded to the bowler in that age group with the most wickets for the season (with the best average being used to resolve any tie). If the same happens for the batting prize the minimum qualification will be reduced in stages of 20 runs until at least one qualifier is found. It will then be decided by the highest batting average above the new qualifying level.

9 MERIT, SERVICE & HONOURS

9.1 Awards and rewards

The Upper Airedale Junior Cricket Association may from time to time make awards or rewards to deserving clubs, officials, players or supporters in recognition of meritorious service, action or achievement which can clearly be demonstrated as enhancing any or all of:

- Services to cricket
- Services to junior cricket
- Services to UAJCA

These awards may take the form of life membership, trophies, recommendations or appointments. Decisions in respect of 9.1, above will be made by the UAJCA Executive committee, who may consult other league representatives or appropriate other opinion formers.

9.2 Nominations for Regional Cricket

Each March the Association will make nomination to YCB of UAJCA players to be considered for inclusion in Regional Cricket trials in order to gain personal development which might lead to selection for County teams.

Nominations by the Association will include player age, contact details and relevant league and representative performance data.

In the interests of fairness nominations will be made for players who:

- Have represented UAJCA in Yorkshire Festival representative level competition that season
- Have previously been selected for any of the YCB Regional teams
- Have been specifically recommended by any of UAJCA representative team managers

In September each year UAJCA players with Yorkshire Festival experience or significant impact in league Competition will be invited to attend the UAJCA-YCB approved winter Development Centre, managed by a UAJCA-chosen Course provider. This course will be at parental expense unless financial discount can be offered from bona-fide Cricketing bodies or from commercial partners or sponsors. (NB YCB Pathways Coaching runs concurrent with the UAJCA Development Centre). UAJCA will recommend the Development Centre whilst making players aware of Pathways.

9.3 Cricket Development

The Association will fund Development events or activities for its member clubs, where approved by the membership.

The Association will create appropriate sub-committees to facilitate arrangement of developmental experiences for young players, under the auspices of UAJCA, such that a coherent contribution to both Players' development and the Area Representative teams.

These events, fixtures or activities will be approved by the member clubs.

10 RESOLVING DISPUTES BETWEEN CLUBS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS

10.1 There are two broad potential sources of conflict in most leagues – disputes about decisions that are made (which generally revolve mainly around rules) and disputes about peoples actions (which generally revolve mainly around unacceptable behaviour). Whilst the demarcation between these areas is not always completely clear the Association Executive will, wherever possible, seek to define problems into one of these two categories. As a broad guideline, arguments that are over decisions will generally be regarded as a dispute whilst issues about unacceptable behaviour will be regarded as a disciplinary matter.

10.2 In accordance with the ECB Code of Conduct, players and team officials must accept the umpire's or umpires' decisions as being taken in good faith. Such decisions, including the correct application or not of League Rules, may not be disputed after the event. With this guidance in mind, the following sequence of actions should be used to resolve other disputes. All disputes should go through the informal resolution process before the formal resolution process is started.

Informal

10.3 Team Managers Discussion

Team Managers should read the Association Rules and apply the rules as detailed. If the matter is not dealt with in Association Rules, the wording is ambiguous or the action required unclear then the Team Managers should try and agree a resolution which both sides are prepared to accept. n.b. any resolution must be in full agreement with Association Rules especially regarding re-arranging fixtures and the eligibility and registration of players. If they cannot do this the Club Reps should be consulted.

10.4 Club Reps Arbitration

If the Club Reps – or other Club Officials if this helps - confirm the matter is not dealt with in the Association Rules, the wording is ambiguous, or the action required unclear then the Club Reps or Officials should have a Second attempt to try and agree a resolution which both sides are prepared to accept. n. b. any resolution must be in full agreement with Association Rules especially regarding re-arranging fixtures and the eligibility and registration of players. If they cannot do this - or they would prefer confirmation of their decision - the Secretary should be consulted.

10.5 Secretary Decision

The Secretary should confirm the matter is not dealt with adequately in the Association Rules. He should then hear the views of both Club Reps or their proposed solution, and then make his decision. n.b. any decision must be in full agreement with Association Rules especially regarding re-arranging fixtures and the eligibility and registration of players. If he cannot do this the Compliance Officer should be consulted.

10.6 Secretary and Compliance Officer Decision

The Secretary and the Compliance Officer should seek a resolution which is not contrary to Association Rules or likely to be subject to a possible challenge on grounds such as fairness by one or both of the clubs or individuals n.b. any decision must be in full agreement with Association Rules especially regarding re-arranging fixtures and the eligibility and registration of players. If they cannot do this the Association Executive should be consulted.

10.7 After rules 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6 the club may move to the formal process if they prefer. However, if they continue to Rule 10.8, then the decision is binding on all parties and no formal process will be considered by the Association Executive.

10.8 Association Executive Decision

The Association Executive will discuss the matter and make a final decision. n.b. the final decision must be in full agreement with Association Rules especially regarding re-arranging fixtures and the registration and eligibility of players.

10.9 Whether at Rule 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 or 10.8 if both clubs accept the decision then that ruling is applied and the matter is closed. In order to avoid any future disagreements it may be useful to briefly record this decision which is copied to and held by both parties. As noted above though, any decision must be in full agreement with Association Rules especially regarding re-arranging fixtures and the eligibility and registration of players.

Formal

10.10 If either club or individual disagrees with the decision at either Rule 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6 above then a formal complaint may be put in writing (e-mail will suffice) to be received by the Secretary not more than 3 days after the relevant decision has been made.

The complaint should state:

- Who is making the complaint (a named club or individual).
- What the dispute is about.

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- Which, if any, Association Rules are involved.
- The reason(s) why the Association decision is challenged.
- What action the club or individual expect the Association Executive to take.

Decisions and Penalties

10.11. The options available to the Association Executive regarding decisions either in the informal or the formal processes are one or more of the following as required:

To decide the result of matches. (This includes the points allocation for league matches and which team proceeds to the next round or wins cup matches. It includes the option to award 0 pts to both teams in a league match and to disqualify both clubs from the cup competition.)

To issue an informal (verbal) warning to one or both clubs or individuals. (This informal warning will have a life of up to 1 year and will be taken into account should future penalties be given to the club or individual during this period.)

To issue a formal (written) warning to one or both clubs or individuals. (This formal warning will have a life of up to 2 years and will be taken into account should future penalties be given to the club or individual during this period.)

To fine clubs or individuals (maximum £50, minimum £10) for actions committed. (This includes ‘frivolous’ appeals which waste the Association Executive’s time e.g. the matter is unambiguously covered in Association Rules.)

To overturn any decision made by clubs or Association Officials which is contrary to Association Rules.

To call a Disciplinary Hearing.

It should also be noted that these penalties are available to the Association Executive for matters which may be brought to their attention but which have not gone through the informal and formal processes.

Right of Appeal

10.12 The Association Executive decisions in all such matters are final unless they consider that championships, Cups or promotion/relegation hinge on the decisions. In such instances the Association Executive may allow an appeal if they feel it serves the interests of fairness and avoids accusations of bias by allowing an independent panel review of the process and decisions.

10.13 To assist those involved in the administration and delivery of UAJCA teams and matches, a short summary of the key roles has been produced and this is attached an appendix to the rules.

DISCIPLINARY CODE AND PROCEDURES

The UAJCA have adopted the ECB General Conduct Regulations for Recreational Cricket, the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code and the YCB Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy because the UAJCA believes that:

- Abuse dissent and other forms of misbehaviour must be removed from the game of cricket.
- These issues must be tackled at source, which means by clubs both on and off the field.
- The UAJCA should uphold and enforce standards so that justice is both done and seen to be done.

11.1 ECB General Conduct Regulations for Recreational Cricket

The ECB General Conduct Regulations for Recreational Cricket (the Regulations) are available in full via the ECB website. They are summarised below:

1. Although certain of the provisions are mandatory in full, the relevant cricket organisations can amend and/or supplement certain of the provisions. The provisions which can be amended and/or supplemented have been underlined in the document so that they can be easily identified.
2. Cricketers will be subject to on-field conduct obligations mirroring the Laws of Cricket and other participants present at matches (e.g., coaches, officials and representatives of other cricket organisations acting in an official capacity at the match) will be subject to more limited on-field conduct obligations (as is the case in the professional game).
3. Participants in recreational cricket will be subject to off-field conduct obligations which either relate to their participation in recreational cricket or occur outside their direct participation but are of a sufficiently serious nature to justify disciplinary action being taken in relation to recreational cricket (e.g., discriminatory comments being made on social media). There is reduced scope for bringing disciplinary action against representatives of cricket organisations, as opposed to cricketers, coaches and officials, given the role they play within cricket.
4. Cricket organisations must appoint a disciplinary officer, although this does not have to be the same (i.e., a single) individual for each case. Some cricket organisations may wish to appoint a group of individuals, which may also assist with resourcing issues and conflicts of interest but it must be clear who these individuals are so that any complaints can be directed to them.
5. Cricket organisations can adopt a more streamlined procedure for low-level offences, i.e., on-field offences at Level 1 and Level 2. This will involve a single disciplinary chair considering whether there has been a breach of the Regulations and, if so, what sanctions should be imposed.
6. Where the offence is more serious, the disciplinary officer will select a disciplinary panel to consider the matter at a hearing.
7. A disciplinary hearing must comply with relevant procedural rules, principles and considerations in order to ensure that there is a fair hearing and consistent administration of justice across the sport.
8. In appropriate circumstances, the chair may direct that the charge be considered by the disciplinary panel on the basis of written submissions only (i.e. without an in-person hearing), although a hearing shall be arranged if requested by the respondent.
9. The Regulations are accompanied by guidance to assist cricket organisations to administer the disciplinary process. The guidance appears in Appendix 4 and where there is specific guidance in respect of a particular Regulation, a note appears under the relevant Regulation.

11.1.2 Interpretation

The UAJCA will interpret the above, where this is necessary, as follows:

1. In relation to point 4, the UAJCA will recognise as its disciplinary officer the role that is currently known by the title of Compliance Officer, changing this role title to Disciplinary and Compliance Officer.
2. In relation to Point 5, the UAJCA will adopt the recommendation for a more streamlined procedure for low-level offences. This will apply to on and off-field offences at Level 1 and Level 2 and allow a single disciplinary chair to consider whether there has been a breach of the Regulations and, if so, what sanctions should be imposed.

11.2 ECB Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, and which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket. The UAJCA believes that cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents. Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket and all participants should:

- Respect their captain, team-mates, opponents, and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by their own conduct and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against them.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of their own team.
- Thank the officials and the opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

11.3 ECB Anti-Discrimination Code

The ECB aims to create an environment within cricket in England and Wales in which no individual, group or organisation experiences discrimination or acts in a discriminatory manner on the basis of a Protected Characteristic (as defined in the Equality Act 2010 from time to time – which at the time of writing are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation). This Code therefore sets out discriminatory behaviour which, when carried out by a participant who is required to comply with it, will be a breach of the Code and may be sanctioned accordingly.

11.4 YCB Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

The YCB are opposed to all forms of racism and are committed towards the elimination of all forms of racism at all levels of sport and to address issues of racial inequality.

The YCB acknowledges that racial disadvantage and discrimination are still present in the sport and are key factors which influence the nature and the extent of the Black Minority Ethnic Communities and individuals.

The YCB acknowledges that the elimination of racial disadvantages and discrimination from cricket is an on-going task and alongside its commitment to working towards the elimination of racism, it will also take positive action to meet the cricketing needs and aspirations of Yorkshire Black Minority Ethnic communities and individuals.

The YCB will encourage all affiliated Leagues and organisations to have a strategy in place to inform their membership of their anti-racism commitment and that existing procedures in place are used to take disciplinary actions against players and officials who racially abuse others players, officials or spectators during matches.

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YCB expects all member leagues, associations and clubs to incorporate this statement and policy and the ECB open membership rule into their rules and regulations. Clubs/Leagues/Associations not adopting it, will not be eligible for any grant application.

11.5 Match Officials' Awareness

UAJCA clubs should ensure that match officials are aware of the Laws of Cricket, this code and its procedures regarding misconduct and ensure that they are supported to report any behaviour that is contrary to the Regulations.

11.6 Display of Documents

The UAJCA requires all clubs to display:

- the Regulations and Spirit of the Game.
- the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code.
- the YCB Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

11.7 Procedure for Dealing with Complaints

These are set out within the Regulations, but for clarity a Referral to the UAJCA should be made, in the first instance to the League Secretary who will refer the matter to the Disciplinary Officer as soon as is practicable.

11.8 ECB Procedure for Communicating Disciplinary Decisions to County Boards and Leagues

This procedure is designed to ensure that a player who has been suspended for disciplinary reasons by a league cannot play in the YCB or ECB during the period of the suspension. It is also designed to promote consistency in sentencing and to introduce additional sanctions for persistent offenders.

Registering with Local County Board. The UAJCA is registered with the YCB which is our 'home' County Board. However, given the UAJCA generally has at least one team from Lancashire their County Board must also be notified when this is applicable.

Notification Procedure. Within the YCB boundaries, affiliated leagues and clubs must report all suspensions of whatever length to the YCB Disciplinary Officer. YCB will forward these to ECB if they are relevant.

Any suspension of a player for four weeks or more should be made to the YCB on the YCB form but notification should only be made after any appeal is heard or once the period for appeal has expired.

The YCB will review the decision and, provided the YCB agrees the suspension is appropriate in the circumstances, will enter the suspension on the CBMS system. If the YCB does not believe that the suspension is appropriate it can decide not to pass the information to the ECB. This will not affect the suspension imposed by the UAJCA but will mean that it is not extended to other leagues. The Board will notify the UAJCA if it decides not to support its decision.

The forms should be sent to:

The Disciplinary Officer of the YCB (see below)
The Secretary of the relevant Area Cricket Council(s)
Secretaries of neighbouring Leagues and organisations

The current Disciplinary Officer for the YCB is Ian Livesey (212, Barnsley Road, Flockton, Wakefield WF4 4AB) 01924 848613 but the names and addresses will be provided annually in the YCB Handbook, Directory and website.

11.9 Transfer of Players and Clubs

Players are not permitted to transfer clubs within the UAJCA whilst they are serving any term of disciplinary action, nor if there is a case pending.

Players or clubs wishing to transfer to another league are not permitted to do so whilst they are serving any term of disciplinary action, nor if there is a case pending.

11.10 Disciplinary Actions from Activities Organised by the YCB

Disputes between Leagues. The YCB expects leagues to try to resolve any disputes amicably. However, if they fail to resolve any matter it should then be taken to the Area Cricket Council when both leagues are in the same area. If this also fails, then the matter should be referred to the Appeals Panel of the Board and its decision is final and binding.

Role of YCB and UAJCA. The role of the YCB in disciplinary matters is a direct one only in disagreements between leagues, between players and clubs wishing to transfer leagues and of reporting by YCB to ECB of 4-week suspensions. Otherwise, the decision of the UAJCA is final and binding within its own area of jurisdiction.

Annex A to Rules**ECB Directives and Guidelines**

A full list of all ECB Directives and Guidelines is at:

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/publications/directives-and-guidance,97,BP.html>

For ease of reference two of them at Annex A and Annex D are produced below as a part of the Association Rules.

ECB Fast Bowling Match Directives - Issued October 2009.

For any subsequent changes visit www.play-cricket.com

The fast bowling directives are designed to raise awareness of the need to nurture and protect young fast bowlers through their formative years. Research has shown that fast bowlers are by far the most likely players to be missing playing and training time due to injury

Age	Maximum Overs per Spell	Maximum Overs per Day
Up to 13	5	10
U 14 & 15	6	12
U 16 & 17	7	18
U 19	7	18

For the purpose of these Directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.

Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his* spell have been bowled from the same end. A bowler can change ends without ending his current spell provided that he bowls the next over that he legally can from the other end. If this does not happen his spell is deemed to be concluded.

If play is interrupted, for any reason, for less than 40 minutes any spell in progress at the time of interruption can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end. If the interruption is of 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowler can commence a new spell immediately.

Once a bowler covered by these Directives has bowled in a match he cannot exceed the maximum number overs per day for his age group even if he subsequently bowls spin. He can exceed the maximum overs per spell if bowling spin, but cannot then revert to bowling fast until an equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end. If he bowls spin without exceeding the maximum number of overs in a spell the maximum will apply as soon as he reverts to bowling fast.

Captains, Team Managers and Umpires are asked to ensure that these Directives are followed at all times. For guidance it is recommended that in any 7 day period a fast bowler should not bowl more than 4 days in that period and for a maximum of 2 days in a row Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

**Any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her.*

Annex C to Rules

Cricketer of the Year Awards

The Cricketer of the Year Awards are intended for the player who demonstrates the highest levels of cricket skills in all disciplines of the sport in UAJC Association matches. This will be determined by an objective numerical summary of points, allocated for runs scored, wickets taken, catches taken and stumpings made. The points will be awarded according to the following formula:

For League matches in a specific age-group:

- For every run scored: 1 point
- For every wicket taken a number of points equivalent to the overall league average runs per wicket (usually between 10 and 16)
- For every catch taken by a keeper a number of points equivalent to the overall league average runs per wicket (usually between 10 and 16)
- For every stumping made by a keeper a number of points equivalent to the overall league average runs per wicket (usually between 10 and 16)
- For every catch taken by an out-fielder a number of points equivalent to 50% of the overall league average runs per wicket (usually between 5 and 8)
- For every run out awarded a number of points equivalent to 50% of the overall league average runs per wicket (usually between 5 and 8)

The single award for Girl Cricketer of the Year is by definition not age-group related and therefore an adjustment is made to balance the performances of younger (u-11 & u-13) and older players (u15 & u17). The factor will be on a ratio of 2:1; i.e. younger players' points totals will be doubled. This factor will be reviewed each year in order to be sure the ratio continues to reflect the relative skill levels of these age groups.

Annex D to Rules

Junior Players in Open Age Cricket – Issued February 2010

Advice received from ECB 2 February 2010 after YCB newsletter and ECB Guidelines for junior players in open age cricket was printed by YCB

We have worked with the Safeguarding team to provide a statement, attached, on the changes relating to Young Players playing Open Age Cricket. In addition to the statement please note that Leagues who have already had Annual General Meetings or have sent out papers prior to these meetings should be aware of these revised Guidelines and note that due consideration needs to be given to implementation during 2010 or, if not possible without a Special General meeting then consider for implementation for 2011 season.

Friendly cricket, the traditional first point of young player introduction to the world of adult cricket, is not affected with the proviso that the Duty of Care is recognised.

Statement

The ECB has had several recent requests to clarify the recently issued ECB guidelines on junior players in open age cricket. The intention of the merger of previous guidance documents was to clarify this area for clubs and leagues to assist them with planning and fulfilling fixtures.

For purposes of ECB communications a guideline is as it implies - guidance based upon considered advice and consultation. ECB as the National Governing Body (NGB) advises cricket clubs and leagues via County Boards of current best practice which may be relied upon by insurers to assess the relative responsibilities should a claim be made. In this case ECB as the NGB are advising that a legal duty of care towards children is incumbent on those designated as responsible adults in relation to those children.

As specified in the guidelines, all clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players aged U 18 who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to leagues that allow the participation of young players in open age groups in their league. The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

- Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

In addition the guidelines note the need for clubs and leagues to recognise the positive experience that young players should have in open age cricket and thus clubs should provide an opportunity for players to show their talents in an appropriate way. Children who are just used as fielders will not fully experience the game.

The guidelines are designed to help clubs to decide when to select young players in open age competitive cricket and how best to help their cricketing development when they play within open age groups. For example:

- U 12 age group players* and younger should not play in open age competitive cricket.
- U 13 age group players* can play in open age group competitive cricket, (i.e. players aged 12 and over) if considered by YCB District Management that it is appropriate for their development.
- U 13 players will need prior explicit written parental consent to play as this recognises the need for parents or guardians to be aware of the significance of allowing their young child to participate in open age competitive cricket rather than purely junior cricket.
- Over 13 year old players are free to play open age cricket.

**Junior cricket age groups are set by the age of the player on the 31st August preceding the season of play.*

Annex E to Rules

UAJCA Roles & Responsibilities

Umpire

1. Clubs should ensure that appointed umpires are aged 18 or over and DBS approved.
2. Prior to the start of the match Umpires will agree with both team managers that conditions are safe for the match to start, otherwise agreeing any temporary delay or abandonment.
3. Once the match starts Umpires are jointly in charge of the match.
4. They are responsible for seeing that play is fair.
5. They are responsible for ensuring that playing conditions do not put players in danger.
6. Umpires (in liaison with scorers if necessary) must ensure bowlers do not exceed the maximum number of overs allowed and that batsmen do not exceed the age-group retirement limitation.
7. During play Umpires will ensure behaviour remains within the Code of Practice, dealing with matters that can be dealt with on field and recording any reportable breaches.
8. On-field decisions by the umpires should not be criticised by the team managers, other club officials, players, or spectators and cannot be amended after the match.

Scorer

1. Clubs will ensure scorers are competent, or if under instruction have an experienced mentor.
2. Prior to a match, scorers must obtain a team sheet with all player names, as they are recorded on Play Cricket and in the proposed batting order for each team, from the respective team managers.
3. Scorers must acknowledge all umpires' signals during the match
4. Scorers must liaise with umpires regarding batting or bowling restrictions if they believe that a breach of these restrictions is occurring or has occurred..
5. The scorers are responsible for agreeing scores with each other ball-by-ball and at the end of each over.
6. Scorers [with or without a scoring assistant] must ensure the correct score is displayed on the host club scoreboard throughout the match.
7. Scorers will agree final team scores and obtain approval from the umpires at the close of play, before submitting the scorecard to Play-Cricket.
8. On-field decisions by the umpires cannot be amended after the match.

Team Manager

1. The team manager is responsible for team selection of pre-registered players within the correct age-group.
2. Prior to the start of a match team managers will agree with both umpires that conditions are safe for the match to start, otherwise agree any temporary delay or abandonment.
3. Prior to the start of the match team managers will notify the umpires and scorers of any agreed changes to the format of the match provided these remain within Association rules.
4. Prior to the start of a match, team managers must hand a team sheet with all player names, as they are recorded on Play Cricket and in the proposed batting order, for each team to the scorers.
5. During play the team manager will ensure the correct and appropriate behaviour of off-field players within the Code of Practice and UAJCA regulations.
6. Team managers must prevent undue delay when a wicket has fallen.
7. Team managers must keep coaching of players to a minimum, particularly if they are also umpiring.
8. Where batting order changes are made, the team manager must advise the scorers accordingly.
9. Where disputes between team managers arise regarding eligibility or behaviour, if they are unable to find a mutual resolution, they should refer their dispute to their respective Club representatives.
10. Team managers must support the on-field decisions by the umpires which should not be criticised by them, other club officials, players, or spectators; and cannot amend after these after a match.
11. Where a match is abandoned, team managers will promptly, where permitted within regulations, agree dates and arrangements for any replay and advise the Association Fixtures Secretary.

Club Representative [aka Junior Co-ordinator]

1. The club Representative/co-ordinator [CR] is the formal link for the UAJCA Executive through which to communicate with member clubs.
2. The CR attends UAJCA meetings and casts votes where required on behalf of his/her club.
3. The CR is responsible for ensuring all his/her club' managers receive copies of UAJCA rules and fixture lists each season.

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4. The CR is responsible for ensuring correct club & Association registration of all players in appropriate age-groups.
5. The CR should pass all UAJCA fixtures to club groundsmen to ensure correct length wickets are available at all matches.
6. The CR will liaise with the Association Secretary regarding nominations for coaching or representative honours.
7. The CR will assist in the resolution of queries arising from scorecards.
8. Where team managers refer disputes, accusations of malpractice, breeches of rules or poor behaviour to the CR, he/she with his/her opposite number will be responsible for agreeing resolution, or if this is not possible, submitting any formal complaint to the Association Secretary. Any such referral should include any evidence, such as witness statements, scoresheets, or photographs in addition to the submission.

Association Fixtures Secretary

1. The Association Fixtures Secretary [AFS] will publish UAJCA fixtures in accordance with the UAJCA Plan, within one week of the March Members Meeting. Re-scheduling of fixtures at the behest of clubs prior to the season will be approved and re-published.
2. The AFS will monitor all recorded scorecards via the Play-Cricket system and lock results and cards once player eligibility, scoring accuracy and card completeness are established.
3. Where discrepancies on scorecards exist, the AFS will advise Club Representatives, requesting final completion.
4. The AFS will advise the Association Treasurer to issue fines to clubs where failures to fully comply with scorecard submission within approved timescales.

Association Secretary

1. Correspondence with other Districts and/or Governing Bodies regarding Representative fixtures is the primary responsibility for the Secretary.
2. The Secretary will receive formal complaints from Club Representatives and initially respond where able within UAJCA rules. Where this is not possible, if the complainant wishes, the Secretary will instigate formal disciplinary procedures.
3. Where the Secretary has affiliation with either party in the complaint, he will not take part in the disciplinary procedure.
4. The Secretary will liaise with Club Representatives regarding nominations for coaching or representative honours.

Umpiring Co-ordinator

1. The co-ordinator will recruit the assistance of suitably qualified umpires to act in UAJCA Cup Finals and Representative matches.
2. The co-ordinator will maintain a database of umpires and utilise the WTU system for appointing umpires to fixtures.
3. The co-ordinator is responsible for ensuring that the contact details for umpires are circulated to all host venue representatives to avoid un-necessary travel where inclement weather causes abandonment.
4. The co-ordinator will advise clubs of their umpiring responsibility for Cup Finals in accordance with the UAJCA umpiring rota.

Compliance Officer

1. The Association Compliance Officer [ACO] is the guardian of the Association's rule book.
2. The ACO will ensure all amendments to rules agreed at Members' meetings are properly incorporated into the official document and distributed promptly to all clubs.
3. The November Members Meeting begins the formal process for submission and discussion of any proposals for new or amended rules. The ACO will circulate a request for all such proposals for new or amended rules prior to this meeting and ensure a summary of these is available for consideration before the Meeting takes place.
4. The ACO will also advise Club Representatives and the Association Fixtures Secretary regarding interpretation of rules where requested.
5. The ACO will participate in formal disciplinary investigations and committees where requested by the Association Secretary.

Safeguarding Officer

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1. The Association Safeguarding Officer [ACWO] is responsible for receipt of reports from Club CWOs for onward submission to the Yorkshire Cricket Board CWO for advice, resolution, or action.
2. The ACWO is responsible for ensuring all Club CWOs are fully DBS checked by maintenance of a database of all club CWOs and for advising them of impending DBS expiry.
3. The ACWO is responsible for ensuring all UAJCA-appointed umpires are fully DBS checked and recorded on the WTU database and for advising umpires of impending DBS expiry.

Chairman / President

1. The Chairman's duties are primarily administrative in managing Members' meetings, and as the Association's dignitary at formal occasions such as Cup Finals or Representative matches.
2. The Chairman or President will act as Chairman of disciplinary committees when requested by the Association Secretary, particularly when the Secretary is ineligible or unavailable.

Results Auditor

1. Each week during the junior cricket season, Results for League & Cup matches are entered to Play-Cricket by Club Team managers or Club Results Administrators. There is a need to review each result and scorecard to ensure mathematical accuracy and correct interpretation of results. This must include:
 2. Check that the result has been entered within the defined timescale.
 3. Where this is the case, the result of correct may be 'locked'.
 4. Where this is not the case, advise the Treasurer that a fine may be appropriate in view of any rule breach.
5. Review that all players names are properly registered and that any 'unsure' entries are thoroughly investigated, where necessary in conjunction with club representatives. Any apparent infringement of registration rules should be advised to the Compliance Officer.
6. Ensuring that both batting and bowling cards agree with each other. Where the discrepancy is tiny and does not affect either the result or player averages, these may be ignored.
7. Ensuring that in Pairs Cricket matches, the number of wickets properly takes account of run outs, although the system does not reflect this need.
8. Ensuring that in pairs Cricket matches that the names of players taking catches, effecting stumpings or causing run outs are recorded in the 'Highlights' report.
9. Ensuring that extras are entered in each innings.
10. Ensuring that bowlers' returns include wides & no-balls in their runs conceded totals.
11. Ensure that all Officials [Umpires & Scorers] names are included.
12. Once the scorecard is deemed satisfactory the scorecard may be 'locked'.
13. At the end of the season, the Results Auditor will liaise with the Secretary to ensure the correct team & individual Prize winners are identified before purchase of mementoes.