

APPENDIX ECB DIRECTIVES

All the following ECB directives must be enforced in all matches organised by the Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League.

Age group qualifications to be based on the age of the player as at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

a) FAST BOWLING MATCH DIRECTIVES

For the purpose of these directives, a fast bowler should be defined as a bowler to whom a wicketkeeper, in the same age group, would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.

Age Group	Max. overs per spell	Max overs per day
Up to U13	5	10
Under 14 / U15	6	12
Under 16 / U17	7	18
Under 19	7	18

b) CLOSE FIELDING REGULATIONS

The following are minimum fielding distances for young players in all matches where a hard ball is used. No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.

For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres). These minimum distances apply even if the players is wearing a helmet. Whilst it is the Captain's responsibility to apply these regulations, should a young player come within the restricted distances the Umpires must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back. In addition any young player in the Under 16 to 18 age group who has not reached the age of 18 must wear a helmet, and for boys an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Young players should also wear protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position at which they feel at risk.

c) SAFETY GUIDANCE ON THE WEARING OF CRICKET HELMETS BY YOUNG PLAYERS UP TO THE AGE OF 18

Helmets with a faceguard or grill should be worn when batting against a hard ball in both matches and practice sessions.

Young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector.

Young wicketkeepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps.

Parental consent not to wear a helmet must not be accepted in any form of cricket.