



# 2023 Junior Competitions Entry Guidance

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to the guidance document for the 2023 season for junior competitions. This document will provide you with all the information you need for each competition, including entry requirements, a description of each competition and key contact information. If you have any further questions after having read this document please send them to

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This section is to provide advice and assistance to competition organisers of Oxfordshire Cricket league and cup competitions for youth players. The purpose of the section is:

1. To ensure the highest standards are maintained in all our youth competitions
2. To ensure the needs of the county are met to encourage an increase in participation and development of young cricketers.

Oxfordshire Cricket reserves the right to withdraw entry to any Team/Club that is not deemed to be meeting the standards set out in this document.

### ***What is expected of clubs/teams entering our competitions:***

1. All Clubs/Teams entering Competitions **must** be affiliated with Oxfordshire Cricket. Oxfordshire Cricket reserves the right to refuse entries made after the entry deadline.
2. All Clubs/Teams must recognise and comply with the **ECB Safe Hands Policy** (available on ECB and Oxfordshire Cricket's Website). **See the safeguarding entry requirements section for more information**
3. All Clubs/Teams entering Oxfordshire Cricket Competitions must ensure a trained Safeguarding Officer is in place and nominated on their entry.
4. All Clubs/Teams must have a nominated responsible adult in charge of each team who holds a current DBS check (formerly CRB). We recommend the individual be a qualified coach and member of the ECBCA.
5. Such persons identified to the Competition organiser prior to the Competition beginning, or on entry (although it would not necessarily be the Contact person for administration purposes).
6. All Clubs/Teams should ensure that they have appropriate changing facilities on their own ground to accommodate both girls and boys. It is recommended where clubs play girls in boys' teams, the team is accompanied to the game by a female adult supervisor.
7. All Clubs/Teams should ensure that they obtain the appropriate consent from parents and/or guardians of the children likely to play in competitions with regard to the provision of emergency medical assistance, travel arrangements, photography and the videoing of games, prior to the season commencing (form available from Competition Administrator).
8. It is the club's responsibility to submit play-cricket results

### ***What Clubs/Teams can expect from Oxfordshire Cricket -***

1. Advice, support and help to clubs wishing to start, improve or extend the provision of youth cricket from our Cricket Development Team.
2. Provide clear guidance notes describing the format of each of its competitions to assist clubs in deciding which competitions to enter.
3. Communication of the playing regulations, fixtures and club contacts to all participating teams.
4. While a competition is running, we will provide participating clubs with regular updates of results via our social media, newsletters, and chosen scoring platform. In the case of leagues, this will include league tables. In the case of knock-out competitions or stages, we will promptly advise winning teams of who they will play in the next round.
5. We will have transparent, fair and consistent procedures in place to resolve complaints and disputes and to deal with disciplinary matters.
6. We will provide regular opportunities to enable participating clubs to give feedback on each year's competitions and to have an input into the future development of the competitions.

### **Key Contacts**

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### **2023 Competitions Overview**

This is the list of junior competitions that Oxfordshire Cricket will look to run in 2023

- U9 Festivals
- U9 Festivals - Girls
- U11 League
- U11 Hardball Super 8's
- U11 Softball Super 8's
- U11 Hundred Competition
- U11 Hardball - Girls
- U11 Softball - Girls
- U13 League
- U13 Ron Maudsley Cup
- U13 Gauntlet Goblet Super 8's
- U13 Longer Format Oxford Cricket League
- U13 Softball
- U13 Softball - Girls
- U13 Hardball - Girls
- U13 Hundred Competition
- U15 League
- U15 Hundred Competition
- U15 Hardball - Girls
- U19 League





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## **Safeguarding Entry Requirements**

In order to be included in the competitions you will need to be compliant on SHMS (Safe Hands Management System), including the following positions:

- Safeguarding Officer (DBS and Safe Hands Compliant)
- Youth Coordinator (DBS)
- Club Junior Coaches (DBS and Qualified)
- Team Managers (DBS)

The deadline for compliance on SHMS is January 31st. If there are any actions that are required, your club will be notified of the actions to complete by 28th February. If the actions are not completed by then your club will be withdrawn from all competitions entered.

## **2023 Competitions Summary**

This section will provide you with some brief information about each competition

### **U9 Festivals**

- Sunday Festivals - dates & venues TBC based on entries
- Aligned to Dynamos

### **U9 Girls Festivals**

- Sunday Festivals - dates & venues TBC based on entries
- Aligned to Dynamos

### **U11 League**

This competition is played on Sundays between May and July. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 16 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling with No Finals Day

### **U11 Softball - Girls**

This competition is played on Sundays between May and August. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- Played in a festival format.
- 8 a side competition usually run on Sunday mornings.

### **U11 Hardball - Girls**

This competition is played on Sundays between May and September. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 8 a side hardball pairs
- 16 overs per side.

### **U11 Hardball Super 8's**

This competition is played on Sundays between May and July. It is 8 a side hardball competition which is:

- 8 a side hardball Pairs
- 16 over matches



- Geographical pools to minimise travelling with No Finals Day

### **U11 Softball Super 8's**

This competition is played on Sundays between May and July. It is 8 a side softball competition which is:

- 8 a side softball Pairs
- 6 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling with No Finals Da

### **U11 Hundred Competition**

This competition is played on Sundays between July and August. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- Played during the Summer after other U11 competitions

### **U13 League**

This competition is played on Thursdays between April and July. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 11 a side hardball retaining inclusivity rules from previous seasons
- 20 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling with a Finals Day

### **U13 Girls Hardball**

This competition is played on Wednesdays between May and September. It is 8 a side hardball competition which is:

- 8 a side 16 over pairs matches

### **U13 Girls Softball**

This competition is played on Wednesdays between May and September. It is 8 a side hardball competition which is:

- 8 a side
- 16 over pairs matches

### **U13 Ron Maudsley Cup**

This competition is played on Thursdays or Sundays between April and July. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 11 a side hardball
- 20 over matches
- Open draw knock-out competition with Finals Day
- Winners to represent the county in the ECB National Rounds

### **U13 Gauntlet Goblet Super 8's**

This competition is played on Thursdays or Wednesdays between April and July. It is 8 a side hardball competition which is:

- 8 a side hardball Pairs
- 16 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling with Semi-Finals / Finals at Home Grounds

### **U13 Longer Format Oxford Cricket League**

This competition is played on Sundays between July and August. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 11 a side hardball
- 35 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling with Finals Day TBC

### **U13 Hundred Competition**

This competition is played between July and August. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- Played during the Summer after U13 League concludes

### **U15 League**

This competition is played on Mondays between April and July. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 11 a side hardball
- 20 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling
- Winners to represent the county in the ECB National Rounds

### **U15 Hundred Competition**

This competition is played between July and August. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- Played during the Summer after U15 League concludes

### **U15 Girls Hardball League**

This competition is played between May and August on Tuesday evenings It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 11 a side
- T20 hardball competition

### **U19 League**

This competition is played on Monday's between June and August. It is 11 a side hardball competition which is:

- 11 a side hardball
- 20 over matches
- Geographical pools to minimise travelling



## **Further Information**

### **Play-Cricket**

Please visit the play-cricket site for more information on “how to guides” and videos with top tips to help support your use of play-cricket

<https://play-cricket.ecb.co.uk/hc/en-gb>

For any support that is needed please contact the Play-Cricket Help Desk who can be emailed at [play.cricket@ecb.co.uk](mailto:play.cricket@ecb.co.uk) They aim to be in contact as soon as possible but may take up to 5 working days to come back to you.

### **Coaching Courses**

Please visit <https://www.oxfordshire.cricket/> for more information

### **Confidential Feedback**

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