



Women & Girls Softball League



COUNTY DIVISION

RULES / RECOMMENDATIONS

The Aim of the League

To encourage participation and development of all – for the enjoyment of and fair play by all participants

All games will be governed by the laws of cricket with the addition of these rules specific to the Women and Girls Club League.

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs and any individuals wishing to compete.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- A player may represent a club/team if they are 12 years and over at the time of the fixture. Those who are 12 years of age must provide written parental/guardian consent.
- Players may play for only one team in this competition in any one season.
- Each team will consist of 11 players per side, a minimum of 8 players.
- All attending players must be registered via the clubs play cricket site. Without doing so they will be unable to participate. Team captains must ensure the result is uploaded onto play cricket no later than 72 hours following.
- For each county player who is part of the U15, U18 and Women's squads, the opposing team will receive five additional runs to their score ahead of their batting innings. County player lists will be issued by Cricket Shropshire.

Pitch

- Pitches can be either appropriately prepared grass wickets or suitable non-turf pitches.
- The pitch shall be 22 yards in length.
- The stumps shall be 27 ins above the ground and 8 ins wide.
- The Boundary size should be a minimum of 40 metres from the centre of the pitch - *can be adjusted to suit ground, other matches, obstacles etc.....*
- To be marked by painted line, rope, flags or cones at equal distance apart.

Equipment

- Wooden bats are permitted for use in this competition
- Wicket keeping gloves are permitted for use in this competition
- Home team are responsible for supplying the match balls
- The stumps shall be plastic/resin with base (must include bails) – Women's Soft Ball or All Stars/Dynamos would be suitable.

Play Cricket

Results and League table for the Leagues will be on the Shropshire Women and Girls Play Cricket Site - <https://shropshirewomenslge.play-cricket.com/home>

Format

- **Away team bat first**
- Format can be adjusted as per the table below, depending on the number of players available or weather/light conditions resulting in a shorter format needing to be played.
- Whilst every effort is made to fulfil all fixtures and rearrange as far in advance as possible. If a club is unable to raise a team within 48 hours of the scheduled fixture date, then the opposing team has the opportunity to claim the fixture as an opposition concede. There could also be costs associated with late cancellation

Number per side	Number of overs played	Max. overs per bowler	Minimum Number of Bowlers to be used
8	12	2	5
	16	3	
	20	4	
11	15	3	6
	20	4	

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Batting

- Batters can be run out, stumped, bowled, caught, hit wicket
- There is no LBW unless the batter deliberately blocks the ball from hitting the stumps
- Runs will be scored in the normal way as will byes.
- 2 runs will be awarded to the batting team for each wide ball and no ball bowled, no extra ball will be bowled with the exception of the Final over.
- When a batsman reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs, they must 'retire' and will be allowed to return if all wickets fall.
- The innings will conclude, when the 20 overs have been bowled or the batting side has lost all of their wickets. There are no declarations permitted.
- The second team then bats.

Bowling

- All bowling will be completed from one end
- Any player may bowl, including the wicket keeper
- Teams must use at least six bowlers with anyone bowling a maximum of four overs (refer to table)
- Bowling should be overarm; players can move beyond the crease (popping crease) if the ball is not reaching the batting crease within two bounces.
- If a ball bounces more than twice before reaching the batting/popping crease a no ball will be called.

Scoring

- If a wide or no ball is bowled the batting team will be awarded 2 runs
- No extra balls will be bowled until the final over. The batting team will be awarded the 2 runs as well as receiving the extra balls.
- 1 run will be awarded for a completed run
- 4 runs will be awarded if the ball passes the boundary edge having bounced or rolled over
- 6 runs will be awarded if the ball passes over the boundary edge without bouncing or is carried over by the fielder or the fielder's foot is on the boundary.

Points

Teams will be awarded

- 20 points for a win, no bonus points except officials bonus points.
- 0 for a loss but will receive **bonus points**
- 5 for a tie plus **bonus points**.
- Cancelled games will be 5 points each team
- Conceded games 20 points to the team conceded to, -5 for teams conceding
- **Bonus points** will be awarded for batting and fielding
- 1 point for every 25 runs (up to a maximum of 5 points) i.e. scoring 75 = 3 bonus points
- 1 point for every 2 wickets taken (up to a maximum of 5 points) i.e taking 5 wickets = 2 bonus points
- All teams who provide a scorer and/or umpire will receive 1 point for each official. (This will need to be added as a minus penalty point on Play Cricket)

The league winners will be the team who accumulate the most points at the end of the season. If two or more teams finish on the same points the team with the highest nett run rate will be crowned the winners. The team finishing in 6th place will be relegated to Division 1 for the following season. If there are teams on the same number of points the team with the lowest nett run rate will be relegated.

Club Contacts

County Division

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Disputes

Any disputes will need to be passed to the League Administrator. Their decision will be FINAL and BINDING on all.

Players, Officials and Supporters - Welfare & The Spirit of Cricket

We wish for all those involved to play in the true spirit and ensure all those playing are treated with respect and respect those they play against.

No form of abusive or foul language or body language that infers the same will not be tolerated whether against other player, officials or indeed through frustration of oneself in poor performance. Throwing personal equipment in frustration is also not tolerated.

We wish for players who are playing to feel safe and not intimidated verbally, physically or through any other form of harassment and bad conduct.

We want teams to play fair, enjoy the game and play with a smile on their faces.

Disciplinary measures may be taken and teams may be deducted points or removed from the League if any incident of this nature warrants such a measure. Further possible welfare matters may be referred to the Cricket Shropshire Safeguarding Officer or higher for action should any matter be deemed serious enough.

This competition will be governed inline with the General Conduct Regulations and Anti-Discrimination code. For further details please visit our website: <https://cricketshropshire.co.uk/>

