ECB RECOMMENDED JUNIOR FORMATS



THE RECOMMENDATIONS



Appropriate number of players



Appropriate pitch lengths



Appropriate boundaries



Appropriate game length

THE RECOMMENDATIONS – GIRLS

Indicative Age (Age / Ability Appropriate)	Players	Pitch Lengths	Max. Boundary Size	Game Length (Clubs & Schools)	Game Length (Talent Environments*)	Hard Ball Size** ** A light / soft rubber ball to be used for soft ball cricket at all age groups
Under 9	6	15 yards	30m	12 overs per innings	N/A	Light / soft rubber ball
Under 11	8	17 yards	35m (Soft Ball) 40m (Hard Ball)	16 overs per innings	Variety of Cricket ²	4.75 oz. (135 grams)
Under 13	Up to 11 ¹	19 yards	45m	20 overs per innings	Variety of Cricket ²	4.75 oz. (135 grams)
Under 15	Up to 11 ¹	20 yards	50m	20 overs per innings	Variety of Cricket ²	5.0 oz. (142 grams)
Under 17	11	22 yards	55m	20 overs per innings	Variety of Cricket ²	5.0 oz. (142 grams)

¹ – With adaptions to the game ² – See specific County Age Group Guidance

Under 10 – Under 11 recommendations, apart from not being a talent environment
Under 12 – 18 yards, all other recommendations as Under 13
Under 14 – Under 15 recommendations
*Talent Environments are defined as cricket played above club or school i.e. district, region, area or County Age Group (dependant on the local County definition / structure).

THE RECOMMENDATIONS - BOYS

Indicative Age (Age / Ability Appropriate)	Players	Pitch Lengths	Max. Boundary Size	Game Length (Clubs & Schools)	Game Length (Talent Environments*)	Hard Ball Size* * ** A light / soft rubber ball to be used for soft ball cricket at all age groups
Under 9	6	15 yards	30m	12 overs per innings	N/A	Light / soft rubber ball
Under 11	8	17 yards	35m (Soft Ball) 40m (Hard Ball)	16 overs per innings	20 overs per innings	4.75 oz. (135 grams)
Under 13	Up to 11 ¹	19 yards	50m	20 overs per innings	40 overs per innings ²	4.75 oz. (135 grams)
Under 15	Up to 11 ¹	22 yards	55m	20 overs per innings	Variety of Cricket	5.5 oz. (156 grams)
Under 17	11	22 yards	60m	20 overs per innings	Variety of Cricket	5.5 oz. (156 grams)

Under 10 – Under 11 recommendations

¹ – With adaptions to the game ² – Either as a one day game or two T20 games

Under 12 – 18 yards, all other recommendations as Under 13
Under 14 – 21 yards, 5.0 oz. ball in Royal London U14 County Cup, all other recommendations as Under 15
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