

NORTH HAMPSHIRE CRICKET DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to Hampshire Cricket Board

The NHYCL Rules Review Forum approved the following decisions for the 2018 season:

1. To make pink balls compulsory in all NHYCL hardball evening matches (ie matches starting on or after 5pm). *For the time being, morning or afternoon matches can be played with a red or pink ball (at the home team's choice), but it was agreed that the NHYCL should move to making pink balls compulsory in all NHYCL hardball matches as soon as clubs have exhausted any current stock of red balls.*
2. To change Girls' age groups for NHYCL cricket to Hampshire Cricket's recommended structure of U11, U13 & U16 groups (ie instead of U10, U12, U14 & U16) in line with Hampshire County Cups. U16s and U13s will play with a hardball and U11s will play Pairs Cricket with a softball. Pitch lengths will match the equivalent NHYCL Open age group lengths.
3. To introduce a Girls Under 9 league.
NB Girls can play in Open Under 9 teams as well as in a Girls Under 9 team – indeed clubs can enter a girls-only team into a Open Under 9 league as well as in the Girls Under 9 league. ECB guidelines encourage Under 9 Girls to play and train with boys.
4. The Girls' Under 13 league will be played to the same format and rules as the U14 Girls League was in 2017, except that batsmen will retire after 6 completed overs, or on reaching 30 runs within their allocated 6 overs.
NB retired batsmen can return, as in all Girls' NHYCL matches.
5. For outdoor leagues which have retirement after 4 completed overs (ie Open U13 Div 3 and Open U11 Divs 1 & 2), to scrap the secondary rule requiring batsmen to retire if they reach 20 within their allocated 4 overs (thus retirement shall be after 4 completed overs regardless of how many the player scores).
6. To scrap the Open Under 18 Knock-Out Cup competition.
7. To change the U18 League to default 9-a-side (with the allowance for teams to mutually agree in advance to play any match at 10 or 11-a-side ie same as U15 Div 3).
8. To change the default number of overs for U9 matches (both Open and Girls) played at 8-a-side from 20 to 16 overs.
9. To scrap Net Run Rate as a tie-breaker to determine league winners and/or runners-up when points are equal, and instead make the tie-breaker be the

result(s) between the tied teams, but if this still leaves the matter unresolved, the teams still tied will be joint winners (or runners-up, as appropriate).

10. To allow RPC winter squad members who are not selected for the summer squad to play in B or C teams (noting the existing rules which prevent a top order batsman in the A team playing as a top order batsman in any B or C team match, and a regular A team bowler from bowling for a B or C team).
11. To change pitch lengths (Open and Girls) to align with Hampshire RPCs and ECB recommendations as follows:
 - Under 9s from 16 yards to 15 yards
 - Under 11s from 18 yards to 17 yards
 - Under 13s from 20 yards to 19 yards