IWCB Women's League Regulations 2026

Eligibility to Enter

1. Competitions shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Isle of Wight Cricket Board Limited (IWCB). The control and administration of all competitions shall be by the Isle of Wight Cricket Board Clubs Executive Committee (IWCBCC) and all decisions of that Committee shall be final.

2. Matches will be played under the Laws of Cricket Code 2017 (3rd Edition – 2022) disregarding any special regulations for Test and First Class matches.

Entering the League

3. Clubs wishing to enter any IWCB competitions will be sent a competition entry form prior to the season – clubs must return this with the relevant information by the required date.

Entry Fee

4. An annual affiliation fee will include the cost of any competitions and must be paid to the IWCB before 30th May each year of the competition.

Fixtures

5. Fixtures will be arranged by the IWCBCC Competition Secretary and sent out to all clubs before the season. Clubs must inform the IWCBCC Competition Secretary of any changes made to these fixtures.

Under 18 Players

6. Players aged 17 years or under on 1st September prior to the season may play for more than one club in **any** competition during the season. It is the responsibility of that club to ensure adequate insurance arrangements are in place to cover such players in the event of accident or injury to them or any third party arising from their action(s).

Team Sheets

7. A team sheet, nominating the team's players, must be submitted by each captain and given to each umpire (and where relevant, the scorers) prior to the toss. If there are no umpires or scorers allocated to the game, cards must be exchanged by the captains. These team sheets must list the age group of all players under the age of 18.

Player Eligibility

8. No club shall have the right to determine the composition of a visiting team as long as the player is entitled to play for the team and not under a cricketing sanction.

Match Result Reporting

9. The home club in any match shall be responsible for ensuring the result is correctly recorded onto the relevant IWCB Play-Cricket website. Scorecards must be fully uploaded, including player names, batting scores, bowling figures and team totals (and points where relevant) as a minimum within 72 hours of the scheduled start time. In the event of failure to comply with this rule, the **home** club will be subject to a two-point deduction.

Match Officials

10. In all matches, each team should be responsible for providing a qualified umpire approved. If only one side provides an approved umpire, that umpire shall officiate from the striker's end at all times. If no approved umpire is available, the game may be played on the agreement of the two captains. Anyone umpiring in such a match must assume the full role and responsibilities of an umpire.

Match Balls

11. The make and standard of match balls to be used in competitions will be approved by the IWCB annually.

a) Where umpires are appointed, the home team are responsible for handing them six appropriate spare balls of varying ages. Where umpires are not appointed, the home side need to make sure both teams are aware of where the spare balls are kept.

b) The application of saliva to the match ball shall not be allowed. Following a first and final warning by the umpires, a five-run penalty will be awarded against the bowling team for each subsequent infraction.

c) If the umpires consider that the condition of the ball has been unfairly changed by a member(s) of either side, they shall ask the captain of the opposing side if they would like the ball to be replaced. If necessary, in the case of the batting side, the batters at the wicket may deputise for their captain.

d) The **home** team is responsible for providing a new **pink** or **orange** ball of the approved make and standard. The ball shall be used for both innings.

Protected Area Marking

12. On a grass pitch, to mark the protected area, a small white mark will be placed on either side of the pitch **five feet** from the popping crease. Further white marks will be placed on the bowling crease **one foot** either side of the centre stump. The marks will be placed at both ends of the pitch.

Minimum Numbers

13. The minimum number of players a team must have for a game to commence is **seven.** If a team has the minimum number, the game should be played and not conceded.

Sanctions

14. In addition to the IWCB Discipline Procedure; should the League Committee determine that any club or player commits an act which either brings the league or cup into disrepute or challenges the integrity of the league or cup, then the Committee shall enforce any sanctions which they deem fit. A club or player may appeal any decision made by the League Committee in line with the appeals process outlined in the IWCB Discipline Procedure.

Match Delay

15. (i) Should play be delayed or interrupted for any reason, each innings shall be reduced by one over for each subsequent six minutes lost.
    (ii) Where play is interrupted after a match has commenced, any time lost in the first innings will initiate a reduction in overs for both sides at a rate of one over for every six minutes lost.
    (iii) Where an interruption occurs during the second innings, any time lost will bring a reduction of one over for every three minutes lost.
    (iv) Should the second innings length be affected by an interruption, the winning target shall be recalculated using the first innings run rate.
    (v) A match will be considered cancelled if it hasn't commenced within one hour of the scheduled start. A match that has commenced but where ten overs are unable to be completed in the second innings because of the weather or any other unavoidable reason will be considered abandoned.
    (vi) Where pitch covers are available, they may be used prior to the commencement of the game. The home team captain must advise umpires and the visiting captain prior to the toss of the coin if covers are available. Thereafter, it will be the umpires who decide as to whether they are to be used during the game.

(vii) In all competitions where time is lost, all references to overs and batting points shall be reduced pro rata, give the reduction in playing time for each side.

Women's League – Additional Rules & Playing Regulations

16. Any player may play for more than one club in the Women's League during the season. It is the responsibility of that club to ensure adequate insurance arrangements are in place to cover such players in the event of an accident.
17. League positions will be determined on average points. This will be calculated by dividing the total number of points by the number of completed matches. Should any teams be equal on average points, the team with the most wins will gain the higher position. If still equal, the higher run rate per over throughout the season shall be to determine places.
18. The toss shall be undertaken no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. If a team is not present at this time, they shall forfeit the toss.
19. A side batting with less than eleven players, including a side that has nominated eleven players but where one or more has not arrived at the ground at the time, shall not be permitted to declare their innings closed at the fall of wicket if no further batter is available. In such circumstances, the batting side will be deemed to be all out.

Match Rules

1. Each match will consist of 20 overs per innings.
2. The side scoring more runs shall be deemed the winner of the match. If both teams are tied on runs, then the match shall be declared a tie.
3. A maximum of **four overs** per bowler shall be allowed. All are subject to the ECB directives. In the event of a reduction in overs, the allocation to each bowler shall be reduced proportionally.

Awarding of Points

1. Points in the Women's League matches shall be awarded as follows:
   Win – 3 points
   Tie/Abandoned – 1 point
   Defeat – 0 points

2. If a team fails to fulfil a fixture, they shall be awarded 0 points. The opposition shall be awarded **three** points for the game.