



Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club

Regulations for colts playing adult games

Fielding Regulations

The ECB has regulations covering the minimum fielding distances for young players in all matches where a hard ball is used.

- No young player in the under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 meters) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- For players in the under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 meters)
- These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet
- Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- In addition any young player in the under 16 to under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 meters) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position they feel at risk.
- These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales. Age groups are based on the age of the players at midnight on 31 August in the year proceeding the current season.

Bowling Directive:

The Fast Bowling Directives are designed to raise awareness of the need to nurture and protect our young fast bowlers through their formative years.

For the purpose of these Directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.

Directives for Matches:

AGE:	MAX OVERS PER SPELL	MAX OVERS PER DAY
Up to 13	4 overs per spell	8 overs per day
U14, U15	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U16, U17	6 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U18, U19	7 overs per spell	21 overs per day

