

# Junior Welsh Cup Rules 2025

## Introduction

Welcome to the 2025 rules for the Junior Welsh Cup – U13s and U15s competitions.

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### Important Links/Information:

Junior Welsh Cup page on Cricket Wales Website [Click here](#)

### Key Dates 2025:

#### U13s 2025 Junior Welsh Cup

Round	Round Play-By-Date
Round 1	15/05/2025
Round 2	29/05/2025
Round 3	12/06/2025
Regional Playoff	26/06/2025

Round	Fixture Date	Reserve Date
Semi-Final	29/06/2025	06/07/2025
Final	29/06/2025	06/07/2025

#### U15s 2025 Junior Welsh Cup

Round	Round Play-By-Date
Round 1	22/05/2025
Round 2	05/06/2025
Round 3	19/06/2025
Regional Playoff	03/07/2025

Round	Fixture Date	Reserve Date
Semi-Final	06/07/2025	13/07/2025
Final	06/07/2025	13/07/2025

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## Competition Rules and Administration

### Fixtures

F1. Both clubs to contact each other once the draw is known and agree a date (and a reserve date) to play the match before the round end date. NB: reasons for not playing MUST be limited to CRICKET RELATED issues e.g. clash with another competition as opposed to random non cricket matters. If a club wishes to concede they must contact the opposing club and the organiser must also be informed. In the event of clubs failing to agree a date then this matter must be referred back to the competition organiser asap for adjudication.

F2. Saturdays, Sundays, midweek (which may be a reduced over game) may also be used in order to complete the fixture (in the spirit of Get The Game On)

F3. If bad weather prevents play or a result, the match will be rearranged on a mutually agreed date.

F4. If bad weather prevents a match of even the minimum number of overs being played, then clubs will toss up for the right to continue in the Competition, with either a Qualified Umpire or the Competition Organiser present. Zoom or video conferencing can be used to gather all parties together, if more convenient.

F5. If a rearranged date can't be agreed on, the club who couldn't fulfil the original fixture on the agreed date must concede the match. If both clubs are unable to fulfil the original fixture and can't agree on another date a coin toss will be the final resolution. Any disagreement as to the format, time and location of a reduced over match is to be referred to the Competition Organiser.

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1. The Competition is open to all member clubs of Cricket Wales who have paid their affiliation fees for the current year.

2. All players must be registered members of the club they play junior league cricket for and may not play for more than one club in either of the two competitions. Clubs are not allowed to amalgamate and there are no rules to allow any loan players. If a player transfers from one club to another during the season and have not already played in the Welsh Cup then they may play for their new team. The players whether that's boys or girls must have been under the age of 13 (U13 Cup) and 15 (U15 Cup) at midnight on 31st August prior to the season of the competition.

3. Each team must provide an adult (over 18) umpire who is, preferably, a qualified coach (and/or umpire) and not a relative of any of the players, as well as a scorer who fully understands the competition's Rules and Playing conditions and the principles of scoring.

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4. The Organiser will send out entry invitations to all Cricket Wales affiliated clubs. Once the entry numbers in the both U13's & U15's competitions are ascertained, the organiser will be able to produce geographical zones and work out number of rounds and fixtures. The organiser will send out to all club entrants the fixtures along with the "play by dates" per round. The 'play-by dates' are guided by the ECB national competitions.
5. Matches may not be abandoned or postponed for any reason other than inclement weather, unless by mutual agreement. Should there be no such agreement and there is a clash with another competition, the Cricket Wales Cup match should be played or the match conceded. **If the home ground is likely to be unavailable for any reason on the due date then the fixture is to be reversed, where possible.**
6. If bad weather prevents a result, the match shall be replayed on or before the closing date designated for that round. The same procedure described in Rule 4 is to be followed except, where the 'away' team travelled to the original match, it will now become the 'home' team.
7. If the match has not been played 'on or before' the designated date then the Organiser shall arrange a 'coin toss' to decide the winner subject to any claims from the clubs to be adjudicated by the Organising Committee (see Rule 12). **There will be no exceptions to this except, possibly, in a case of prolonged inclement weather which has had a widespread effect on matches being played.**
8. The Organiser must be informed of any issues that hinder a fixture arrangement, by email as soon as they arise.
9. The Organiser will notify all winning teams of their opponents within 48 hours of the round scheduled date if not before. It is planned for the draw to be updated regularly on the Junior Competitions Play-Cricket website : <https://cwjclubcomps.play-cricket.com>  
  
All fixtures will be loaded onto Play-Cricket (<https://cwjclubcomps.play-cricket.com>), fixtures will be emailed to participating clubs in front of each round. They will also be advertised on [www.cricketwales.org.uk/JuniorWelshCup.aspx](http://www.cricketwales.org.uk/JuniorWelshCup.aspx). Clubs can score the game via the Play-Cricket App, but this is not essential. The winning club must enter the result via their club's Play-Cricket site with any key performances (e.g. retirements or taking a minimum of 3 wickets) within 24 hours. Please also email the competitions organiser with brief details of the result.
10. The Finals Days are planned to be held on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June (U13) and Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> June (U15). Please refer to our distributed FAQ sheet for alternative plans if government restrictions affect the normal running of the competitions. Cricket Wales will provide umpires, new balls and individual medals for these matches but not for the earlier rounds. Teams finishing on equal scores (regardless of wickets) will play a super over to determine the winner of the game.

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11. Clubs, who withdraw from, fail to raise a side or who show unwillingness to continue in the Competition will be fined a sum of £25 and their entry for the following year shall be a matter for the Junior Council of Cricket Wales to decide upon. In the event of a club not being able to attend the Finals Day they must inform the Organiser immediately so that a replacement may be selected. If it fails to do so less than seven clear days before the Day then the Club will be subject to a fine of £100.
12. In the event of any dispute arising affecting the course of the Competition, a club must contact the Cup Organiser immediately by email. The organiser will seek the views, of the other club, who must reply within 48 hours. The Organising Committee will then adjudicate and its decision will be final.
13. Cricket Wales is entirely responsible for the organisation and administration of the Competition. The decisions of its Organiser and Organising Committee will be final.

### Cricket Wales U13 and U15 Cup Competitions 2024 Playing Conditions

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 5th Edition – 2013) shall apply with the following exceptions and amendments:

#### 1 In all Matches

- 1.1 Matches shall consist of one innings per side and each innings shall be a maximum of 20 overs duration. If this can not be achieved (e.g. because of weather conditions) a minimum of 10 overs a side will constitute a match. If the number of overs available to each side is not equal when the match is called off then run rate (number of runs scored divided by the number of overs bowled) will be used to decide the match. ECB pitch length recommendation is 19yds for U13's and 22yds for U15's. With a recommendation of 50 yard boundaries for U13 and 55 yard boundaries for U15.
- 1.2 No bowler shall bowl more than four overs in a match. In matches of less than 20 overs per side the number of overs per bowler will be reduced pro rata.
- 1.3 When a batter reaches or passes the personal total of 30 runs (U13 Cup) and of 50 runs (U15 Cup) they must 'retire' and will not be allowed to return. A batsman can continue their innings beyond these figures if the 'retirement' would end the innings before the agreed number of overs has been bowled.

#### 2 Restrictions on the placement of Fieldsmen

- 2.1 Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards (27.4 metres). The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch. The field restriction area shall be marked a white plastic or rubber discs (not cones). (N.B. The distance may be amended to an appropriate distance dependent on the size of the boundary. There is no

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need for absolute precision on the measurements as long as they are the same for both sides.)

- 2.2 At the instant of delivery, only five fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction marking area and there may not be more than five fielders on the leg side.
- 2.3 In the event of an infringement of the above fielding restrictions, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball' and a free hit awarded to the batting team.

### 3 ECB Fast Bowling Regulations

- 3.1 The provisions requiring an equivalent number of overs from the same end to have elapsed before a subsequent spell can commence shall not apply (e.g. a bowler is allowed to bowl at any time in the innings irrespective of the number of spells bowled).

### 4 Junior Fielding Restrictions

- 4.1 No player in the U15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball. A fielder shall be allowed to move into the restricted area to make a catch or field the ball provided the individual was outside the area when the stroke was made. For players in the Under 13 age group or younger the distance is 11 yards (10 metres). These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they may be at risk. The team manager shall be responsible for identifying to the umpires any players who are in the Under 13 age group or below.
- 4.2 Should a player in these age groups come within the restricted area the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

### 5 Interpretation of the Laws

- 5.1 Law 41.6 (b) Bowling of high full pitched balls (bouncers), to be amended to read as follows:  
*"There shall be no more than one delivery per over that after pitching pass or would have passed clearly over shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease. The umpire shall make it clear to the bowler (and any bowler called upon to complete an over) and the batters at the wicket when a delivery within this limit has been bowled. It is unfair if the limit is exceeded and the umpire shall call and signal No ball on each such occasion and consider it as part of the warning sequence in Laws 41.6.3 and 41.6.4."*
- 5.2 Law 41.7 – Dangerous and Unfair Bowling - action by the umpire. Law 41.7 applies except that the reference to Law 41.6 is the amended Law 41.6 as above.

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### **6 The Result**

- 3.1 The winner is the team scoring the most runs or as determined in 1.1. In the event of the scores of each team being equal the winner shall be determined as follows:
  - 3.1.1 The game will be decided by a Super Over. Super Over Rules : A coin toss determines which team bats first (winner of the coin toss can decide). 3 bowlers each bowl 2 legitimate deliveries (extra's bowled again) until the team bowls 6 legitimate balls. There is no limit on the number of batsmen. The team that scores the most runs in the over win the game. If scores are equal, additional Super Over's will be played until there is a winner.
  - 3.1.2 In the event of a rain curtailed match, where each team has not bowled a minimum of ten overs, the match should be rearranged if both sides can mutually agree a date before the 'scheduled' reserve date for that round. If not it is to be decided by a Super Over (see 3.1.1) or by the toss of a coin.

### **7 The Ball, Wickets, Pitch and Clothing**

- 7.1 These should meet the requirements of Laws 5.1, 5.6 and 8.1 - 8.4. The fielding side should provide a ball for it to bowl with which must be of good condition. New balls may be used but only by mutual agreement. Coloured clothing is optional but should not clash with the red or pink ball (which is used at F