



Western Junior Cricket Union

Dear Junior Convenor,

Under 16 Frank Smith Trophy, 2017 - draw

I'm pleased to say the draw has been made for the 2017 competition and is attached. Seven teams entered the 2017 Trophy. This meant there was a need for six clubs to play in the first round, with one getting a bye to the semi-finals.

I have attached a full list of the Trophy's rules - please note these. Any queries on them should be notified to me as soon as possible.

Notwithstanding the attached however can I remind you of the following:

- it is the responsibility of the **home** team (the top team of each combination, and clearly marked on the draw) to offer three reasonable dates for each semi-final match, with quarter-final matches being played on Friday May the 26th;
- it is the **winning team's** responsibility to notify me of the result of matches played – this can be done through the website (www.westjuniorcricket.com);
- for the avoidance of doubt, no overage players are eligible to participate in the competition – all male players must be under 16 on 1 September 2016 and female players must be under 17 on 1 September 2016;
- the final will be on a date to be mutually agreed between the eventual finalists; and
- in the event of any dispute, my decision will be final.

Dates of rounds

Quarter-finals on Friday, 26 May 2017 (clear in WDJCU Under 15 League schedule)

Semi-finals before Friday, 30 June 2017

Final on a date to be mutually agreed between the eventual finalists

Best of luck in this year's competition.

Yours sincerely,

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Under 16 Frank Smith Trophy, 2017 – competition rules

1. No player can compete for more than one club in the same season without the express permission of the competition organiser, the Secretary of the WDJCU, whose decision shall be final.
2. All players must be "bona fide" members of the club for whom they play. Reasonable evidence of such membership may be requested by, and if requested must be provided to, the competition organiser, the Secretary of the WDJCU.
3. The qualifying age to take part in the Under 16 Frank Smith Trophy, 2017 ("the Trophy") is "less than 16 years of age on 1 September 2016" for male players, "less than 17 years of age on 1 September 2016" for female players.
4. The length of the pitch is to be 22 yards.
5. The weight of the ball to be used is five and a half ounces.
6. All midweek Trophy matches should commence at 6pm.
7. A coin will be tossed by the home team captain to decide which team bats first.
8. Any team not ready to commence within half an hour of the agreed starting time (6pm for midweek matches) shall be deemed to have lost the toss.
9. Each team shall comprise eleven players. Each match shall consist of one innings per team. The team batting first will bat (unless bowled out earlier) for twenty overs. The team batting second (unless a result is achieved earlier) shall also bat for twenty overs. Notwithstanding this rule 9. if both team managers agree before the commencement of the match that prevailing conditions are likely to prevent a match of this duration being completed, then the match may be reduced to such lesser equal number of overs per team as the team managers agree, but shall be no fewer than sixteen overs per team.
10. Under no circumstances are declarations permitted.
11. Bowlers are limited to four, 6-ball overs each.
12. The delivery following a no ball called for a foot fault (Law 24.5) shall be a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batter is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply to a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball. Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker.
13. Other than in instances of injury, it is not permitted to change wicket-keeper during a match.
14. All obstructions should be removed from the playing area before the game commences. If this is not possible, scoring arrangements should be agreed before a ball is bowled.
15. The use of an artificial pitch is permitted provided the visiting team agrees. In the normal course of events, visiting teams should be notified in advance of the proposed use of an artificial pitch and should agree to its use as requested.
16. The scorebooks should be checked and the score(s) agreed by both captains before the second innings commences and at the end of the match. Agreement at this stage is deemed final in so far as the competition organiser, the Secretary of the WDJCU, is concerned.
17. In the event the scores are tied at the end of the match, the team losing fewer wickets will be the winner. If both sides lost the same number of wickets then the team that batted for the greater number of overs will be the winner. If both sides lost the same number of wickets and batted for the same number of overs then the team that had scored the most runs at the end of the nineteenth over will be the winner. If this still does not produce a winner then each team's score at each end of over, counting back from eighteen to one, will be compared, until one team had scored more runs at the end of an over. This team will be the winner.
18. The winning team's team manager/Junior Convenor is responsible for notifying the competition organiser, the Secretary of the WDJCU, of the results of matches as soon as practical after completion (please see covering letter for mechanism).
19. Coaching during matches is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the smooth running of the game.
20. Extension of deadline dates for completing competition rounds is at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, the Secretary of the WDJCU, and cannot be guaranteed.
21. In the event of any query arising on the Trophy's rules, these should be notified to the competition organiser, the Secretary of the WDJCU, as soon as possible and his decision shall be final.