



2024

DYCL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS 2024

This brochure provides an overview of the junior league competitions that will be available from the DYCL in 2024.

Please read it before placing your entries.



The Smash

Tier 3 Softball



The Bash

Tier 2



The Blast

Tier 1

Under 9

The emphasis will be on placing geographically close clubs together to minimise travel. Teams will play each other on multiple occasions, depending on the numbers of teams that enter in that area. Matches will be played on festivals days, with each team hosting one festival each during the summer on a Sunday.



Under 9 - Smash Sunday, Tier 3 (Softball pairs)

For players that enjoy the softball format and are not ready to make the switch to hardball. The softball cricket offering is very much for developmental cricketers experiencing the game for the first time, so in no instances should competent hardball cricketers be playing within this competition. Smash matches will be played using the pairs format.

Teams consist of six players in order to maximise player engagement at all times; fewer players mean more action for each participant, while a smaller playing area and a faster pace of play allows batters, bowlers and fielders to enjoy more meaningful moments in each match.

No league tables

Under 10

Similar to Under 9. The emphasis will be on placing geographically close clubs together to minimise travel. Teams may play each other once or home and away depending on the numbers of teams that enter in that area. Teams may also prefer a festival format on a Sunday which can be arranged.

Two entry options are available at the age group:



Under 10 – Bash, Tier 2 (Pairs)

A hardball pairs format appropriate for most club players of this age. Pairs rules ensure player inclusivity for all involved. For players and teams that are not quite ready for 'out when you're out' cricket.

Teams consist of eight players in order to maximise player engagement at all times; fewer players mean more action for each participant, while a smaller playing area and a faster pace of play allows batters, bowlers and fielders to enjoy more meaningful moments in each match.

No league tables



Under 10 – Smash, Tier 3 (Softball pairs)

This format is for players that enjoy the softball format and are not ready to make the switch to hardball. The softball cricket offering is very much for developmental cricketers, so in no instances should competent hardball cricketers be playing within this competition. Smash matches will be played using the pairs format.

Teams consist of eight players in order to maximise player engagement at all times; fewer players mean more action for each participant, while a smaller playing area and a faster pace of play allows batters, bowlers and fielders to enjoy more meaningful moments in each match.

No league tables

Under 11

Similar to Under 9 & 10's, the emphasis will be on placing geographically close clubs together to minimise travel. Teams may play each other once or home and away depending on the numbers of teams that enter in that area.

Three entry options are available at the age group (inc a Cup Competition):



Under 11- Bash, Tier 2 (Pairs)

This is a hardball division for Tier 2 teams that are not quite ready for 'out when you're out' cricket, playing the pairs format. For many young cricketers, this will be their first experience for hardball cricket against another club.

Teams consist of ten players in order to maximise player engagement at all times; fewer players mean more action for each participant, while a smaller playing area and a faster pace of play allows batters, bowlers and fielders to enjoy more meaningful moments in each match.

No league tables



Under 11- Smash, Tier 3 (Softball pairs)

As with the Under 10 format this is aimed at players either new to the game, or those who are not comfortable playing the hardball format. In particular this is aimed at those teams who participated in the Under 10 Smash format in 2023 and who want to continue their cricket journey within the softball format. As with the Under 10 Smash format there are no instances where a competent hardball player should be playing within the softball format.

Teams consist of eight players in order to maximise player engagement at all times; fewer players mean more action for each participant, while a smaller playing area and a faster pace of play allows batters, bowlers and fielders to enjoy more meaningful moments in each match. Smash matches will be played using the pairs format.

No league tables



DYCL Under 11 Cup & Plate (East & South)

We will have a single-entry DYCL Under 11 Cup and Plate. First round losers will go into the plate.

Hardball 'out when you're out' cup competition for the most competent Under 11 players. Batter and bowler retirements ensure that single players do not dominate games and that all have the opportunity to participate in batting or bowling.

The matches are 11-a-side and 20 overs in length, so can be played mid-week if appropriate. In the main, rules are based on the standard Laws of Cricket with batter retirements.

Finals day for the DYCL Under 11 Cup and Plate will take place on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Under 12

This is the first age at which players experience 11-a-side, 'out when you're out'. All older age group competitions will follow this format.



Under 12 - Bash, Tier 2 (11-a-side, 'out when you're out')

Hardball 'out when you're out' division for the most competent Under 12 players. Batter and bowler retirements ensure that single players do not dominate games and that all have the opportunity to participate in batting or bowling.

The matches are 11-a-side and 20 overs in length, so can be played mid-week if appropriate. In the main, rules are based on the standard Laws of Cricket with batter retirements.

No league tables

IMPORTANT NOTE:

There is no Under 12 Tier 1 competition, so there is an exception made at this age group in relation in County Age Group restricted players. It is hoped that Under 12 County Age Group players will play up in an Under 13 or 14 age group where possible, but it is acceptable to have more than two County Age Group players in team in the Under 12 Tier 2 competition.

This exception in NOT applicable to any other age group.

Under 13

Two entry options are available at this age group. The first of our Tier 1 competitions:



Under 13 - Blast, Tier 1

This is a 20 over league for the best teams in their age group across the county. These games should be played midweek where possible. Clubs should be aware that if other teams within reasonable after-school travel distance of your club don't enter, your fixtures may need to be switched to a Sunday.

League tables will be produced for all Under 13 competitions. Play-offs for qualifying teams.



Under 13 - Bash, Tier 2

This league is suitable for most club players at these age groups. The matches are 20 overs in length so can be played mid-week if appropriate. In the main rules are based on the standard Laws of Cricket with batter retirements. A maximum of two County Age Group Players are permitted to play for each team. Teams with more than two County Age Group Players should participate in Tier 1.

League tables will be produced for all Under 13 competitions.

Under 14

Two entry options are available at this age group:



Under 14 - Blast, Tier 1

This is a 20 over league for the best teams in their age group across the county. These games should be played midweek where possible. Clubs should be aware that if other teams within reasonable after-school travel distance of your club don't enter, your fixtures may need to be switched to a Sunday.

League tables will be produced for all Under 14 competitions. Play-offs for qualifying teams.



Under 14 - Bash, Tier 2

This league is suitable for most club players at these age groups. The matches are 20 overs in length so can be played mid-week if appropriate. In the main rules are based on the standard Laws of Cricket with batter retirements. A maximum of two County Age Group Players are permitted to play for each team. Teams with more than two County Age Group Players should participate in Tier 1.

League tables will be produced for all Under 14 competitions.

Under 15

Two entry options are available at this age group. The second of our Tier 1 competitions:



Under 15 - Blast , Tier 1

This is a 20 over league for the best teams in their age group across the county. These games should be played midweek where possible. Clubs should be aware that if other teams within reasonable after-school travel distance of your club don't enter, your fixtures may need to be switched to a Sunday.

League tables will be produced for all Under 15 competitions. Play-offs for qualifying teams.



Under 15 - Bash, Tier 2

This league is suitable for most club players at these age groups. The matches are 20 overs in length so can be played mid-week if appropriate. In the main rules are based on the standard Laws of Cricket with batter retirements. A maximum of two County Age Group Players are permitted to play for each team. Teams with more than two County Age Group Players should participate in Tier 1.

League tables will be produced for all Under 15 competitions.

