

WOMEN'S & SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS **TWILIGHT** CRICKET 2016-17

- Matches to be played at Polo Grounds, Hagley Oval on artificial wickets.
- Competition begins 9th February 2017 with the Secondary School grade to finish 9th March and Open grade to finish 16th March 2017.
- Bat & gloves only gear required

Competition Rules

1. Except as provided, the usual rules of cricket shall apply (no balls etc).
2. All matches start at:
 - a. Open grade: 6pm
 - b. Secondary School grade: 4.30pmPlayers are advised to turn up at least 20 minutes prior to the start time and a toss is to be done 15 minutes prior to the start time.
3. If due to weather conditions either side is unable to bat for at least 8 overs, the match shall be abandoned and 2 points awarded to each team.
4. If a match is interrupted or abandoned, but has met the minimum requirements of 8 overs per team to constitute a match, then the team with the higher score at the exact same stage of the match, when the interruption/ abandonment occurred, will be considered the winner.
E.g. Team 1 bat first and score 90 runs in 16 overs. Team 2 bat second and at the end of 10 overs the match is abandoned and Team 2 have made 65 runs. At the end of 10 overs, Team 1 were 62 runs, therefore Team 2 would win due to a higher run total at the same stage of the match.
The decision to abandon a match shall be made by the umpire standing in the match in consultations with both captains.
5. The competitions organisers will provide one umpire to officiate and score at the bowling end at all times.
6. A team will consist of **8 players** but no less than 6 players.
7. No leg before wicket (LBW) decisions will be given.
8. Maximum of 5 minutes between innings.

Bowling

9. An innings will consist of **16 overs, six ball overs** per side.
10. Every bowler to bowl **two (2) overs**.
11. Bowling run-ups shall not exceed 5 meters.
12. A soft cricket ball will be used (provided).
13. Wides and no balls shall be counted as **2 runs** and added to the batting teams total. Wides and no balls are not to be re-bowled, except in the last over of an innings.
14. If the ball, without touching the bat or person of the striker, bounces more than twice, or rolls along the ground, before reaching the popping crease, the delivery will be called a no ball.

Batting

15. Batters will bat in pairs for four (4) overs.
16. A team may bat a player twice if it has less than 8 players. Batters must be returned in ascending order, i.e. the lowest scoring batter must return first and so on.
17. When a batter is dismissed, 3 runs will be taken off the batting teams score and batters swap ends unless it's the final ball of the over.
18. A batter cannot be dismissed off the first ball faced in their innings.
19. Only a bat & gloves will be required (no pads, helmets etc).

Fielding

20. There are no restrictions on fielding positions. No fielder, apart from the wicketkeeper, is to be within 10 metres of the batter.

Points

21. Points will be awarded as follows:

Win:	4 points
Tie:	2 points awarded to each team
	Teams must be equal on runs scored and wickets lost, if not the match will be awarded to the team that loses the least number of wickets.
Loss:	0 points