



U17 League

With the July 6th deadline for the completion of the initial rounds fast approaching, participating clubs are reminded that those in the southern section must have completed three fixtures and in the north, two, to be considered for inclusion in the winners' league; a target that only four out of nine teams have currently achieved. The U17 season finishes earlier this summer in response to feedback from clubs who found it increasingly difficult fielding sides later in the year. Please note with dry weather having prevailed to date there will be no extension to this deadline.



Not enough players?

More clubs than usual this summer have been struggling to raise sides and then postponing fixtures, often at very short notice. In the past teams have occasionally travelled with as few as six players rather than cancel altogether relying instead on the generosity of their opponents to provide a fielder for part or all of the game. Most managers would happily extend this offer rather than having to call off a game having made all of the arrangements and assembled a team so please, before calling off, speak to the opposition manager.

Results

Clubs are reminded that results should be submitted within 24 hours of the game via the [online form](#). This is the responsibility of the home side and youth managers should either submit results themselves or ensure that team coaches or mentors are familiar with this requirement.

Photos & Match Reports

Thank you to those who provide match reports; Facebook traffic confirms that even the shortest resumes are widely read. However the lack of photographs is becoming a perennial frustration despite the increasing ease of taking and distributing them - only one team this summer has submitted any images at all. With youth membership currently in the doldrums it is more important than ever that clubs make a concerted effort to publicise the game and the opportunities it offers.

Club Database

With over half of all clubs providing youth opportunities now registered on the [new database](#) the target with our partner, [The Norfolk Cricket Board](#), is three quarters by the end of the season. Youth cricket needs to be more proactive in adopting a cohesive approach to encourage recruitment of new members - the future lifeblood of the sport. If you've not already registered [you can do so now](#) - it only takes a few minutes.

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