



Independent
Association of
Prep Schools

IAPS U13 Cricket Championships

Bookings open – Tuesday 20th January 2026, 08:00

Bookings close – Friday 13th February 2026, 23:55

Cost of entry - TBC

Entering the competition

Booking onto an event:

- All bookings are made online via the IAPS website.
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.
- If the event is fully booked, please join the waiting list. Should space become available, we will contact you to offer you the space. There is no guarantee we can find schools an event to attend.

Eligibility:

- All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
- Competitors ages are taken from 1st September.
- Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part. Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
- Pupils **can only participate in one age group** throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
- All schools must bring first aid and additional first aid might be provided.

Terms & conditions:

- Please make sure to read our [booking terms and conditions](#) before booking onto an event.

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Championship format

Event information

Cricket balls

- The school drawn at home will supply two identical match balls; weight 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz and one ball is to be used per innings.
- Balls will be provided for the semi-finals and final.

Teams/squads

- You may use squads of 12 players for matches and it is perfectly acceptable for both teams to allow the 12 players to rotate on the field when fielding. We all want to encourage children to play cricket and it is very disheartening to be the one child left out of the squad. This also allows for injury and illness. On semi-finals and finals day squads may be 13, but only 12 named for the match. These may change between semi-final, final and third place play off should you wish.

Umpires

- Each competing school shall provide a suitable umpire. The umpire must not be a parent. It must be a member of school staff. There will be neutral umpires supplied for the semi-final and final.

Mankad

- These are school age cricketers, and we should not be encouraging this. We do not believe it is in the spirit of the game and good sportsmanship. Please allow no mankads. If it occurs the umpire gives 'not out'. The bowler and captain should warn the batters and the umpire can also warn them. It is then up to the umpire to ensure the batters are not leaving their ground early.

Playing conditions

- The laws of cricket shall apply with the following exceptions:-
 - **The wicket shall be 19 yards in length in accordance with the ECB guidelines (please see below)**
<https://iaps.uk/assets/downloads/sport/cricket/ECBRecommendedJuniorFormatsU9-U17FINAL.IssuedDecember2018.pdf>
 - Matches shall consist of one innings per side each of 25 overs (this may be reduced providing both team managers are agreed. If it occurs the number of overs per bowler, will be the total overs, divided by 5)

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- No bowler shall bowl more than 5 overs, they can be in one spell
- No fielder, except the wicket-keeper, shall be allowed to field nearer than 11 yards from the stumps, except behind the wicket on the off-side.
- The fielding team must not have more than 5 players on the boundary, as this is a limited overs competition. On the boundary means, you are closer to the boundary than you are to any set of stumps.
- The team scoring the most runs shall be the winner. If the scores are level, the winner shall be determined by a super over. Rules as follow:
 - Toss of coin to see who bats first
 - Three batsmen and one bowler for 6 balls
 - The over finishes after two wickets or a completed over
 - The side with the most runs wins
 - If still equal, replay the super over with three different batsmen and a different bowler
 - If still equal, rule above repeats.
- In the event of a game being abandoned, it shall be replayed on a fresh date unless the side batting second has batted for at least ten overs, the team with the highest total after 10 overs shall be the winners.
- If the start of a game is delayed due to weather or ground conditions, it shall be permissible for the two teams, before commencing, to agree a reduced number of overs in order to complete the tie, as long as a minimum of 10 overs per side are completed.

Rules and regulations

- The national governing body is England Cricket Board (ECB).
- All tournaments will be played in accordance with the ECB's recommended formats for children. Click [here](#) to access the formats.

Risk assessment

A full risk assessment is carried out by the host. If you would like a copy of the risk assessment, please contact [IAPS Sport](#).

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IAPS policies

Please make sure you have read and understand our policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. All policies and procedures can be found on our website [here](#).