

# Competition Framework



**Youth Sport Trust**

## Cricket



### Guidance Document

#### Who is involved

ECB is in the process of a comprehensive review of its own, and the game's wider, provision of competition for young people in schools, clubs and across the player pathway.

The process has focused on the young player and is seen as an everevolving one based around :

- A fundamental understanding of the LTAD Framework
- A full evaluation of existing competitions
- A managed process aligning existing and new competitions

A steering group consisting of all aspects of the management and delivery of the game and including the English Schools Cricket Association, Cricket Foundation, ECB Cricket, Performance, Club, Women/Girls and Disability Units. The Framework has therefore been able to take an integrated, coherent and objective view of its competitive programmes.

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#### Benefits

The process has enabled ECB to cement competition within an integrated player pathway and focus its delivery networks on ensuring children are playing in competitions that are :

- Appropriate for their age
- Appropriate for their ability
- Fully integrated within a coaching and development programme
- Ensure a balance between coaching, competition, and rest

## Key Messages

- Integrated planning by County Cricket Board/County Sports Partnership
- Full integration with wider development programmes, funding and support
- Managed via County Cricket Board Operational Management Groups including :
  - County Cricket Board/CSP Core Team
  - Local Authority Sports Development Officer(s)
  - School Sport Partnership(s)
  - Competition Manager(s)
  - Focus Clubs
- More focused demand for appropriate and high quality competition
- Players underpinned by multi skill/sport Fundamentals programme
- Appropriate competition offered throughout full length of cricket season
- Provision for all ages up to U15
- Mirrored programme for boys and girls
- Disability programme focused at School, Club and County levels
- Talented players identified at U13
- Talented players supported by a robust integrated management network

## Supporting Resources

ECB offers a wide-ranging network of Focus Club Community Clusters, District, County, Emerging Players and Academy programmes. These are supported by comprehensive ECB/ESCA Competitions, Equipment, Coaching Resources, Coach and Teacher Education, Volunteer Recruitment and Facilities.

For details on available resources contact your local County Cricket Development Manager. Contact details can be found at [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk)

## The Framework

Key Stage/Year Group	Recommended Competition
Key Stage 2, Years 3 & 4	Multi-skills Festivals ECB ASDA Kwik Cricket Competition Formats
Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6	Multi-sport Competition Competition with appropriate coaching programme ECB ASDA Kwik Cricket Competition Formats ECB NatWest Inter Cricket Competition Formats
Key Stage 3, Years 7 & 8 & 9	Multi-sport Competition Competition with appropriate coaching programme ECB NatWest Inter Cricket Competition Formats ECB Lady Taverners Girls Indoor Competition Formats
Key Stage 4, Years 10 & 11	Inter-school League and Cup Competitions Competition with appropriate coaching programme ECB NatWest Inter Cricket Competition Formats ECB Hardball Competition Formats ECB Lady Taverners Girls Indoor Competition Formats

## **Delivery**

Through its network of 39 County Cricket Boards and Development Managers, ECB will be working, in conjunction with County Sports Partnerships, towards comprehensive, long term County Development Plans. These plans will articulate and agree key strategic priorities for the game locally based around identified Focus Club Community Clusters.

The 1,450 identified Focus Club Community (School) Clusters are both the delivery hub and main vehicle for prioritisation of resource locally. They are therefore the priority, but not the exclusive, focus for the Competition Framework.

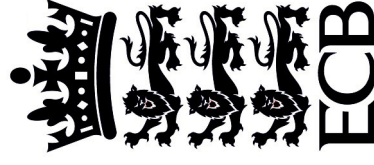
Consequently the message behind the Framework is a simple one. ECB asks that the planning and delivery of local Competition falls within a wider and fully integrated cricket development programme.

As such ECB sees, and can offer, significant added value by working through a wholly integrated planning and co-ordinated delivery process. ECB therefore asks Competition Managers to link in to this process strategically via the County Cricket Board Operational Management Groups and their strategic development plan and, operationally, via the nationwide network of District Cricket Development Groups.



# National School Competition Framework (Primary)

## Sport: Cricket



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Competition framework descriptor	Recommended competition structure	Level and location	Scheduling	Next steps in competition
<p><b>Key Stage 2: Year 3-4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-skill festivals (termly)</li> <li>• Off-school site</li> <li>• ‘Theme’ based</li> <li>• Possible early specialisation in some sports through NGB and club structure</li> <li>• Kwik Cricket introductory games using Lord’s Game, Continuous Cricket and Pairs Cricket</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal inter-school competition, but use of fundamental skills in a multi-skill environment</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASDA Kwik Cricket inter-school competition – Year 5-6</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 2: Year 5-6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-sport competition (six-week block rotation)</li> <li>• Central venue leagues</li> <li>• Coaching and competition based on primary, secondary or club sites</li> <li>• ASDA Kwik Cricket county competition</li> <li>• NatWest Inter-cricket school competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASDA Kwik Cricket school competition – Year 5 (boys and girls mixed): 6-a-side</li> <li>• ASDA Kwik Cricket school competition – Year 6 (boys): 8-a-side</li> <li>• ASDA Kwik Cricket school competition – Year 6 (girls): 8-a-side</li> <li>• NatWest Inter-cricket school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club- or school site-based. One festival per district. Round robin format.</li> <li>• Club or school site based. One festival per district. Round robin format. Top three teams x four districts leading to county wide 12 team festival and county final.</li> <li>• As above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 county hardball school competition played in a league between primary school clusters to county final</li> </ul>

	<p>competition – Year 6 (boys): 8-a-side</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NatWest Inter-cricket school competition – Year 6 (girls): 8-a-side</li> <li>• Broad base of local school leagues for each disability class (blind; deaf; physical; learning; table; target) commensurate with ability level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor or outdoor. Club or school site based. League format leading to district final</li> <li>• As above</li> <li>• School- or club-based site, indoor and outdoor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7-9 disabilities competition</li> </ul>
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# National School Competition Framework Organisers' Sheet (Primary)

## Sport: Cricket



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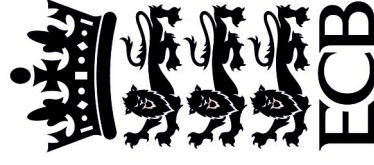
<b>Competition age group</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Organisers/helpers</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Resources available from NGB to support</b>
Year 3 – 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kwik Cricket introductory games using Lord's Game, Continuous Cricket and Pairs Cricket</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal inter-school competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports hall or outside hard/soft area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching to be led by appropriately qualified teacher/ assistant teacher/ cricket coach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kwik Cricket kit bag</li> <li>• A variety of multi-skill equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Howzat!</i> (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> innings)</li> <li>• Online Kwik Cricket support at ecb.co.uk</li> <li>• Skill awards</li> </ul>
Year 5 – 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kwik Cricket county competition</li> <li>• Inter-cricket school competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kwik Cricket school competition – Year 5 (boys and girls mixed): 6-a-side</li> <li>• Kwik Cricket school competition – Year 6 (boys): 8-a-side</li> <li>• Kwik Cricket school competition – Year 6 (girls): 8-a-side</li> <li>• Inter-cricket school competition – Year 6 (boys): 8-a-side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports hall or outside hard/soft area</li> <li>• Indoors or outdoors</li> <li>• Recommended pitch length 18.3m</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching to be led by appropriately qualified teacher/ assistant teacher/ cricket coach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kwik Cricket kit bag</li> <li>• A variety of multi-skill equipment</li> <li>• Inter-cricket kit bag</li> <li>• A variety of multi-skill equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Howzat!</i> (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> innings)</li> <li>• Online Kwik Cricket support at ecb.co.uk</li> <li>• skill awards</li> <li>• <i>Howzat!</i> (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> innings)</li> <li>• Online inter-cricket support at ecb.co.uk</li> </ul>

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# National School Competition Framework (Secondary)

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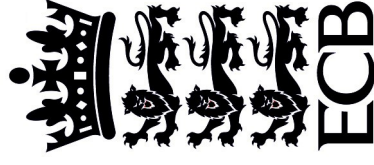
<p><b>Key Stage 3: Year 7-9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-sport competition (monthly, three sports)</li> <li>• E.g. central venue leagues in a range of sports coaching and competition at secondary, hub or club sites</li> <li>• NatWest Inter-cricket school competition</li> <li>• Inter-school league competitions (boys and girls)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NatWest Inter-cricket school competition – Year 7 (boys): 8-a-side</li> <li>• NatWest Inter-cricket school competition – Year 7 (girls): 8-a-side</li> <li>• Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 (boys) hardball school competition delivered through ESCA and Chance to Shine (C2S) programme</li> <li>• Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 (girls) hardball school competition delivered through ESCA and Chance to Shine (C2S) programme</li> <li>• Lady Taversers U13 Girls Indoor Schools Competition</li> <li>• Broad base of local school leagues for each disability class (blind; deaf; physical; learning; table; target) commensurate with ability level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor. Club- or school site-based. League format leading to district final</li> <li>• As above</li> <li>• Outdoor. Secondary school or club site based. League format leading to county final</li> <li>• As above</li> <li>• School based. Indoor.</li> <li>• School or club based site. Indoor and outdoor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually - Jan to April</li> <li>• Annually - May to July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 and Year 11 hardball school competition</li> <li>• Year 10 and Year 11 disabilities competition</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 4: Year 10-11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-school leagues and cup competitions within SSP (year group teams)</li> <li>• NGBs would have to have an integrated competitive structure including Schools Associations accepted as core</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 and 11 hardball school league and cup competition (boys) delivered through ESCA</li> <li>• Year 10 and 11 hardball school league and cup competition (girls) delivered through ESCA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor. Secondary school or club site based. League format leading to county final</li> <li>• As above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> <li>• Annually – May to July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

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<p>Year 7 – 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-cricket school competition</li> <li>• Inter-school league competitions (boys and girls)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-cricket school competition – Year 7 (boys): 8-a-side</li> <li>• Inter-cricket school competition – Year 7 (girls): 8-a-side</li> <li>• Year 7, 8 and 9 (boys) hardball school competition delivered through ESCA and Chance to Shine (C2S) programme</li> <li>• Year 7, 8 and 9 (girls) hardball school competition delivered through ESCA and Chance to Shine (C2S) programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoors or outdoors</li> <li>• Recommended pitch length 18.3m</li> <li>• Outdoor, grass or artificial wicket</li> <li>• Recommended pitch length (U12 and U13: 21 yards; U14: 22 yards)</li> <li>• U13 and below 4¾ oz ball; U14 and above 5½ oz ball</li> <li>• Close fielding limitation in front of square – U12 and U13: 11m; U14: 8m</li> <li>• As above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching to be led by appropriately qualified teacher/ assistant teacher/ cricket coach</li> <li>• Coaching to be led by appropriately ECB qualified cricket coach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-cricket kit bag</li> <li>• A variety of multi-skill equipment</li> <li>• A variety of multi-skill equipment for warm-up</li> <li>• Stumps, bats, balls, pads, gloves, protective equipment, etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howzat! (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> innings)</li> <li>• Online inter-cricket support at ecb.co.uk</li> <li>• Information on coaching qualifications and awards available at ecbca.co.uk</li> <li>• Online support on playing the game through ecb.co.uk</li> <li>• Information on coaching qualifications and awards available at ecbca.co.uk</li> </ul>
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