

Summary of ECB Directives for Junior Players

Where an age group has been specified, this relates to the age of the player on the 31st August in the year preceding the season. Therefore there may be 15 year olds who will be classed as an U15, not as an U16.

Fast Bowlers

A fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper of his own age group would stand back to in normal circumstances.

Age	Max Overs Per Spell	Max Overs Per Day
Up to U13	4	8
U14, U15	5	10
U16,U17	6	18
U18,U19	7	21

Once a bowler completes his spell, he cannot bowl again until the same number of overs as the length of his spell has been bowled from the same end.

Fielding

- U15 age group players must remain a minimum of 8 yards from middle stump, unless behind square on the off side
- U13 age group players must remain a minimum of 11 yards from middle stump, unless behind square on the off side
- Players in the U16 to U18 age group and aged under 18 must wear a helmet and box if fielding closer than 6 yards from the bat unless they are behind square on the off side

Helmets

- All players under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when batting.
- Wicket Keepers under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when standing up.
- If a player under 18 is acting as a runner, they must wear a helmet, even if the batsmen they are running for is not

Parental consent to not wear a helmet is not applicable for adult cricket.