

England and Wales Cricket Board

Girls playing in Boys Age Group Leagues and Competitions

In response to a number of requests the ECB has issued the following guidelines concerning the participation of girls in 'boys' cricket:

- The ECB wishes to encourage the development of girl cricketers and is happy for them to participate in boys cricket.
- Team managers and coaches have a duty of care to all players and girls should only be allowed to participate if the responsible adults are satisfied that they are competent to do so.
- Suitable arrangements need to be in place, particularly relating to changing facilities and transportation arrangements, if applicable. Please refer to the ECB 'Safe Hands' policy.
- In ECB national competitions the age group requirements apply to all players regardless of their sex.
- In local Leagues and other competitions it is up to each League or competition to specify the age group requirements. If girls who are older than the specified age group are allowed to play the League must specify a maximum age for the girl players and confirm how many older girls can play in any team. The same regulations must apply to all clubs in that League or competition.
- For the sake of clarity it should be understood that boys cannot play in girls Leagues or competitions unless explicit provision for this is included in the rules of that League or competition. Boys cannot play in the ECB girls competitions.

Any questions relating to these guidelines should be referred to the ECB Cricket Department at Lord's – 020 7432 1200 or cricket@ecb.co.uk.