

Cricket and the School Games



The purpose of cricket within the School Games is to give as many young people as possible the chance to think, “Cricket is for everyone” Resources are designed to be inclusive, building confidence, regardless of age or ability.

When planning your event, consider hosting at the most central venue to minimise travel and encourage schools to walk where possible

You can also deliver a virtual skills competition so that more children can enjoy working towards achieving their personal best whilst representing their school.

Why Cricket for your schools?

Will you choose a skills festival, participation event or competitive match play? Resources are designed to provide a fully inclusive experience with skills festivals, participation events and competitive match play from ages 8+ and Open, Girls and SEND provision throughout.

The formats develop the School Games values of passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination, teamwork and can be delivered as both an intra and inter competition offer.

Helping to deliver School Games outcomes:

- Appropriate and adaptable formats helping schools deliver competition for more children (School Games Mark accreditation)
- Developing health, character, and life skills
- Fully inclusive, exciting, and fun format to engage new audiences which celebrates personal best and delivers learning opportunities.

Primary and Secondary Cricket competition format options explained

Format	Skills festivals	Development Events: Match-Play	Pathway Events: Competitive Match-Play
	Festival events – an intra or inter-school event which involves a rotation of skill based activities	Development events – an inter-school event where there is no pathway and the purpose is established locally	An inter-school event where the winners feed into a county final
Target audience	New or less-sporty children Younger children, to allow a Personal Best focus which supports fundamental movement skill development	New or less-sporty children who would otherwise miss out on opportunity to take part in competition e.g., normally only taking part in ‘Intra-School’ competition Younger participants who are new to developing Sport Specific Skills and are ready to develop these in a participation-based game format	Children looking to test their skills as a ‘Confident Cricketer’ Those more familiar or experienced with inter-school competition
Development of life skills, sporting and school games values			
All format options are fully inclusive and can be delivered as Open, Girls only and/or SEND specific			

Inclusion is at the heart

Cricket “is for everyone” with offers and competition formats that are fully inclusive and adaptable to meet the needs of the pupils in your area, creating a fun, supportive learning environment for everyone!

SEND Inclusion

Cricket is designed to be inclusive, with easy adaptations that will help meet the needs of every pupil. It is a team sport full of individual skills, so don’t rush to separate groups based on ability or confidence. Small adaptations will enable children with SEND to participate in your School Competitions. For example:

SPACE – Adapt pitch lengths to shorten the distance for bowlers (although never closer than 11-yards). Shorten the running distance, ground size etc.

TASK – Allow for the free-hit batting tees to be employed or drop feeds to be used (underarm bowling is already permitted).

EQUIPMENT – a larger ball or a tennis racket can be used to increase success when batting. More sets of stumps can improve any bowler’s confidence!

PEOPLE – The pupils are usually the best practitioners of inclusion, and we encourage team mates to support one another. Allow a ‘runner’ to complete another batters runs, or an additional fielder to stand alongside and support a less mobile participant.

For some children, running a Specific Inclusive competition that will enable them to play alongside others with similar disabilities may be more appropriate. This will help build confidence and create a positive learning environment.

To access all the Chance to Shine resources referenced below, you will need to register (for free) via their teacher portal. Once registered the links will take you directly to the relevant content.

“Every girl in the year group wanted to go to the tournament. That was a real big thing. Because we had lots of children who don’t always play sport or don’t get involved, but they really were involved in the Dynamos, they loved it.” – *Teacher (all-girls school)*



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Primary

Who will you target? Consider these Dynamos options!

Skills Challenges

There are 3 Skills challenge cards for teachers to use (batting, bowling, and fielding). Each provides a simple skill, a timed challenge, 'Keys to success' tips, how to use the challenge to support personal skill development and ways to make it easier and harder.

BATTING **BOWLING** **FIELDING**

Skills Festivals

Skill Festivals are an occasion which includes a rotation of multi-skill activities which challenge children to achieve their personal best.

These quality learning experiences allow children to develop their physical competence whilst also experiencing wider social benefits and outcomes with an opportunity to really focus on the values development of young people.

Dynamos Schools

Building on the success of Kwik Cricket, Dynamos Schools is a soft-ball Countdown pairs format designed to deliver an exciting new brand of competition connecting to the elite via The Hundred.

This format can be easily adapted so that it's fun for those more experienced with inter-school competition or those new or less sporty children.

Dynamos Schools introduces children to the countdown cricket format and provides a consistent pathway experience, replicating the [Dynamos Cricket](#) format played at clubs.

Dynamos Schools Rules

Leadership Offer

Leadership through cricket can have a positive impact on young people, helping them develop transferable skills such as planning, confidence and presenting.

Whether it's through the Primary Playground Leaders training helping them to deliver high quality, inclusive cricket-themed playground games and activities or the Secondary school offers which can help provide a trained workforce to support the delivery of your Primary cricket events, there is plenty on offer.

Click here for details of: [Playground Leaders](#) [Officiating – Dynamos Schools](#) [Training resource – Dynamos Schools](#) [CtS Leadership Offers](#)

Secondary

Skills Challenges

The Skills Challenge resource aims to support pupils across a range of cricket specific skills. The resource has a personal best and progress-based focus - where pupils can score themselves and teammates as they progress through the 5 challenges.

Chance to Compete (Inter)

All Chance to Compete competitions have been designed to provide players with access to a fun, inclusive and fast paced format of the game. Competitions are generally run on a festival basis.

Our priority competitions are currently Girls u13 and u15, which progress to regional levels and are supported by ECB's Regional Development Centres.

CTC U13 Girls Softball – Rules & Format

CTC U15 Girls Softball – Rules & Format

Table Cricket – SEND Only Offer

Table Cricket is an adapted version of the game that is played on a table tennis table with teams of 6 taking it in turn to bat, bowl, and field. With the option to play in a standing or seated position, the game has been specifically designed to give young disabled people the chance to play and compete.

Find out more about Table Cricket