

Guidelines for Using Scoresheets

Cricket Leinster - Youth Competition

Background

In the 2019 season I often arrived early at my club to score a senior game and there have been four youth games on the go across the ground. It appears that many of the games are umpired by the team coach or one of their assistants and either the umpires are also scoring or one of the many parents (and there is great support by parents at these games) watching have taken on the duty¹ of keeping the score.

Clontarf issue an A4 clipboard and a scoresheet to each umpire/scorer at these games and I have noticed that these scoresheets have a few issues:

- Not enough space to write – further complicated by the umpire/scorer standing and balancing a clipboard in one hand;
- There is too much complexity on scoresheets with space for statistics, analysis, times, over rate, etc., etc. – all this just wastes space and confuses and puts pressure on scorers who just need to make sure:
 - We know which team won;
 - We know the winning margin; and
 - Each player can see their contribution.
- The tea room is festooned with used and discarded scoresheets after each weekend – once the result is noted nobody is interested in archiving the scoresheet once it has served its three fold purpose.

Design of the sheet

This scoresheet was developed for use by Clontarf Cricket Club and it is based on the document with the title “CL Youth Sub Committee, Summary of Youth Competitions – 2019”.

This scoresheet is not suitable for Colts A league which involves 30 overs and bowlers can enjoy up to 6 overs each. It is more likely that for Colts A as well as the U15, U17 and U19 will have scorers using traditional scorebooks and/or electronic scoring. If not then my 50 over scoresheet is suitable but needs to be printed on no less than B4 sized paper to be useful².

¹ Parent: “How difficult could this be? I just count how many times my child runs. Leg byes? What’s a leg bye? I only know bye-bye”

² You can find this 50 over scoresheet here: <https://www.samuelritchie.com/cricket-scoresheets>

This scoresheet is useful for:

- Cubs;
- league;
- Minor A League;
- Minor B league;
- Minor C league;
- Under 11 Cup & Plate;
- Junior A league;
- Junior B league;
- Under 13 Boys Cup & Plate;
- Junior 20/20;
- Cubs Girls/Boys league;
- Minor Girls league/Cup 5th/6th class;
- Junior Girls softball league 1st / 2nd year;
- Junior Girls hardball league 1st / 2nd year;
- Colts B league;
- Colts Girls league 3rd / 4th year;
- Under 15/Colts cup;
- Under 17 League;
- Girls under 17 league; and
- Under 19 League.

Basic information

Home Club	Won Toss	Visiting Club	Won Toss	Innings of	League / Cup	Date

Just in case the scoresheet is passed onto some responsible person who has to notify the LCU in respect of who won, it may be useful for them to know on what date the game took place and which teams were taking part in which competition.

Batting

Batsman	Runs Scored																																			How Out	Bowler	Runs													
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						Total Runs																																													
No Ball	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35																
Wide	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35																
Bye	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35																
Leg Bye	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35																
																											Wickets	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55													
																											Penalty	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55													
																											Total Score																								

There is the usual space for 11 batspersons but with lots of room to get first names and surnames in as well as the how out and bowlers names.

On this sheet you count no balls, wides, byes and leg byes by ticking off the numbers – then it is easy to see how many of each extra occurred by looking at the last number. Be careful as in some competitions the batting side gets 2 runs per wide.

In some competitions the bowling team gets 5 runs for each wicket they take – hence this row increments in 5's. The same principle applies to penalty points but I am not sure the juniors get punished for running on the square or the ball hitting a helmet left on the field.

Just be careful to add the wickets and penalties to the right team.

Bowling

Bowler	1	2	3	4	5	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Wides	No Balls
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
10											
11											
Totals											
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									← Other W		

There is space for 11 bowlers as some competitions require each player on the team to bowl at least one over. I contemplated removing the analysis columns as they seldom seem to be used and often the bowling is not balanced with the batting. (In fact, often only the accumulating score is assumed to be correct and used). But as it did not release a lot of space I left it in.

Useful stuff

Start time:

Retire at:

Some competitions need to know the start time as there are rules to punish slow over rates. In some competitions there are compulsory retirements when a certain score is reached – best to have it agreed and written down before you start.

Over by over

Over	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Score																					
Wicket																					
Bowler																					

There is more use of this matrix than doing the bowling analysis or balancing the batting and bowling – scorers do seem to use it to keep track of the number of overs bowled and the total score at the end of each over.

Cumulative score

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
151	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82

The one area I am not entirely happy with is the size of the numbers in the cumulative score matrix – they are a little too small for my liking. Perhaps if I limited the total to 150 runs I could make some space to make the numbers larger – maybe in the next version.

Modify the scoresheet

I have supplied the Microsoft® Office Visio® file³ so that you can make your own sheets.

You could:

- replace the Clontarf Cricket Club Logo with your own club;
- print a whole book of sheets, a personalised scorebook for each club team; and
- make wholesale changes to reflect how you would like to record a youth game.

I would be appreciative if you fed my ego by leaving my moniker on the sheet or gave me credit if you modify my design.

Do let me know if you find an error and I will generate a new version with the problem corrected.

Printing the scoresheet

The pdf file is set to print on A4 sized paper in landscape format.

Ends....

³ Online at www.samuelritchie.com