



Blackpool Cricket Club

Blackpool Cricket Club Fielding Regulations Policy

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has regulations covering the minimum fielding distances for young players in all matches where a hard ball is used.

In order to comply with the ECB fielding regulations the Blackpool Cricket Club fielding regulations policy is:

- No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3m) from the batsman's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played the ball.
- For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10m).

These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.

Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the Umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

In addition, any young player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 8 yards (7.3m) from the batsmen's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.