

AoC Sport Indoor 24 Information Pack



2016/17

Introduction

AoC Sport and ECB would like to say thank you for your interest in the Indoor 24 Programme, we would love to have you on board for the 2016/17 season.

This document gives a brief introduction to the programme, what Indoor 24 is all about and the wider AoC Sport cricket offer. If you are registering or have registered for Indoor 24 for the first time we'll send you your FREE kit bag as soon as we can, but in the meantime, please read this document to understand more about the 'offer'.

If you already have an Indoor 24 kit bag – you can get started right away, however, we recommend that you also read this document as there are some minor changes to this year's programme, including our **new online Activator course**, available to student leaders.

What is Indoor 24?

- Fast-paced, no-barriers, six-a-side game that students can play quickly with their friends
- There are no pads, gloves or helmets
- Everyone has to bowl and each innings last only 24 balls
- Designed for players of all ability, from entry level to club players
- Male and female students can play together



The ECB have also produced an on-line support package www.ecb.co.uk/indoor24 which helps demonstrate how sessions can be promoted and delivered, and also provides helpful game cards which provide a range of additional fun innovative ways to play cricket using the Indoor 24 kit bag – read on to find out more.

What we give you:

- A free Indoor 24 kitbag – 2 x bats, 3 x balls, 2 x sets of stumps
- Access to new online Activator course and support resources
- Entry to Regional Inter-College competition, progressing to national finals
- Links to your local County Cricket Board

What we would like from you:

- Our main request is that you put on fun, interactive cricket sessions for your students – we really want people to enjoy playing the game.
- **Data collection*** – completion of monitoring forms every 5 sessions
- Share your pictures and stories – email us or use the AoC Sport twitter [@AoC_SportComps](https://twitter.com/AoC_SportComps)

**It is really important we receive these figures so we can pass them on to local County Cricket Boards who can then get in contact with your college to sign post other local playing opportunities, or may even be able to add value to your sessions.*

These forms will be sent to you once registered and will be available to download via the AoC Sport website.

As an incentive for you to complete your forms, we will be offering spot prizes (ECB Merchandise) throughout the competition, and then a prize of two England Test Match tickets at the end of the season.

Marketing, Promotion and Support

In order to help you get Indoor 24 up and running within your Further Education Institution, ECB have created an online support resource which is available at www.ecb.co.uk/indoor24.

The resource shows how you can introduce cricket to students through a host of fun innovative formats. These will allow the students to enjoy the key elements of the game – fielding, bowling and batting - and then if appropriate, they can gradually build up to playing Indoor 24.

Contained within the resource are the following:

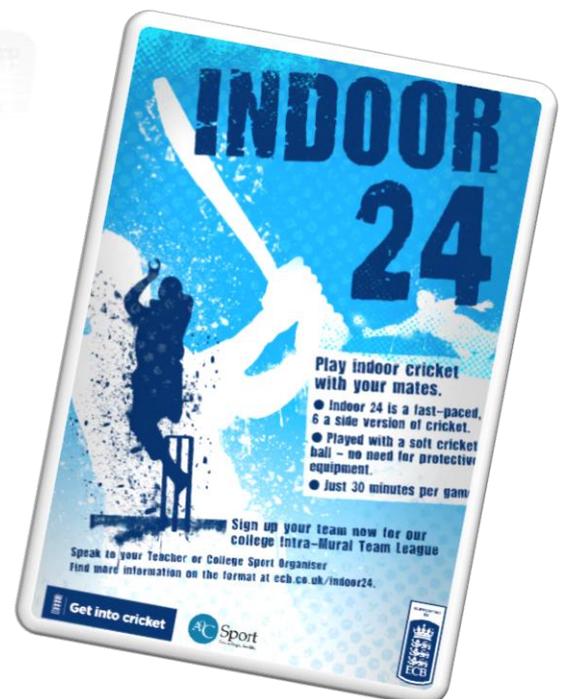
- Demo videos
- Introductory Game Cards
- Marketing material



Intra and Inter College Competition

The main objective of the programme is to get more young people within the college playing cricket on a regular basis. This 'intra – college' activity can be as flexible as weekly drop in sessions or more structured as an internal 6 a side league.

You are able to run and deliver intra – college sessions whenever is convenient to you. However, if you want progress your activity and compete in inter - college activity competition, in line with the National Competition Structure, the following timeline will need to be applied to tailor your program accordingly:



September to February – Intra College Activity. Regional competition for performance Finals

March – Inter-College Regional Competitions for participation finals

April – Inter- College National Finals (performance and participation)

**In order to qualify for the Inter-College competitions you will need to be affiliated with AoC Sport and have completed at least 5 sessions (1 monitor form submitted) before the regional stage.*

Inter College Competitions – what are the Performance and Participation strands?

To cater for everyone, and to allow all players to progress in a competition aligned with their ability, within the regional and national structure there are two different competition strands – performance and participation

Displayed below are the criteria for the performance and participation competition strands:

Performance – Regular participants (people that play in a club or a team) but open to all, male and female. The finals for this strand is now in the AoC Sport National Championships and provides a superb opportunity for your talented cricketers to play cricket and be part of one the biggest annual events in the UK

Participation (Pairs) – Open to female club players, and other players that do not play regularly in a team or club, ideally mixed teams.

It is really important that your students enter the correct strand for regional/national competitions so they play at an equal level of competition. If you are unsure of eligibility, please contact sandy_veale@aoc.co.uk.

AoC Sport Outdoor T20 Competition

At the end of April see's the AoC Sport outdoor T20 cricket competition begin. The T20 competition is tradition hardball outdoor cricket. We split the country up regionally and then into small groups within this. The winner of each group will progress towards 1 of 4 Finals days. These are traditionally held at the start of June and are the culmination of the cricket season for us. You will be invited to apply for this in the new year.

Other Local Opportunities

We are extremely keen to sign post the students to other local playing opportunities. If your players are keen to play more – please let us know and we'll be able to help.

Remember – we also have an AOC Sport T20 competition in the summer!

www.ecb.co.uk/indoor24 www.aocsport.co.uk

