



SOFT BALL SUPER SERIES

SBSS is a series of tournaments played between clubs, suitable for beginners, improvers and players who are already playing soft ball league cricket. The SBSS is a great way for clubs to provide more opportunities for women to socialise and play cricket.

After entering, clubs are put into groups of approx. 5 local clubs who each host the other 4 teams others for a tournament on a date of their choosing.

How many Super Series tournaments do we need to host?

Clubs are each required to host one tournament but there is no limit to the number they may host. While guidance will be plentiful, each group of clubs may decide how they wish to run their Super Series, i.e. the total number of tournaments, the number of teams each club may enter into them, the number and type of matches to be played or even whether you will crown an overall winner at the end of the series.

What does a Super Series tournament look like?

Your tournament should involve lots of cricket matches to ensure maximum fun; everything else can be done your own way. If you don't have multiple pitches to use, you can set out 'mini pitches' with strips cut into the outfield. Your club may choose to award a trophy or medals to the winning team or to individuals for brilliant moments. You might decide to play music, have a glitter bar, run fundraising activities, coaching, activities for children etc. All these ideas are great for creating memorable experiences but remain optional to ensure your tournament is manageable for your club and its volunteers.

How does this fit alongside the Womens Soft Ball Cricket Festivals and League?

Having a 'pathway' for women to progress through is crucial to growing sustainable women's teams so it's a good idea to combine the SBSS with either a Soft Ball Cricket Festival (beginners) or with the League (improvers).

We are keen for Women's Soft Ball Cricket Festivals to remain not-too-competitive and uber-relaxed as these provide many women

with their first experience of cricket. Therefore, the SBSS provides a next step for clubs working towards league cricket or for those already playing league cricket but who want to play more matches together.

What are there any entry requirements & costs involved?

To enter the SBSS, a club must:

- *host a soft ball, pairs tournament on either a weekend, public holiday or an evening (daylight permitting) during the 2023 season
- pay the £10.00 entry fee
- prepare/offer facilities for their own tournament i.e. pitches, toilets
- provide volunteers to score and umpire at tournaments and to run your own tournament
- allocate a 'main contact', these representatives will agree dates and make arrangements with one another
- meet requirements laid out in the [Hosting Checklist](#), such as insurances, policies and risk assessments

How can we enter?

This can be found alongside all other competitions (except the Sussex Slam) on the Women's & Girls section of your club's SCF Affiliation Document. If you have questions or would like to discuss this series, please email lara.johnson@sussexcricket.co.uk.

We want to enter but don't yet have a team, what can we do?

Please contact lara.johnson@sussexcricket.co.uk to discuss hosting a Women's Soft Ball Cricket Festival.