

The McKinley White Twenty20 Cup 2009

Competition Structure & Playing Conditions

Structure

The competition will be a knock out cup to be concluded by a finals day on which both semi finals and the final will be played (details below).

Entry

Entry is free of charge and open to any cricket club in the area. n.b. teams representing commercial organisations will not be permitted.

Player Qualification

Any *bone fide* member of the entered club will be permitted to play with no restriction on overseas/non EU qualified players. No player may receive financial reward for participating in the competition. n.b. If a player is registered to play for a Devon League club other than that entered in the competition he is to be considered ineligible, irrespective of any previous or ongoing association with the entered club.

Playing Conditions

The MCC rules of cricket and spirit of cricket will apply with the following competition rules in addition: -

- a) Matches may be played on any day of the week agreeable to both teams but it is assumed that midweek evening matches will be the norm. These must commence by 6.15pm. Back up dates should be made available, prior to the cut off date for each round. A finals day will complete the event (see below for further details).
- b) Matches will comprise of 20 six-ball overs. In the event of rain interfering before or during play, the captains and umpires between them will apply a 'common sense' approach to reducing overs, but only in the 1st innings.
- c) No player will be permitted to bowl more than 4 overs.
- d) The outgoing and incoming batsman must cross on the field of play.
- e) The bowlers run up to be restricted to 15 yards (13.7 metres) - with this point clearly marked at each end with infringement resulting in a no ball to be called by the square leg umpire.
- f) Fielding restrictions will apply, see below for full restrictions.
- g) A very strict and consistent interpretation of the wide law will apply with no leniency towards leg side bowling.
- h) A front foot no ball will result in a 'Free Hit' to be signalled by the umpire in the approved manner. A batsman cannot be bowled, caught, stumped or dismissed LBW off the 'Free Hit'. The fielding captain IS permitted to adjust the field prior to the 'Free Hit' but the fielding restrictions (below) will still apply.
- i) The team scoring the highest number of runs shall be deemed the winners. In the event of a tie the side losing the least wickets shall be the winner. If the wickets fallen are the same the side scoring the greater number of sixes shall be the winner. If there is still no outcome, the side scoring the most fours off the bat shall be considered the winner. In the unlikely event that a winner is still not decided there will be a coin toss.

Fielding Restrictions

An area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump with a radius of 30 yards and joined by a parallel line on either side of the pitch will be the 'Fielding Circle'. This is to be marked by painted white dots at 5 yard intervals (ideally to be covered with a white plastic disk).

The fielding team must have 4 fielders in addition to the bowler and wicket-keeper within this 'circle' at the instant of delivery. No more than 5 fielders are allowed on the leg-side at any point.

Clothing

Genuine cricket clothing must be worn, however a team may opt to use coloured clothing but must use white pads and gloves as a traditional cricket ball will be used.

Balls

In the qualifying rounds a new ball must be used at the start of both innings unless prior agreement is made between clubs. Each team must provide a new ball. A sufficient number of acceptable quality spare balls must also be provided by the home club. The host club will provide all balls for the finals day.

Umpires & Scorers

Each club must supply an umpire and scorer for their matches prior to the finals day. The organising committee will provide the umpires for the finals day and cover the costs incurred. Clubs will each be required to bring a scorer to the finals day.

Scoreboard

The scoreboard is to be updated on a ball-by-ball basis and it is preferred that the passage of overs be indicated by a reducing number.

Result Sheet

A result sheet is to be completed by the winning team and returned to gjw@mckinleywhite.com no later than 48 hours after the match being completed. Result sheets may also be posted to McKinley White, PO Box 580, Exeter, EX1 9GT, but an email is greatly preferred for ease of administration.

Non Turf Pitches

Matches may be played on non turf pitches; however on arranging a fixture the home club must state their intention to use such a pitch to allow the visiting team to bring appropriate footwear. The finals day matches will be played on a grass wicket.

Finals Day

The finals day will be held on Sunday 5th July 2009 at Bohea Field, Clyst St George. All matches will be played on a grass wicket. The 1st semi-final will commence at 11am. The draw for the semi finals will be made by the organising committee in advance of the finals day and the schedule advised to the clubs involved in advance. There will therefore be no need for all four clubs to be present prior to the 11am start of the first semi final.