

# THE 'Tony Pryce Sports' DEVON SENIOR CUP COMPETITION

## RULES:

### **1. TITLE.**

The title of the competition shall be **THE 'Tony Pryce Sports' DEVON SENIOR CUP.**

### **2. MANAGEMENT.**

THE DEVON CRICKET LEAGUE (DCL) shall undertake the control of the competition. All decisions made by the DCL Competitions Committee relating to these rules and regulations, or to matches played in the competition, shall be final and binding on all concerned.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY.**

The competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to The Devon Cricket Board-Club Association.

### **4. COMPETITION STRUCTURE & FIXTURES.**

The competition shall be organized on a knock out basis. The first round will be played on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May and further rounds on dates designated on the entry form details.

It is preferred that all matches must be played on the designated date unless cancelled due to weather.

In the event of cancellation or re-arrangement, the match must be played at least seven days prior to the date of the next round.

**In rounds one, two and three only in the event of any team providing more than two players for a full minor counties team (either a one or three day game) on a date scheduled for a Devon Senior Cup game, the DCL will allow that Club to re-arrange any such fixture.\***

Any disputes regarding re-arrangement will be decided by the DCL. EMC.

The 'Home' Club is responsible for match arrangements and for informing the Umpires and the Competition Organizer in good time of any cancellation and subsequent re-arrangement. If, for whatever reason, a match cannot be played within this time limit, the result shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

The Final will be played on August Bank Holiday Sunday, at a venue to be announced before the start of the competition, with a reserve day on the following Sunday.

### **5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS.**

(a) No Club may play more than one player in a match who is not qualified to play for England as specified by the DCL and published in the League Handbook.

(b) A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for a Club in the competition if he is a bona-fide member of that Club and has played for them in a DCL match in the present or in the previous season.

(c) All players must play for the same Club in both League and Cup competition.

## **6. CRICKET BALLS.**

Each Club shall provide one new 'Special Crown Match' League ball purchased from the LMC for each match in which it plays. Alternatively, and only if both sides agree, the higher grade of DCL Ball may be used.

A new ball must be used for each innings. The DCL will provide the balls for the semi-finals and final.

## **7. NON-TURF PITCHES:**

The use of artificial pitches will not be permitted in this Competition.

## **8. UMPIRES.**

Independent Umpires will be supplied by the DACO and will be subject to Captains marking as in normal

Devon League Matches. Each Club will be responsible for the payment of one Umpire's expenses (£25.00), payment to be made prior to the commencement of the match.

**9. SCORER:** Each Club must provide a scorer for the match.

## **10. THE SCORE BOARD.**

(a) It is preferred that the passage of overs be indicated by a reducing number.

(b) The total number of runs scored must be updated on a ball-by-ball basis.

## **11. THE RESULT.**

The result will be determined strictly in accordance with the Playing Regulations item.3. (see below), with which the Captains and Umpires must be fully conversant.

## **12. THE SCORE SHEET.**

The Home side shall complete the score-sheet supplied by the DCL. Signatures of both captains must be obtained. The Competition Organizer must receive the score-sheet within 48 hours of the completion of the fixture.

## **13. THE PLAYING REGULATIONS.**

The playing regulations for the competition shall apply without exception. (See below)

## **14. EXTRA RULINGS.**

The Management committee of the DCL (LMC) shall have the full power to deal at their discretion with any matter, which may arise affecting the competition.

## **15. CODE OF CONDUCT.**

The ECB preamble 'The Spirit of Cricket' and the Code of Conduct issued by the LMC must be observed at all times.

## **16. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS.**

The EMC shall deal with all disciplinary matters in any way connected with the competition in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures issued by the D.C.L.

## **PLAYING REGULATIONS**

*The Current Official MCC Laws of Cricket shall apply, with the following exceptions*

### **1. HOURS OF PLAY**

Matches shall start at 2.00 p.m. unless delayed by rain. The Tea Interval, which shall normally be taken between innings, shall be thirty (30) minutes. In interrupted or delayed matches, the Tea Interval may be waived only by agreement of both captains or taken before the start of play.

No fixed close of play time shall apply, the decision as to safety factors relating to weather and light being determined solely by the Umpires.

**The Final only will commence at 1 p.m.**

### **2. LENGTH OF INNINGS.**

Each team shall bat for 40 overs unless all out earlier. The minimum length of match shall be 10 overs per side, unless either side is bowled out in less.

**2.1.** If, during the first innings, weather or light delays or causes suspension of play for six minutes or more, two overs shall be deducted from the match total for every complete six minutes play lost. The side batting first may use no more than 50% of the revised total of overs available, including those already bowled. The umpires shall be solely responsible for calculating the revised number of overs to be played and for notifying the decision immediately to all concerned. No match may start after 5.00 p.m. nor second innings after 8.00 p.m.

**2.2.** The side batting second shall have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs as were available to the side batting first, irrespective of interruption of play for whatever reason.

### **3. THE RESULT.**

**3.1.** In matches in which both teams have had an opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (i.e. 40 overs each in an uninterrupted match, or a lesser number of overs in an interrupted match), the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.

If the two totals are equal, the winner shall be the team with the higher score at the end of the penultimate over, and so on (count back), until a winner is decided.

**3.2.** If, through abandonment of the match for whatever reason, the side batting second has not been able to bat for the same number of overs as the side batting first, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponents' score, the winner shall be the side with the higher average run rate over the whole innings, subject to the following:

If the team batting first is all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its run rate shall be based upon the full quota of overs that were available to it.

**3.3.** In the event that no result is obtained under 3.1. or 3.2. above, the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

#### **4. NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER.**

No bowler shall bowl more than 8 overs in an innings. In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls shall be bowled by another bowler. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned. In a reduced overs match, the number of overs to be bowled by each bowler shall be reduced proportionately, the number available being determined and notified by the Umpires.

The Umpires will monitor the number of overs bowled by any one bowler.

#### **5. LAW.14 - DECLARATIONS.**

The captain of the batting side may not declare his innings closed at any time during the course of the match.

#### **6. WIDE AND NO BALLS.**

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to these Laws in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket or over the batsman's head. Criteria to be used shall be

those determined by the DCL and published in the current League Handbook.

#### **7. RESTRICTION ON PLACEMENT OF FIELDSMEN.**

At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the bowler and the wicket-keeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centered on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement, the square leg Umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'. The fielding circle should be marked by painted white 'dots' at 5-yard intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a plastic or rubber (not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter.

#### **8. AWARDS.**

There will be a presentation of awards at the completion of the match on finals day. The Devon Senior Cup and a Cheque for £100 will be presented to the winning captain; a Cheque for £50 will be presented to the runners up. Individual awards will also be made to all the players (incl.12th man), umpires and scorers.

A man of the match award will also be presented (Adjudicated by a representative of the DCL)

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