

CS T20 TROPHY RULES - 2023

1. Matches

- a) Ties must be played by the dates indicated by the Competitions Committee.
- b) Ties to be arranged by Home Team who should offer away team two dates for the ties with reserve dates also arranged. Once agreed, Home Team notifies date to the Competitions Committee.
- c) Matches will be played at the home ground of the team listed first in the draw unless determined otherwise by the Competitions Committee.

2. Timings

- a) For midweek matches, both teams should have one player ready to conduct the toss by 6pm.
- b) Midweek matches should commence no later than 6.15pm.
- c) The second innings should commence no later than 7.45pm.
- d) Teams who fail to comply with 2b & 2c will be penalised 5 runs for every 5 minutes they exceed the deadlines.

3. Overs

- a) Matches will be of no more than 20 overs per innings.

4. Match Balls

- a) The league ball for the current season will be the nominated ball for the competition unless determined otherwise by the Competitions Committee (a reconditioned ball must still have recognisable markings)

5 Bowling Restrictions

- a) Bowlers are restricted to no more than 4 overs per innings.
- b) Bowlers may only bowl overarm.
- c) Any infringement of rule 5b the bowlers end umpire should call and signal "no ball".
- d) Any infringement of rule 5a should be reported to the Competitions Committee.

6 Fielding Restrictions

- a) A fielding circle should be marked out by means of two semi circles of a radius of 30 yards, centred on each middle stump and joined by a parallel line of each side of the pitch. It is recommended that the area be marked by painted white dots, 5 yards apart, covered by circular white plastic or rubber discs 7 inches in diameter.
- b) For the first 6 overs, at the instant of delivery no more than TWO fielders may be out with the fielding circle.
- c) For the remaining 14 overs, at the instant of delivery no more than FIVE fielders may be out with the fielding circle.
- d) No more than FIVE fielders may be on the leg side at any time.

e) For any infringement of 6b, 6c & 6d the strikers end umpire will call and signal “no ball”.

f) For any infringement of 6a, umpires must report this to the Competitions Committee.

7 Free Hit

a) The delivery following a no ball called for a foot fault (Law 24.5) shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

b) Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker.

c) The bowlers end umpire will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

8 Wide Ball

a) If the ball passes outside the offside wide line as it crosses the bowling crease, then the bowlers end umpire will call and signal “wide”. It does not matter if the batsman has moved across to cover the ball. Provided he does not hit the ball, such a delivery will be called “wide”.

b) If the ball passes outside the leg stump and behind the striker and the striker makes no contact with it, then the bowlers end umpire will call and signal “wide”. The only exception to this would be if the striker makes a profound movement to the offside and the ball just misses the leg stump.

c) Umpires are requested to adopt a strict approach to 8a & 8b.

9 Player Eligibility

a) All players should be bona-fide members of the club that they represent in the competition. **Registered Paid Players or Overseas Amateurs are not eligible to play in the competition.**

b) Any player who has appeared for an EPL side in more than one match of that club’s League matches already played during the current season shall be ineligible to play in the 2 Counties Cup. This rule will not apply to players qualified to play as U18 cricketers.

c) Any player who has played in more than 50% of the league matches already played of a team participating in the 3 Counties Cup during the current season shall be ineligible to play in the 2 Counties Cup. This rule will not apply to players qualified to play as U18 cricketers.

d) The Competitions Committee may waive 9b & 9c only under exceptional circumstances and at a request 48 hours prior to the scheduled match.

10 Determining the winner – Group Games

a) Where a match fails to be played by cut-off date due to weather and no other reasonable date is identified (must be agreed by Competitions Committee), each Team will be awarded 1 point.

b) Points Structure - Teams receive two points for a win and one point for a tie or if the match is abandoned. No points are awarded for a loss. Teams are ranked by total points, then net run rate from completed matches. Winning team per Group proceeds to semi finals.

Determining the winner – Semi-Finals and Final

- c) If, at completion of the match, scores are tied, the winner shall be the side which has lost fewer wickets.
- d) Where 10 c) fails to produce a winner, scores at the end of each preceding even numbered over (starting at 18) shall be compared until a winner is found. The higher of the 2 scores determines the winner.

11 Bowl Off – Not relevant at Group Stage but may be required for Sem-Finals and Final.

- a) A full set of stumps, including bails, will be pitched at both end of the designated pitch, but the bowlers will all bowl off the same end.
- b) The umpires will decide which end to bowl from.
- c) The captains shall nominate their five bowlers and the order of bowlers, to each other and the umpires prior to the toss.
- d) The captains shall toss a coin for the right to decide which teams bowls first.
- e) The wicket keeper may not stand up at the stumps.
- f) No bowler may be permitted a practice run up.
- g) The umpires will stand in normal positions on the field of play to officially record the number of “hits”. Their decision is final.
- h) The umpires are responsible for making sure only the nominated bowlers actually bowl.
- i) Only the five nominated bowlers and the wicket keeper shall be allowed on the field of play. All other players not involved in the bowl off shall be beyond the boundary.
- j) If a bowler bowls a ‘no ball’ it will count as his delivery but will not count towards the score of the team (ie if a wicket is achieved it will not count)
- k) If both teams have scored the same number of ‘hits’ after all three bowlers have bowled, the remaining players in each team will alternately bowl one delivery until a ‘winner’ is determined.

12 Results

- a) The HOME team in each match is responsible for notifying the result within 24 hours of the match and emailing it to the Competitions Committee at - spcucomps@gmail.com

13 Appeals

- a) Appeals must be in writing to the Competitions Committee within 48 hours of the match being played.