

The Devon Cricket League

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The DCL Twenty/20 Competition 2013

Sponsored by Ivor Dewdney Pasties Ltd.

The Devon Cricket League will responsible for the organisation of the event.

1) Administration.

The DCL will organise the event together with the host Club. It is hoped that all Twenty/20 county wide regional winners take part.

A draw will take place by the DCL. (E.M.C) immediately after the names of the Clubs participating are known. If necessary preliminary matches will be drawn, and the resultant winners will be invited to the finals day.

2) Player Qualification.

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 *bone fide* member of that Club and has played in League matches in the current season.

3) Prize Money.

The four teams taking part on the finals day will be provided with buffet style catering for players and officials only. The winner of the competition will receive a cheque for **£250.00** the runner up **£100.00**. All Umpires fees and catering will be paid for by the DCL.

4) Team Selection.

It is a requirement for teams playing on the finals day to submit their selected team to the Competition organiser at least three days before the finals, this to enable printing of programmes for the day.

Playing Conditions:

1) Duration;

The matches will consist of one innings per-side, each innings being limited to a maximum of 20 overs.

2) Qualifying Rounds:

Dependant on the number of teams qualifying for the competition it will comprise of one or more qualifying rounds. If a team is drawn to play in a qualifying round the match time and will be decided between the two clubs. The home venue will be decided by the DCL.

The matches in the qualifying rounds must be completed a full 14 days before the date of the Finals day.

3) Semi-Final and Final:

These matches will take place at a venue decided by the EMC of the DCL.

The first Semi-Final will start at no later than 10 a.m. Interval 11.15 a.m. to 11.25 a.m.

Second Innings will start at 11.25 a.m. and be completed by 12.40 p.m.

The second Semi-Final will start at 1.00 p.m. Interval 2.15 p.m. to 2.25 p.m.

Second Innings will start at 2.25 p.m. and be completed by 3.40 p.m.

The final will commence at 4 p.m.

Revision of the above start times can only adjusted with the approval of the Umpires, Captains and the DCL organiser (see 5. below)

4) Interval between Innings:

If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier. In circumstances where the side batting first has not completed the allotted number of overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the first innings, the Umpires shall reduce the length of the interval by the amount of time that the first innings over-ran. The minimum time for the interval will be ten minutes.

5) Adjustments of Timings:

The DCL will appoint a representative who in conjunction with the Umpires, will determine any re-arrangement of overs and timings of matches in the case of any match being delayed or interrupted. At all times, the objectives of the DCL and the officials will be prioritised as follows:

6) To ensure that both Semi-Finals and the Final are completed on the scheduled day of the matches (minimum overs to constitute a match is 5 overs per team)

- To ensure wherever possible a 20 overs per side final.
- To ensure wherever possible that both semi-finals are of the same duration.
- To ensure wherever possible that both teams have the opportunity of batting the same number of overs.
- The officials on the day to decide as a last resort to move the event to the reserve day.

7) Playing times:

There will normally be two sessions of play of 1 hour 15 minutes each, separated by an interval of 10 minutes. If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

8) Delays:

- a) Any re-arrangement of the number of overs that maybe necessary due to a delayed start or one or more interruptions in play as a result of adverse ground, weather or light conditions or any other reason shall be made as in **6** above.
- b) On any occasion where the innings of the side batting first is delayed or interrupted, the Umpires will reduce the length of the interval's.
- c) In circumstances where the side bowling first has not completed the allotted number of overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the first innings, the Umpires shall reduce the length of the interval by the amount of time that the first innings over-ran.
- d) The minimum time for the interval shall be 10 minutes.

9) Length of Innings:

- a) In uninterrupted matches (i.e. Matches which are neither delayed or interrupted)
- b) Each team will bat for 20 overs unless all out earlier.
- c) If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time for the cessation of the first innings, play will continue until the required number of overs has been bowled and playing condition 7 will apply.
- d) If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 20 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for 20 overs.
- e) If the team fielding second fails to bowl 20 overs by the scheduled time for the cessation of the second innings, the hours of play for the match shall, subject to conditions of ground. Weather and light, be extended until the required number of overs has been bowled or a result has been achieved.

10) The Ball:

The Ball used for all matches in the qualifying rounds and on the Finals day will be provided by the DCL. It will be the **Tiflex T/20 Pink Magna**.

11) The Result:

- a) The winning side will be the side scoring the most runs.
- b) In the event of a tie, the team losing the least number of wickets or scoring the most sixes or the most fours in that order shall be the winner.

12) Restrictions on placement of fielders:

- a) At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fielders on the leg side.
- b) For the first 6 overs only of each innings, only two fieldsmen are permitted to be outside an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch (the fielding circle). The fielding circle should be marked with white 'dots' at five yard intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter.
- c) For the remaining overs of each innings only five fieldsmen are permitted to be outside the fielding circle at the instant of delivery.
- d) In matches effected by playing conditions affected by weather or light the Umpires may adjust items a – c but must ensure that the revisions apply to both teams.

13) Number of overs per bowler:

- a) No bowler may bowl more than four overs.
- b) In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls will 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.
- c) In matches effected by playing conditions affected by weather or light the Umpires may adjust item. a, but must ensure that the revisions apply to both teams.

14) Declarations:

Declaration will not be permitted.

15) No-Ball:

A front foot 'No-Ball' will result in the usual penalty plus a 'free hit' to be signalled by the Umpire, the batsman can only be dismissed under circumstances that apply to a no-ball. Field changes are not permitted for a 'free hit', even if the batsmen have crossed and a left hand/right hand combination means that there are too many fielders on the leg side (this is to keep the game moving). If the delivery for the 'free hit' is not a legitimate delivery (i.e. any kind of no-ball or wide-ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.

16) Wide Ball. Law.25.

The Umpires will be instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this law in order to prevent negative bowling.

17) Clothing.

Genuine cricket whites can be worn; however a team may decide to use coloured clothing but must use white pads and gloves. The proposed use of coloured clothing must be advised to the event organiser at least three days prior to the match.

18) Umpires and Scorers.

Each Club must provide a competent scorer. The DCL (in conjunction of the D.A.C.O.) will appoint the Umpires for all matches; their fees will be paid by the DCL.

19) The Scoreboard.

The Score-Board is to be up-dated on a ball by ball basis. The overs to be indicated by overs remaining in the innings.

19) Result Sheets.

These will only apply to preliminary rounds; the result sheet (as provided by the DCL) must be completed and returned to the Competition Organiser no later than 48 hours after the completion of the match.

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