

The 'Thomas Trophies' South Devon Twenty/20 Cup Competition 2013

RULES

1) Administration.

The competition will be organised by the Devon Cricket League administrator. He will also be responsible for organising the play off between the Teignbridge and Torbay winners. Both play offs will be held at neutral grounds.

All matches played will comply with the ECB Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket.

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 or previous season.

3) Awards.

The winning team will be presented with a perpetual trophy and 12 medals for the participation players at the area final. There will be NO entry fee.

4) Competition Structure and Fixtures.

- i. The Competition will be organised on a League basis, with two divisions. Each team will play Home and Away (weather permitting). For matches called off for weather then each side will receive 2 points. If a side calls off the match for reasons other than weather then the opposing side will receive the 2 points. The offending Club 0 points the side winning each match will receive 4 points.
- ii. In the event of cancellation due to weather etc it will be the responsibility of the home side to contact the appointed umpires.
- iii. The winner of each division will take place in a play off at a venue to be decided at the completion of the final round.
- iv. Each round of the Competition will take place on a fixed week as distributed by the Competition Organiser. It is preferred if each fixture is held on a Wednesday during the week drawn. However re-arrangements will be permitted during the same week, following a request by both Clubs to the competition organiser.

5) Team Selection.

It is a requirement for teams playing on the match day to submit their selected team to the Umpires at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the match.

Playing Conditions:

1) Duration;

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

2) The Final (play off):

The winners of each division will play off to determine the competition winner.

3) 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.

4) Adjustments of Timings:

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 Competition will be prioritized as follows:

- To ensure wherever possible a 20 overs per side match.
- To ensure wherever possible that both teams have the opportunity of batting the same number of overs.
- For the Final only the officials on the day to decide as a last resort to move the event to the reserve day.

5) 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.

6) 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 **4** 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 to 5 minutes.
- 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 5 minutes.

7) 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.b 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.

8) The Ball:

The Ball used for all matches and will be the **Tiflex T/20 Pink Magna**. This ball will be made available at a concessionary cost by the Devon Cricket League

9) 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.
- c) The winning side shall be responsible for forwarding the result by Email to the Competition organiser; in this case admin@devoncricketleague.co.uk the result should include the highest score and best bowling average. The organiser will forward the information to the local press and the Devon Cricket Website.

10) 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 fielders 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 fielders 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.

11) Number of overs per bowler:

- a) No bowler may bowl more that 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 bowlers 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.

12) 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 only permitted when the batsmen have changed ends before the 'free hit'. 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.

13) Wide Ball. Law.25.

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

14) Clothing.

Genuine cricket whites can be worn; however a team may decide to use coloured clothing however white pads and gloves can be used at any time.

15) Umpires and Scorers.

Each Club must provide a competent scorer. The Competition organisers will (in conjunction of the D.A.C O.) will appoint the Umpires for all matches; their fees will be paid before the match by the participating Clubs. The rate agreed is £15 for each Umpire.

16) 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.

17) Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

Those used by the Devon Cricket League will be applicable for any disciplinary matters (refer to the current DCL Handbook) No player may play in the competition if under suspension by the DCL.

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