

VITALITY CLUB T20 2020 IN MIDDLESEX

Rules and Playing Conditions

1. This competition, being the preliminary stages of an ECB National Competition, will be played according to ECB rules subject to the following exceptions.
2. All first stage games should be played on Bank Holiday Friday 8 May and second stage games on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May. Semi-final and final dates will be published in due course.
3. In stage 1, there are two groups of four and three groups of three. A Host Club has been appointed for each group. That Club is responsible for making all the arrangements in respect of the venue and for providing spare balls. Umpires will be provided by the Middlesex County League Panel (three for four club groups and two for three club groups). The Host Club is responsible for paying the umpires' expenses on the day at the normal League rate of £50. The Host Club may recover an equal share of the costs of the umpires from all the competing Clubs. In the second stage, there will be four groups of four and similar arrangements will apply.
4. In the first stage, there are also four single games. For these, the Host Club is responsible for making the arrangements in respect of venue and for providing spare balls. Each Club should provide its own umpire. Clubs requiring help in appointing umpires should approach Keir Hopley (keir.hopley@blueyonder.co.uk). He may be able to provide an umpire at the cost of £25 payable on the day. Any non-Panel umpire appointed by a Club shall be a recognised club umpire as defined in the League constitution.
5. For stage 1, matches will be played in white clothing with a red ball unless both Clubs agree in advance to play in coloured clothing with a pink ball. If they do so, they will each be required to provide a new pink ball for each match; and to assist the Host Club in providing spare pink balls. Otherwise each side will be required to provide a new red ball. All balls should be Grade A and preferably be League balls. Clubs will bowl with the ball they provide. For stage 2, matches will be played with pink balls. Clubs are encouraged to wear coloured clothing if they have it, but this is not compulsory for non-Premier League sides. Clubs will be responsible for providing balls as above.
6. Eligibility for this competition is different from that applying in the League and is as follows:
 - 6.1 A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for a club in an ECB Club Cup Competition if the club is a member of an ECB-recognised league (a "League") and the cricketer is a bona-fide, fully paid-up member of that club who is also eligible to play for that club under the rules of that League.

6.2 A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in an ECB Club Cup Competition for one club in any one season.

6.3 A cricketer who is registered for an ECB Premier League club shall only be eligible to play for that club in any ECB Club Cup Competition match.

6.4 A club shall be subject to the following rules regarding cricketers who are registered and contracted to a First Class County Club (a “FCC Cricketer”) in respect of any given ECB Club Cup Competition match:

6.4.1 It may play any FCC Cricketer who is both under the age of 21 as at 30 September in the calendar year preceding the season in question and has not played for their FCC during the current season in any of the County Championship, One-Day Cup or T20 Blast; and

6.4.2 It may play no more than one other FCC Cricketer provided that the FCC Cricketer in question has played at least two League matches for that club during the current season or has played at least two League matches during the immediate previous season in the event that the ECB Club Cup Competition match in which they intend to play commences prior to the start of the League season.

6.5 Any player who has represented the men’s team of any ICC Full Member country in the 12 month period up to and including 31 March of the current season will not be permitted to play in any ECB Club Cup Competition match in the current season.

6.6 A club shall play no more than one Category 3 player (as that term is defined in the relevant ECB guidance) who is registered for that club by their League (an “Overseas Player”) per ECB Club Cup Competition match.

6.7 When none of a club’s Overseas Players are available to play for that club in an ECB Club Cup Competition match, that club shall not be permitted to register and play a new replacement Overseas Player in that match.

6.8 There shall be no limit on the number of Category 1 qualified cricketers (as defined below) which a club is permitted to play in an ECB Club Cup Competition match, for which purposes:

6.8.1 A cricketer is Category 1 qualified if: (i) they are a British citizen and were born in England or Wales; or (ii) they have been resident in England and Wales for the immediately preceding three consecutive years (each year being the 12 month period from 1 April to 31 March), specifically by having spent a minimum of 210 days in each such year in England and Wales.

6.8.2 For the 2019 season only, any cricketer who would have previously been registered as a Category 3e player (under the old ECB Rule 3.6.7.2 which applied for the 2018 season) but does not meet the “three consecutive years” residency requirement under Rule 3.6.8.1(ii) above, will also be permitted to play as a Category 1 player in ECB Club Cup Competition matches.

6.9 Any Category 1 player who subsequently plays in any overseas cricket league as a ‘home’, ‘local’ or ‘non-overseas’ player in that overseas league shall immediately forfeit their Category 1 status and become a Category 3 player.

6.10 The relevant League and/or the ECB may, for the purposes of establishing compliance with this Rule 3.6, ask clubs to produce evidence of their players’ eligibility for the purposes of the enforcement of this Rule 3.6, including (but not limited to) through the production of players’ passports, bank statements and utility bills.

7. Updated playing conditions will appear in due course at <http://cct20.play-cricket.com>.

8. The **winning Club** in each match is responsible for sending the result and basic details to Bob Baxter (rjbaxter2@gmail.com) no later than 48 hours after the match has concluded.

9. Where the Rules set out here conflict with information previously issued in respect of this competition, this document prevails.