



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Cup & T20 competitions rules 2022

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### *Cup competitions*

1. *Governance*. The following arrangements will apply:

- i. Yorkshire Leagues Knock-Out Cup (currently the *Viking Cricket Cup*). The competition will be jointly owned and managed by Yorkshire Premier League North (YPLN) and the YCSPL (specifically the Premier Section cricket committee). Both leagues will nominate two people to form a cup committee that will decide on all matters relating to the interpretation of the rules and to games played in the competition.
- ii. Whitworth Cup (currently the *ExtraCover Insurance Whitworth Cup*). The competition will be managed by the Premier Section cricket committee.
- iii. Mick Savage Trophy, President's Trophy and Billy Oates Memorial Cup. These competitions will be managed by the Senior Section cricket committee.

2. *Playing conditions*

- i. All cup competitions will follow the [ECB Generic 40-Over Playing Conditions](#) except as provided for in these rules. There is no carry-over of overs in any cup competition.
- ii. Leg-side wides and power plays will apply in all cup competitions, except the President's Trophy and the Billy Oates Memorial Cup.
- iii. Where powerplays are used, the following will apply. At the instant of delivery:
  - **Powerplay 1** – no more than two fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 1 to 8 inclusive.
  - **Powerplay 2** – no more than four fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 9 to 32 inclusive.
  - **Powerplay 3** – no more than five fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 40 overs, these are overs 33 to 40 inclusive.

Any adjustments to powerplays due to over reductions will be in accordance with the [ECB Generic 40 Over Playing Conditions](#)

- iv. Fielding restrictions in the President's Trophy and the Billy Oates Memorial Cup will be as in league games, ie, six players within the circle at all times.

3. *Club entry to cup competitions*

- i. Eligibility for the different cup competitions is as follows:
  - a. *Viking Cricket Cup* – All 12 Premier Division clubs (entry is mandatory).
  - b. *ExtraCover Insurance Whitworth Cup* – All 12 Championship Division clubs, the two clubs relegated from the Championship at the end of the previous season, plus the third- and fourth-placed clubs in Division 1 at the end of the previous season (entry is mandatory).
  - c. Mick Savage Trophy. The eight remaining Division 1 teams plus all 12 Division 2 teams (entry is mandatory).
  - d. President's Trophy. Will be open to all teams in Divisions 3 to 5, subject to a maximum of one team per club (entry is optional).
  - e. Billy Oates Memorial Cup. Will be open to all teams in Divisions 6 to 9, subject to a maximum of one team per club (entry is optional).
- ii. Where it is necessary to vary the competition into which clubs in Division 1 and below are entered, this will be at the discretion of the Senior Section cricket committee.

4. *Fixtures.* Games will normally be played on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Except in the final, games will start at 12.30hrs (*Viking Cricket Cup*) and 13.30hrs (all others). All finals will start at 12 noon. Scheduled dates for each round will be provided by the competitions manager prior to the start of the competition. Except in the event of clashes with ECB National Club Championship, these dates shall be fixed and clubs will not be allowed to rearrange scheduled fixtures.
5. *Late arrival of players.* The provisions of Laws 24 and 25 will apply in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, the Whitworth Cup and the Mick Savage Trophy. In the President's Trophy and the Billy Oates Memorial Cup, any player arriving late may take a full part in the match. Immediately on the arrival of the late player, the captain must inform the umpire of their arrival.
6. *Results*
  - i. In all games in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, the Whitworth Cup, and the finals of all other cup competitions, where weather and ground conditions result in a loss of overs, DLS will be used to achieve a result.
  - ii. When DLS is not used and weather and ground conditions result in a loss of overs, provided that a minimum of ten overs have been bowled in the second innings, the result will be determined by comparing the score at the end of the last completed over of the second innings, with the score at the end of the corresponding over in the first innings. The winner will be the side that has scored the most runs, or, if runs are equal, the side that has lost the fewest wickets. It is necessary therefore, where DLS is not being used, for scorers to note the score at the end of each over. If a result cannot be achieved in this manner, 5.iii below will apply.
  - iii. Except in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, where a result is not achieved on the field in a game up to and including the quarter-final stage, the game will be decided by a 'bowl out' or 'coin toss'.
  - iv. In order to constitute a game, both sides must have the opportunity to bat for a minimum of ten overs.
  - v. In the event of a reserve date being required, the organising committee may, in exceptional circumstances, allow that date to be adjusted as long as the game is completed at least seven days before the scheduled date for the next round. Any rearrangement must be authorised by the organising committee by email.
7. *Cancellations.* When a game is cancelled before the scheduled start time, it will be the responsibility of the home team to contact the visitors and umpires to let them know that the game will not take place. They should make verbal contact with the both (it is not acceptable to just leave or send a message).
8. *Concessions.* Clubs conceding cup-ties will be liable to League-point penalties being applied as follows, in addition to any other penalty that the organising committee may deem fit:
  - i. *Viking Cricket Cup* – penalties for any concession will be decided by the joint organising committee, and may include a ban from future competitions
  - ii. Whitworth Cup and Mick Savage Cup – 12 points
  - iii. President's Cup – nine points
  - iv. Billy Oates Memorial Cup – six points
9. *Balls.* In the *Viking Cricket Cup* and Whitworth Cup, a separate pink Oxbridge *Windsor* ball will be used from each end, both of which will be new at the start of each innings. The ball used for the Mick Savage Trophy, President's Trophy and Billy Oates Memorial Cup will be the red Readers *Sovereign* or *League Special*.
10. *Clothing and equipment*
  - i. Coloured clothing must be worn in the *Viking Cricket Cup* and Whitworth Cup, but equipment such as pads and batting gloves are not required to be colour co-ordinated.
  - ii. White clothing must be worn in the Mick Savage Trophy, President's Trophy and Billy Oates Memorial Cup.
  - iii. The provisions of League Administrative Rule 43 must also be followed in all cases.
  - iv. Sightscreens may be black or white.

## **T20 competitions**

11. *YCSPL T20 competitions.* Two T20 competitions will be run. The first, the T20 Blast, will feed into the national *Vitality* T20 competition, for which Premier Division teams only are eligible. The second, the T20 Plate, will feed into the national *Vitality* T20 plate competition, will be open to clubs in the Championship Division and the Senior Section.
12. *Governance.* The T20 Blast competition will be the responsibility of the Premier Section Cricket Committee and the T20 Plate competition will be the responsibility of the Senior Section Cricket Committee.
13. *Playing conditions.* Both competitions will follow the rules of the [ECB Generic 20-over playing conditions](#).
14. *Club entry*
  - i. Entry to the T20 Blast competition is mandatory for all Premier Division clubs.
  - ii. A maximum of 12 clubs may enter a first XI team in the T20 Plate competition. If more than 12 clubs wish to enter, the top 12 clubs will be entered, based on the previous season's league tables.
15. *Format.* The competitions manager will agree the format of the two T20 competitions for the forthcoming season with the relevant section cricket committee.
16. *Cancellations.* When play is cancelled before the scheduled start time, it will be the responsibility of the host team to contact the visitors and umpires to let them know that games will not take place. They should make verbal contact with the both (it is not acceptable to just leave or send a message).
17. *Balls.* In the T20 Blast competition, a new pink Oxbridge *Magna* ball will be used for each innings; in the T20 Plate competition, a new Reader pink ball will be used for each innings.
18. *Clothing and equipment*
  - i. Coloured clothing must be worn, but equipment such as pads and batting gloves are not required to be colour-co-ordinated – the provisions of League Administrative Rule 43 must also be observed.
  - ii. Sightscreens may be black or white.
19. *Deciding results*
  - i. In all games in the T20 Blast and the finals of the T20 Plate, where weather and ground conditions result in a loss of overs, DLS will be used to achieve a result.
  - ii. In the T20 Blast, points from games on group stage matchdays will be awarded for results, on the basis of two points for a win and one for a tie or no result; all points will go into a combined league table, and the top four teams will qualify for the T20 Blast finals day. The top club in the table after the group stage will represent the YCSPL in the national *Vitality* T20 competition
  - iii. In games in the T20 Plate other than finals day, DLS may be used to achieve a result when weather and ground conditions result in a loss of overs, but where this is not possible, provided that a minimum of five overs have been bowled in the second innings, the result will be determined by comparing the score at the end of the last completed over of the second innings, with the score at the end of the corresponding over in the first innings. The winner will be the side that has scored the most runs, or, if runs are equal, the side that has lost the fewest wickets. It is necessary therefore, where DLS is not being used, for scorers to note the score at the end of each over. If a result cannot be achieved in this manner, the game will be decided by a 'bowl out' or 'coin toss'.
  - iv. In the group stage of the T20 Plate, points will be awarded for the results in each group, on the basis of two points for a win and one for a tie or no result; the team with the most points in the group will go forward to the next round. Where teams are level on points, positions will be decided by net run rate. Net run rate is calculated as (runs scored/overs faced) minus (runs conceded/overs bowled). Where a side is bowled out inside its' scheduled overs, the calculation should use the overs allocated rather than the actual overs bowled. The calculation excludes 'no result' games.

## **General**

20. *Playing conditions.* All games in these competitions will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the Spirit of Cricket and all current ECB directives, except where specifically stated in these rules. Free hits will apply in all cup and T20 competitions. Pitches must be marked with the 17" lines to assist umpires judge wide balls in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, *Whitworth Cup*, the *Mick Savage Trophy* and both T20 competitions.
21. *Player eligibility.* Players will only be eligible to play in the cup competitions if, as bone fide registered members of their club, they are eligible to play in the YCSPL. A player may only play for one club in any cup competition in a given season. Overseas players and contracted county staff are eligible to play in the competition, provided that they comply with the above.
22. *Scoring.* Clubs must provide a scorer for all games. Where no scorer is provided, a player must be designated to undertake scoring duties and the side must play with a player short. Matches shall be scored where possible utilising electronic methods with live scoring, to promote the competition. Where electronic scoring is not possible, clubs should give regular score updates via social media.
23. *Umpires.* Umpires will be appointed for all games by the Appointments Officer via 'Who's The Umpire'. Where umpires attend the ground, whether the game commences or not, they will be entitled to their full fees.
24. *Match Results*
  - i. In all games where Live Scoring is used, both clubs should check that the scorecard is correctly downloaded after the game, and that any queries, for example, 'unknowns' or registration issues are promptly resolved.
  - ii. In games where Live Scoring is not used:
    - a. It is the responsibility of the home side to enter details of the game on Play-Cricket. The result must be entered no later than midnight on the day the game is played, with the full scorecard being entered no later than midnight on the following evening. Where a game is cancelled or abandoned, clubs should enter details onto Play-Cricket, using the 'rearrange cup match' option where appropriate.
    - b. A full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the game, (referring to the club's Play-Cricket (P-C) administration Action Centre to clear any outstanding issues) together with the leading performances, must be posted by the home team on their clubs P-C website by 22.30hrs on the day of all games.
    - c. The home team must confirm the full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the game on their club's P-C website by 22.30hrs on the day of the game. The away team must confirm the full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the game by midday on the day following the game, on their club's P-C website, referring to the club's P-C Administration Action Centre to clear any outstanding issues.
25. *Reports.* Umpires and captains' reports will only be required in the *Viking Cricket Cup*, *Whitworth Cup* and *Mick Savage Trophy*.
26. *Finals.* Costs of the finals for the cup and T20 competitions, including balls, teas and umpires, will be met by the League.
27. *Disputes.* All issues in connection with the running of these competitions will be decided by the relevant organising committee. In the event of any appeal against any decision of the committee, the grounds for appeal must be notified by email to the committee manager/secretary within seven days of the notification of the decision in question. Arrangements will be made for an appeal to be heard by panel made up of three people with no connection with any club involved.