



Cup and T20 rules

1. **General.** All matches will be played in accordance with and rules of the ECB national competitions, the Laws of the Game (2017 Code), the Code of Conduct, the Spirit of Cricket, including the use of social media, and all current ECB directives, except where specifically stated in these rules.
2. **YCSPL cup competitions.** The competitions organised by YCSPL are:
 - i. Viking Cup – Premier Division teams (joint with YPLN)
 - ii. Whitworth Cup – Championship Division teams
 - iii. Mick Savage Trophy - Division 1 and Division 2 teams
 - iv. President's Trophy – Divisions 3, 4 and 5 teams
 - v. Billy Oates Cup – Divisions 6, 7 and 8 teams
2. **Generic rules for all YCSPL Cup Competitions**
 - i. *Governance.* The following arrangements will apply:
 - *Viking Cup.* The competition will be jointly owned and managed by the ECB Yorkshire Premier League North (YPLN) and the YCSPL (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 matches played in the competition.
 - *Whitworth Cup.* The competition will be managed by the Premier Section Cricket Committee.
 - *Mick Savage Trophy, President's Trophy and Billy Oates Cup.* These competitions will be managed by the Senior Section Cricket committee.
 - ii. *Playing conditions.* All cup competitions will use the ECB Royal London Club Championship Regulations and the ECB Generic 40 Overs Playing Conditions. These can be found at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/governance/regulations/non-first-class-regulations>. Legside wides will not apply in the Presidents Trophy and the Billy Oates Cup.
 - iii. *Club entry.* Entry to the Viking Cup, Whitworth Cup and Mick Savage Trophy is mandatory. Clubs may opt out of entry to the President's Trophy and Billy Oates Cup prior to the draw being made. Any club that does not opt out, will be entered automatically. Only one team per club may compete in each competition. 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.
 - iv. *Fixtures.* Games will normally be played on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Except in the final, games will start at 12.30 hrs in the Viking Cup and 13.30 hrs in all other cup competitions. Scheduled dates for each round will be provided by the organising committee 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. Where a match is not completed due to ground or weather conditions, clubs should endeavour to play the match on the reserve date, which will normally be the following Sunday. However, in exceptional circumstances, the organising committee will allow the reserve date to be adjusted as long as the tie is completed at least seven days before the scheduled date for the next round. Any rearrangement must be authorised in writing by the organising committee.
 - v. *Cancellations.* When a game is cancelled before the scheduled start time, it will be the responsibility of the home team to contact umpires to let them know the game will not take place.

- vi. *Player eligibility.* Players will only be eligible to play in the cup competitions if they are a bona fide member of their club and are eligible to play in the YCSPL. A player may only play for one club during the competition in any given season. Overseas players and contracted county staff are eligible to play in the competition, provided that they are registered members of their clubs.
- vii. *Balls.* In the Viking Cup and Whitworth Cup, a pink Oxbridge *Windsor* ball will be used from each end, both of which will be new at the commencement of the innings. The ball used for the Mick Savage Trophy will be the red Reader Sovereign, and in the President's Trophy and Billy Oates Cup clubs may use either the red Reader *Sovereign* or *League Special*.
- viii. *Clothing and equipment.* Coloured clothing must be worn in the Viking Cup and Whitworth Cup, but equipment such as pads and batting gloves are not required to be colour co-ordinated. Sightscreens may be black or white. White clothing must be worn in the Mick Savage Trophy, President's Trophy and Billy Oates Cup.
- ix. *Scoring.* Clubs must provide a scorer for all matches. 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.
- x. *DLS system.* In the Viking Cup and Whitworth Cup, the DLS system will be used to generate a result where overs are reduced due to ground and weather conditions after the start.
- xi. *Umpires.* Umpires will be appointed for all matches by the Appointments Officer via 'Who's The Umpire'. Umpires' fees shall be the same as league matches in the relevant season, and each club will be responsible for paying one umpire. Where umpires attend the ground, whether the match commences or not, they will be entitled to their full fees.
- xii. *Finals.* Costs of the finals for the cup competitions, including balls, teas and umpires, will be met by the League.
- xiii. *Match Results.* 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 match is played, with the full scorecard being entered no later than midnight on the following evening. Where a match is cancelled or abandoned, clubs should not enter details onto Play-Cricket, as this prevents a revised date being entered for the match, but instead should email the competition secretary to confirm that the game did not take place.
- xiv. *Reports.* For the Viking Cup, Whitworth Cup and Mick Savage Trophy, captains' and umpires' reports will be required for any game in which 40 or more overs are played. Captains or umpires may submit a report even if not required as above, should there be any issue they wish to bring to the League's attention.
- xv. *Disputes.* All issues in connection with the running of the competition will be decided by the cup committee. In the event of any appeal against any decision of the committee, the grounds for appeal must be notified by email to the secretary within seven days of the notification of the decision in question, and the secretary will arrange for an appeal to be heard by panel made up of three people with no connection with any club involved.

3 T20 Blast and T20 Plate

- i. *YCSPL T20 competitions.* Two T20 competitions will be run; the first, the T20 Blast, to feed into the national Vitality T20 competition, for which Premier Division teams only are eligible, and the second, the T20 Plate, which will feed into the Vitality National T20 plate competition, will be open to clubs in the Championship Division and the Senior Section.
- ii. *Governance.* The T20 Blast will be the responsibility of the Premier Section Cricket Committee and the T20 Plate will be the responsibility of the Senior Section Cricket Committee.

- iii. *Playing conditions.* All matches in these competitions will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game (2017 Code), the Spirit of Cricket and all current ECB directives, except where specifically stated in these rules. The T20 Blast will follow the rules of the ECB Vitality club T20 competition; and in the T20 Plate, the rules of the ECB Vitality T20 Plate competition will apply in all matches. These can be found at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/governance/regulations/non-first-class-regulations>.
- iv. *Club entry.* Entry to the T20 Blast is mandatory for Premier Division clubs; any club may enter a 2nd XI team in the T20 Plate if they wish.
- v. *Format*
 - *T20 Blast.* The competitions manager will agree the format of the Cup competition for the coming season with the Premier Section Cricket Committee.
 - *T20 Plate.* The T20 Plate will be played on a knock-out basis with games being played on Sundays. The competitions manager will schedule dates for each round to be completed. The home-drawn club must offer the away club two dates upon which to play the match, including rearranged matches for bad weather. One of these dates must be accepted by the away club. If a game cannot be completed on a Sunday then it can be rearranged for midweek. Matches arranged for Sundays will start at 1.30pm and midweek matches at 6.00pm, unless varied by mutual agreement. The Senior Section Cricket Chairman must be informed of the date and time of the match, with a minimum of 48 hours' notice.
 - *Forfeit of ground advantage in the Plate competition due to unfitness of grounds.* If more than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match the home teams' ground is unfit or unavailable, and the visitors' ground will be fit and available, then the match will take place as scheduled but at the visitors ground. If the match cannot be completed that day, then ground advantage shall revert to the original home team on the date that the match is rescheduled to take place, but the provisions of this rule shall apply to the rescheduled date.
- vi. *Cancellations.* When a game is cancelled before the scheduled start time, it will be the responsibility of the home team to contact umpires to let them know the game will not take place.
- vii. *Player eligibility.* Players will only be eligible to play in the cup competitions if they are a bona fide member of their club and are eligible to play in the YCSPL. A player may only play for one club during the competition in any given season. Overseas players and contracted county staff are eligible to play in the competition, provided that they are registered members of their clubs.
- viii. *Balls.* In the T20 Blast, a new pink Oxbridge *Magna* ball will be used for each innings; in the T20 Plate, a new Reader Pink ball will be used for each innings.
- ix. *Clothing and equipment.* Coloured clothing must be worn in the T20 Blast, but equipment such as pads and batting gloves are not required to be colour co-ordinated. Sightscreens may be black or white. In the T20 Plate, either coloured or white clothing may be used in the qualifying and group stages, but coloured clothing must be used on the Finals Day.
- x. *Scoring.* Clubs must provide a scorer for all matches. 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.
- xi. *League table.* In the group stages in the T20 Blast, teams will receive two points for a win, one for a tie or no result, and none for a loss. Points will be added into a single league table covering all games played in the group stages. The team finishes top of the league table will represent the YCSPL in the National stages of the competition. The top four teams in the league table will go forward to the YCSPL finals day. The draw for the finals day will be determined by the league table, with the team in first place playing the team in fourth place, and second playing third. If teams finish on level points in the league table, they will be separated by the first of the following methods that applies:
 - the number of wins
 - the result of the game between the two sides, if any
 - net run rate (the teams' rate of runs scored less the rate of runs conceded); note that where a team is bowled out the bowling side's run rate will be calculated over the maximum overs that could have been bowled in the innings)

- xii. *Umpires.* Umpires will be appointed for all matches by the Appointments Officer via 'Who's The Umpire'. The full normal umpires' fee will be payable where more than one T20 game is umpired on the same day, and half fee will be payable where only one game is umpired. The total cost of the umpires officiating will be shared between the clubs participating on the day. Where umpires attend the ground, whether the match commences or not, they will be entitled to their full fees.
- xiii. *Match Results.* 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 match is played, with the full scorecard being entered no later than midnight on the following evening. Where a match is cancelled or abandoned, clubs should not enter details onto Play-Cricket, as this prevents a revised date being entered for the match, but instead should email the competition secretary to confirm that the game did not take place.
- xiv. *Disputes.* All issues in connection with the running of the competition will be decided by the cup committee. In the event of any appeal against any decision of the committee, the grounds for appeal must be notified by email to the secretary within seven days of the notification of the decision in question, and the secretary will arrange for an appeal to be heard by panel made up of three people with no connection with any club involved.