

## ECB Regional Development Knock-out Cup Rules

- 1 **Title**

The title of the Competition will be the ECB Women's Regional Development Knock-out Cup
- 2 **Management**

Please refer to Generic Rule 1.
- 3 **Entry**

Please refer to Generic Rule 2.3.

Clubs must complete the official entry form available from the ECB Cricket Department and will only be entered if this form is received by ECB by 1 November.
- 4 **The Draw**
  - 4.1 The draw for the Knock-out Cup shall be made annually by the ECB Cricket Department. Matches shall be played on the laid down dates unless agreed otherwise by both Clubs and must be played within the time-scale for the round and sanctioned by ECB.
  - 4.2 The dates for all the rounds shall be published in the ECB Domestic Programme for the year.
- 5 **Eligibility to Play**
  - 5.1 Each player must have been listed to the ECB as a member of the Club for which she plays in the Competition. A Club may enter one or more teams into the Competition but each team will be regarded as a separate Club (see 5.3 below). A full squad list must be submitted to the ECB by 31 March each year. The list of players should be entered onto the Club's site on Play-Cricket.com.

- 5.2 If a player joins a Club after 31 March, her name must be specifically notified to the ECB before she can play in any Competition matches for that Club. Such notification shall be made, in writing, at least twenty four hours before the first match in which she plays. No player will be eligible to play in the Semi-Final or Final unless they have previously played in at least one match in the Competition during the current season.
- 5.3 A player can play for only one Club in this Competition in any one season. **Any player who has played in a Premier League or Super 4s match during the current season is not eligible to play in this Competition.**
- 5.4 A Club can play only one player not qualified for England (as defined in Generic Rule 3.7) in any one game.
- 5.5 Failure to comply with any of the requirements in 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 or 5.4 will lead to forfeiture of the match(es).

## **6 Umpires and Scorers**

- 6.1 Please refer to Generic Rules 5 and 6.
- 6.2 If a Club has no appointed umpire, and no replacement can be found, then a player must withdraw from playing to perform this role throughout the match. The Result Sheets will contain space for reporting on non-appointment of umpires.
- 6.3 If a Club has no appointed scorer, and no replacement can be found, then a player must withdraw from playing to perform this role throughout the match. The Result Sheets will contain space for reporting on non-appointment of scorers.
- 6.4 Clubs must supply umpires and scorers with copies of the Competition Rules and Playing Conditions.
- 6.5 If a Club fails to provide either or both of these officials, this will be reported to the ECB who will take such action as it sees fit against the Club concerned.

**7 Balls**

Please refer to Generic Rule 4.

ECB shall provide two new balls for the Semi-Finals and Final. Women's 5oz balls will be used for the competition.

**8 Team Sheets**

Please refer to Generic Rule 8.

**9 Match Results**

Please refer to Generic Rule 10.

**10 Semi-Finals and Final**

- 10.1 The ECB shall be responsible for arranging the grounds and appointing the umpires for the Semi-Finals and Final of the Knock-out Cup, and for liaising with the Clubs and umpires concerned. Clubs are responsible for providing their own scorer.

**11 Code of Conduct**

Please refer to Generic Rule 11.

## Playing Conditions

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 2nd Edition - 2003) shall apply with the following exceptions:-

- 1 Hours of Play
  - 1.1 Unless there is an arrangement to the contrary between captains and umpires, matches will start at 2.00pm unless delayed by adverse conditions of ground, weather or light. If the start time is altered, all references to playing times must be adjusted accordingly.
  - 1.2 Each match will consist of one innings by each side of not more than 40 overs.
  - 1.3 Length of innings:
    - (a) The playing time allowed for the first innings shall be 135 minutes (2 hours 15 minutes).
    - (b) No drinks interval is to count as playing time.
    - (c) If the full 40 overs are not bowled by the scheduled time for the cessation of the first session, the innings shall continue until the side batting first has received 40 overs. However, the maximum number of overs for the side batting second shall be limited to the same number of overs that it bowled by the scheduled time for the cessation of the first session, except as detailed in 1.3.d. The over in progress at the scheduled cessation time shall count as a complete over.
    - (d) If the umpires consider that the slowness of play in the first innings was due to matters beyond the control of the side fielding first, they shall be empowered to waive some or all of the penalty in 1.3.c.
  - 1.4 If adverse conditions of ground, weather or light interfere with the progress of play, the umpires shall be empowered to re-arrange the number of overs to be bowled by each side so that, as far as possible, each

team shall have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 10 overs). As a rough guide for re-arrangements, a rate equivalent to 3 overs in 10 minutes should be expected. For calculation purposes in interrupted matches only, a finishing time of 6.45pm should be taken.

- 1.5 If the number of overs for the first innings has to be thus reduced, umpires shall calculate the new time limit for that innings on the basis of 18 overs per hour, rounded up to the next five minutes.
- 1.6 In a match in which there have been stoppages for adverse ground, weather or light conditions (and only in such matches):
  - (a) If at 6.30pm play is in progress, and there is no further interruption, play may continue for 9 more overs after the one in progress or until the agreed number of overs have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
  - (b) If at 6.30pm an interruption of play is in progress, or if an interruption occurs at or after 6.30pm there shall be no resumption of play unless the umpires consider that there is a prospect of completing the minimum 10 overs before 7.15pm.
- 1.7 The number of overs for the team batting second shall not be reduced merely because the team batting first has been dismissed in less than the agreed number of overs.

## 2 Intervals

- 2.1 There shall be an interval of 30 minutes. As far as possible this shall be taken at the conclusion of the first innings; in this case no extra allowance shall be made for the 10 minutes between innings.
- 2.2 Umpires and captains can agree before the match an extended lunch break if lunch facilities are an unreasonable distance. All timings must be adjusted accordingly.

### **3 Wicket-Keeping Gloves**

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 8.

### **4 Helmets**

Please refer to Generic Rule 9.

### **5 Boundaries**

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 12.

### **6 Fielding Restrictions**

- 6.1 The ECB Directives on fielding restrictions for Junior Age Groups will be observed. Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 5.

### **7 Limitation of Overs by any one Bowler**

- 7.1 The ECB Fast Bowling Directives for Junior Age Groups will be observed. Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 2.
- 7.2 Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 1. Generic Playing Conditions 1.1 does not apply in this competition. In an uninterrupted match, no bowler may bowl more than one-quarter of the agreed number of overs for the innings.

### **8 Wide Ball**

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 7. This Playing Condition shall only apply from the quarter-final round onwards.

### **9 Scoreboard**

Please refer to Generic Playing Condition 13.

### **10 Result of a Match**

- 10.1 A result can be achieved only if both teams have batted for at least 10 overs, unless either team has been all out in fewer than 10 overs, or unless the team batting

second pass their opponents' total in fewer than 10 overs.

10.2 Providing the condition in 10.1 is met and both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs, the result shall be determined as follows;

- (a) The side scoring the greater number of runs is the winner.
- (b) If, at the conclusion of both innings, the scores are equal, the side having lost fewer wickets shall be the winner.
- (c) If the scores and wickets are both equal, the winner shall be decided as follows;
  - i) If both teams have batted for at least 30 overs, the respective scores at the end of the first 30 overs of each innings shall be compared.
  - ii) If these scores are still equal, or if both sides have not batted for at least 30 overs, the respective scores at the end of 20 overs shall be compared.
  - iii) If these scores are still equal, or if both sides have not batted for at least 20 overs, the respective scores at the end of 15 overs shall be compared.
  - iv) If these scores are still equal, or if both sides have not batted for at least 15 overs, the respective scores at the end of 10 overs shall be compared.

10.3 If the side batting second is prevented by conditions of ground, weather or light from having the same number of overs as the side batting first, but has batted for at least 10 overs, then the result of the match shall be decided as in 10.2.a, 10.2.b and 10.2.c above on the basis of scores, as follows;

- (a) The score for the side batting second shall be the score at the end of the last completed over.
- (b) The score for the side batting first shall be their score at the end of the same number of overs.

10.4 If there has been no play, or if the side batting second has not had the opportunity of batting for at least 10 overs, or if for any other reason the result cannot be decided in any of the above ways, then, other than in the Final, the match shall be decided by a bowl out (please refer to Generic Playing Condition 9). If this is not possible, the result will be achieved by the toss of a coin. If the teams have not traveled to the venue, then either one or more representatives of each team shall meet to conduct the toss. Alternatively, the Executives of the teams may, if they wish, pass the responsibility for the toss to the ECB

10.5 If no result can be achieved in the Final, the Trophy shall be shared.

## 11 Drinks

11.1 Drinks intervals will be arranged and taken on the field of play in accordance with Law 15, except as in 12.2 and 12.3 below.

11.2 Drinks may be taken on the field of play after not less than 60 minutes without interruption since the last resumption of play, providing that:

(a) Such drinks intervals have been agreed before the start of play.

(b) At least 10 overs of an innings remain to be bowled.

11.3 If weather conditions warrant it, the umpires and captains are permitted to agree that more frequent drinks breaks be taken providing this agreement is made before the start of the match.

## 11.4 Disputes

Please refer to Generic Rule 13.