



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Cup & T20 competitions rules 2024

Cup competitions

1. *Governance.* The following arrangements will apply:
 - i. Yorkshire Leagues Knock-Out Cup (currently the *K3 Dental 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. This 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. *K3 Dental Cricket Cup* – All 12 Premier Division clubs (entry is mandatory).
 - b. 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*

- i. Games will normally be played on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Except in the final, games will start at 12.30hrs (*K3 Dental Cup*) and 12 noon (all others). All finals will start at 12 noon. Games before the final may start later to accommodate a junior or womens' & girls' game, if so agreed by both teams involved. Scheduled dates for each round will be provided by the competitions manager prior to the start of the competition.
- ii. Where there is a clash with ECB National Club Championship, the latter will take precedence; in the event of a clash with any other cup competition, including the National Village knock-out cup, the YCSPL cup game must take precedence. Otherwise, these dates may only be changed in exceptional circumstances, where agreed by both clubs and the head of the relevant YCSPL Section.

5. *Late arrival of players.* The provisions of Laws 24 and 25 will apply in the *K3 Dental 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 *K3 Dental Cup*, Whitworth Cup and Mick Savage Trophy, 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, 6.iii below will apply.
- iii. Except in the *K3 Dental 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 relevant YCSPL Section 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. *Balls.* In the *K3 Dental Cup* and Whitworth Cup, one new pink *Dukes County International* ball will be used in each innings. The ball used for the Mick Savage Trophy will be the red *Readers Sovereign*; and for President's Trophy and Billy Oates Memorial Cup will be the red *Readers Sovereign* or *League Special*.

9. *Clothing and equipment*

- i. Coloured clothing must be worn in the *K3 Dental 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

10. *YCSPL T20 competitions.* Two T20 competitions will be run, the T20 Blast and T20 plate. The winners of the T20 Blast will progress into the national *Vitality* T20 competition; the winners of the T20 Plate will progress into the national *Vitality* T20 plate competition.
11. *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.
12. *Playing conditions.* Both competitions will follow the rules of the [ECB Generic 20-over playing conditions](#).
13. *Club entry*
 - i. Entry to the T20 Blast competition is mandatory for all Premier Division clubs.
 - ii. A maximum of 12 clubs not in the Premier Division may enter their first XI team in the T20 Plate competition. If more than 12 clubs wish to enter, the top 12 will be admitted, based on the previous season's league tables.
14. *Format.* The two competitions will each comprise a group stage, a semi-finals day, and a finals day, as follows:
 - i. *In the group stage,* there will be four groups, each comprising of three teams. Each team will play the other two in their group, and points will be awarded on the basis of two for a win; one for a tie or 'no result'; and none for a defeat. Games will be scheduled to start at 10.00, 13.15 and 16.30.
 - ii. If two teams finish level at the top of their group, the team that won the game between the two will be the group winner. If this game is a tie or 'no result', the group winner will be decided on net run rate. Net run rate is calculated as (runs scored/overs faced) minus (runs conceded/overs bowled). Where net run rate is used, if 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.
 - iii. *In the semi-finals,* the four group winners will play each other on the ground of the club drawn first. Clubs in the semi-final stage may bring games forward by mutual agreement, and they may be played in an evening, provided that they are played by the scheduled date. Any rearrangement must be notified to the head of the relevant YCSPL Section.
 - iv. *Finals.* The *finals* of both competitions will be played on the same day on the same ground, with the Plate final commencing at 11.00 and the Blast final at 15.00. Wherever possible, there will be a one-hour break between the two games to enable proper preparation prior to the Blast final.
15. *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).
16. *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.
17. *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.
18. *Deciding results of games*
 - 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 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.

- iii. Where DLS cannot be used, 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. A minimum of five overs have been bowled in the second 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.
- iv. If a result cannot be achieved by the above means, the game will be decided by a 'bowl out' or 'coin toss'.

General

19. *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 K3 Dental Cup, Whitworth Cup, the Mick Savage Trophy and both T20 competitions.
20. *Player eligibility*
 - i. 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.
 - ii. A player may only play for one club in any cup competition in a given season.
 - iii. Overseas players and contracted county staff are eligible to play in the competition, provided that they comply with the above.
 - iv. The provisions of administrative rule 47 must be followed in relation to team selection for all cup games.
21. *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.
22. *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.
23. *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. A full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the match, (referring to your club's Play-Cricket administration Action Centre to clear any outstanding issues) together with the leading performances, must be posted by the home team on their club's Play-Cricket website by 22.30hrs on the day of the match for all matches.
 - b. The home team must confirm the full summary result and full detailed scorecard, after the clearance in their Action Centre on their club's Play-Cricket website of all outstanding issues relating to the match, by 22.30hrs on the day of the match. The away team must confirm the full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the match by midday on the day following the match, on their club's Play-Cricket website, referring to the club's Play-Cricket administration Action Centre to clear any outstanding issues.
 - c. Both the home and away clubs must ensure that all players are registered to the YCSPL and identified correctly in all aspects of the administration scorecard within 48 hours following the match start time for matches played on the Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday. Any player not identified correctly in all aspects of the scorecard on the administration scorecard will incur a team penalty as in rule 13.
 - iii Cup Games. Games cannot be entered as abandoned or cancelled, as a result must be obtained at some time. Summary results, scorecards or other details must not be entered if the game was abandoned, cancelled, or requires a replay. The competition administrator must instead be advised of the date of the re-scheduled game.

24. *Concessions and failure to field a team.* A club entered in any League cup or T20 competition that concedes or fails to field a team with less than eight days' notice, will be liable to disqualification from future cup and T20 competitions and a penalty under Admin Rule 13.

25. *Time lost before and during the game*

K3 Dental, Whitworth & Mick Savage cups; all cup finals; T20 games

i. *Calculating overs lost.* All time lost after the scheduled start time will be aggregated. Except in T20 games, the first 30 minutes lost will be ignored. The 30 minutes allowed for tea will not count as lost playing time for the purposes of calculating the number of overs to be played, but the additional 15 minutes for the change of innings when tea is taken before the end of the first innings will be counted. Any time lost due to ground, weather or light conditions in excess of 30 minutes (except as in Playing Condition 13.iii) will result in the deduction of four overs for every further complete 15 minutes lost. For example:

<i>Time lost in total</i>	<i>Net loss over 30 mins</i>	<i>Overs deducted</i>
20 mins	Nil	nil
1 hr	30 mins	8
2hrs 25 min	1 hr 55 min	28 (10 min ignored)
4 hrs 10 min	3 hrs 40 min	56 (10 min ignored)

ii. *Use of DLS.* Where overs are reduced after the start of the game, the result will be determined by the DLS method. DLS version 5 is to be used in all cases.

Presidents and Billy Oates Memorial cups before the final stage

iii. *Reducing overs*

- If adverse weather delays the start of a game, umpires will deduct overs on the basis of one over per side for every full seven and a half minutes' play lost. After a game has started there can be no reduction of overs.
- If bad weather is forecast on the day, teams may play a reduced-over game of a minimum 20 overs per side. If captains cannot agree on a reduction, the status quo will apply.

26. *Reports.* Umpires and captains' reports will only be required in the *K3 Dental Cup*, *Whitworth Cup* and *Mick Savage Trophy*.

27. *Finals.* Costs of the finals for the cup and T20 competitions, including balls, teas and umpires, will be met by the League.

28. *Conduct of games.* In all respects not specifically provided for in these rules, games will be played in accordance with the relevant YCSPL rules and policies.

29. *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 head of the relevant YCSPL Section 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.