

# Royal London Women's County One-Day Championship

## Competition Rules

This competition will use the Generic 50 overs per side Playing Conditions (p.23).

### 1 Title

The title of the competition will be the Royal London Women's County One-Day Championship

### 2 Management

- 2.1 The control of the Competition shall be undertaken by the P&G Committee and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned. These rules apply to all competitions in this book together with other County Age Group matches within the age groups U9 to U17.
- 2.2 The ECB and P&G Committee may delegate any of their powers and duties.

### 3 Entry

- 3.1 Entry into any of ECB's County Competitions shall be open to those County Boards recognised by the ECB.
- 3.2 Counties who participated in the previous year's Competition shall automatically be included for the following season unless written notification to the contrary is given by 1st October in the year prior to the Competition. A County wishing to enter or be readmitted to a Competition must give written notice to that effect to the ECB Competitions Department by 1st October in the year prior to the Competition.
- 3.3 Each squad must have a named coach and named manager who are DBS cleared and who attend all

matches (where not available a suitable replacement must be found for all matches)

## 4 Competition Structure

- 4.1 Fixtures dates will be provided by the ECB Competitions Department and for the sake of clarity these shall be set as the "original" fixture date.
- 4.2 The designated home county will be required to enter fixture details onto the Play-Cricket website prior to 12th February 2018, these details must include:
  - 4.2.1 Date of fixture (if altered from original date)
  - 4.2.2 Venue of fixture
  - 4.2.3 Time of fixture – All matches to start at 11:00am unless agreed by both Counties
  - 4.2.4 If changes are made to fixtures during the season, the home side will be expected to amend fixture details on Play-Cricket and email competitions@ecb.co.uk of the fixture change immediately
- 4.3 Rearrangement of Matches
  - 4.3.1 Only cancelled matches (not abandoned matches) can be rearranged in the Competition for 2018. If a match started but did not fulfil the minimum number of overs to constitute a result, it will be recorded as an abandoned match
  - 4.3.2 Cancelled matches shall only be rearranged if both Counties wish to replay the match. If one of the Counties involved chooses not to replay the match (for any reason), then the match will be declared as Cancelled
  - 4.3.3 Cancelled matches can be rearranged on any date excluding Sundays that have not been allocated to County cricket in the 2018 Domestic Programme
  - 4.3.4 Counties rescheduling cancelled matches must do so in the order in which they would have originally been played.

- 4.3.5 Counties have 7 days from the date of the original fixture to agree a date and venue for a rearranged cancelled fixture.
- 4.3.6 All rearranged matches need to be authorised by the Competitions Officer (email to sue.laister@ecb.co.uk) within 7 days of the original date of the fixture.
- 4.3.7 All matches must be completed by Sunday 30th September 2018

## 5 Qualification of players

A player is eligible to play for a County at senior level if she meets any of the following criteria (all players in the Royal London Women's One-Day Championship must meet this eligibility):

- 5.1 She was born within that County.
- 5.2 She currently resides in that County and has been resident there for 6 months prior to 1st May 2018.
- 5.3 She is attending an educational establishment within that County.
- 5.4 Where a player only has eligibility to play for a County that does not provide competitive senior County cricket, she is entitled to represent any County without meeting any of the above eligibility criteria. Such cases need to be authorised by the Competitions Officer before that player represents a chosen County side (email to sue.laister@ecb.co.uk)
- 5.5 Where a player meets the eligibility of several Counties she is entitled to choose which County she would like to represent during the 2018 season. Such cases need to be authorised by the Competitions Officer before that player represents a chosen County side (email to sue.laister@ecb.co.uk)
- 5.6 Two overseas players, defined as a player not qualified for England under the ECB Regulations governing the qualification of Women Cricketers for England, may play

for a County per season regardless of any qualification criteria. Only one overseas player may be fielded in any one match.

- 5.7 She has been loaned to a County and all parties including ECB are satisfied that the criteria of the 2018 Player Loan System has been met (see separate Player Loan System paper available from sue.laister@ecb.co.uk) After 2 full seasons on loan, a player gains full eligibility for that County and is no longer a loaned player
- 5.8 A player may play for a County for whom the player is not qualified only if the player has not been selected by the County/Counties for whom the player is otherwise qualified and has obtained the written consent of that County/those Counties. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. There is no requirement to obtain the consent of the County of birth.

In the event of a dispute the matter shall be referred to the ECB, whose decision shall be final

- 5.9 Based on ECB Guidelines for Junior Players in Open Age Cricket, revised October 2010, no under 12 age group players or younger may take part in the ECB Royal London Women's One-Day Championship, unless they are deemed by ECB Regional Talent Managers to be of a standard to compete in any U13 girls' county match. This is providing they are at least 11 years old, and in school Year 7 on 1st September in the year preceding the season and have written parental consent to play.

## 5.10 ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 5.10.1 Other than when involved in the Player Loan System, a player may only represent one County at senior level in any given season for all Competitions (Royal London Women's One-Day Championship and Vitality WCT20)
- 5.10.2 A player may feasibly represent different Counties at ECB Girls County Age Group level and senior level in any given season. Such a scenario would be where a County offers girls junior cricket but not senior County cricket.

- 5.10.3 Where a player has played for a County in previous seasons they retain the right to represent that County until they are eligible and play for another County.

## 6 Cricket Balls

The Home side shall provide two new cricket balls for each match when balls are not provided by the ECB. The balls shall be of the standard laid down by the ECB for each Competition and shall be given to the umpires prior to the commencement of the match. The Home side will also be responsible for supplying enough spare balls of equal standard. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings.

6.1A 5oz hardball will be used. For Division 1 and Division 2 this will be a Kookaburra Club Match White Ball. For Division 3 this will be a Kookaburra Club Match Pink Ball

- 6.2 The ECB Competitions Department will provide all match balls to each County for the number of home matches played
- 6.3 Each County must be able to provide a spare match ball if required

## 7 Clothing & Sightscreens

- 7.1 In all Division 1 and Division 2 matches players shall wear coloured clothing and use black sight screens
- 7.2 In all Division 3 matches all Counties are strongly encouraged to play in coloured clothing although this is not mandatory, but all players within the team must be in the same kit. Please note that coloured shirts and white trousers or traditional whites would be acceptable to assist during this transition. As a pink ball is being used white or black sight screens can be used.

## 8 Helmets and Faceguards

Any player under the age of 18 playing in any ECB Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive.

## 9 Umpires

ECB shall be responsible for appointing umpires through the ACO Regional Appointment Officers for all Division 1 and Division 2 fixtures in this competition.

For all Division 3 fixture Counties must contact their County ACO to arrange umpire appointments.

## 10 Scorers

Each team shall provide their own competent, non-playing scorer in all matches. If a team fails to provide a scorer a player has to be nominated from the team to take up the duty for the entire duration of the match.

The use of live electronic scoring is strongly encouraged for all matches.

## 11 Team Sheets

Each side must provide the umpires with a team sheet before the start of the match identifying any player who has not reached the age of 18 on the date of the match and showing the specific age group of any player who is in the Under 19 age group or younger. It is recommended that the ECB Team Sheet card (available from the local County Board) is used whenever possible.

## 12 Match Results

It is the responsibility of the HOME side to enter the result and full scorecard details onto the appropriate site on play-cricket.com within 24 hours of the match being completed. The AWAY side should confirm that the summary result has been correctly entered within the next 24 hours. Both sides must ensure that their squad details have been entered into play-cricket.com prior to every match they play.

12.1 In the event of the match being cancelled and then rearranged it is the responsibility of the home County to update Play-Cricket with the new match details.

12.2 In the event of the match not being rearranged, it is still the responsibility of the home County to enter the fact on Play-Cricket.

## 13 Points

### 13.1 Match Results and Points

Win	10 +	Bonus Points
Loss	0 +	Bonus Points
Tie	5 +	Bonus Points
Abandoned	0	
Cancelled	0	

There are no points awarded for abandoned or cancelled fixtures due to the constraints of calculating average points on the Play Cricket website

Final league positions are determined by average points from completed games for further explanation on average points please see 13.1

### 13.2 Bonus Points (max of 4 batting and 4 bowling)

Batting Points* (please read example below)	Bowling Points
Equal or more than: 1.5 Runs per over (RPO): 1 point 2 RPO: 2 points 3 RPO: 3 points 4 RPO: 4 points	1 point for each of the following wickets taken: 3, 5, 7 and 9

\*e.g. A match is reduced to 20 overs per side. The team batting first makes 80 runs. This is 4 RPO which gives them 4 batting bonus points. The team batting second then scores 60 runs off 10 overs, all out. Despite scoring at 6 RPO, the team batting second only earns 3 batting bonus points (because their allocated number of overs was 20).

- 13.3 If teams have fewer than 11 batsmen – the fielding team shall be awarded full bowling bonus points if only one batter remains

## 14 Division Rankings

After all matches (excluding play-offs), Counties will be ranked in their respective Divisions using the following criteria, in the order given:

- 14.1 Average points from completed but not cancelled or abandoned matches
- 14.2 Number of points scored between the two sides when playing each other
- 14.3 Team with the highest net run-rate from all completed matches

## 15 Promotion and Relegation

The promotion and relegation regulations for all divisions will be distributed to all Counties ahead of the first match of the 2018 season.

## 16 Code of Conduct

All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.

## 17 Coaching

Coaching shall not be permitted from the sidelines during a match. In such an event, the umpire shall request the coach/manager/parent/spectator to stop. If this persists, the umpire shall have the power to warn the offending team captain and manager that the matter will be reported to the County Board/ECB. The above does not apply to coaches during drinks intervals.