

Vitality Girls

County Age Group T20

Competition Rules

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This competition will use the Generic 20 overs per side Playing Conditions (p.59).

1 Title

The title of the competitions will be the Vitality U15 and U17 Girls County Age Group T20

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 re-admitted 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.

4 Competition Structure

4.1 Format of the Competition

The format shall be six (U15) and five (U17) groups of six to eight Counties split geographically. Each County will play three single days of competition with 3 or 4 teams playing at venues determined by ECB, all Counties to play two matches on each day. League tables will be published for each group.

There will be no National Finals of either the competition at U15 or U17 T20 in 2018.

4.2 Fixture setting

4.2.1 Fixture dates for the 2018 season have been set as:

U15 – 29th May, 24th July & 17th August – matches taking place at 10:30, 13:30 and 16:30 on each day.

U17 – 31st May, 26th July & 20th August – matches taking place at 10:30, 13:30 and 16:30 on each day.

4.2.2 The dates and times of fixtures have been predetermined and uploaded onto the Play-Cricket website. It is the responsibility of the host County to inform all visiting County sides of the venue details and ensure that this information is uploaded onto the Play-Cricket website.

4.3 Matches that are cancelled or abandoned cannot be rearranged.

4.4 Rescheduled cut off times for affected matches will be as follows:

	Scheduled Start Time	Latest Start Time (5 overs per team)	Cut-off Time (latest possible finish)
Match 1	10:30	12:30	13:15
Match 2	13:30	15:30	16:15
Match 3	16:30	18:30	19:15

5 Qualification of players

Please refer to Generic Rule 3.4 (Qualification Criteria for Junior Cricketers).

5.1 A player may play for only one County in the Under 15 and U17 Girls County T20 in any one season. If a County includes in their team a player who has played for another County in the same competition, or for whom consent to play them has not been obtained, all points attained by that County in the match or matches shall be forfeited.

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

5.3 Players from the Channel Islands shall be eligible to play for any County in the County Cup provided that they only represent one County in the Competition in any one season.

6 Number of Players

6.1 Each Captain shall nominate 11 players in writing at the toss, plus a maximum of 3 substitute fielders

6.2 No player (of the named playing eleven) may be changed after the toss without the consent of the opposing captain

7 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.

7.1 A 5oz pink hardball will be used.

7.2 Each host County will receive enough match balls to cover all of the matches over the days on which they are hosting.

7.3 All Counties are encouraged to play in coloured kit, although this is not mandatory, but all players within the team must be in the same kit. It is noted that coloured shirts and white trousers would be acceptable in order to assist with the transition.

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

Host Counties shall appoint an appropriate number of umpires to cover all matches on the day of competition. It is expected that a minimum of three umpires should be used. All appointed umpires shall be Full Members of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO)

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 WINNING side to enter the result and full scorecard details onto the Play-Cricket

website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the competition.

In the event of the match being cancelled or abandoned it is the responsibility of the first named team to enter the fact on Play-Cricket.

13 Points

13.1 The following points system shall apply:

Win	4
Abandoned or Cancelled	*1
Loss	0

* If, due to weather, a one over per side eliminator cannot be completed, each team will take one point from the match

13.2 Group Matches

In the event of teams finishing on equal points in a Group, the final standing shall be decided in the following order of priority:

(a) When two teams have equal points, the team which was the winner of the Group Match played between them will be placed in the higher position.

When more than two teams have equal points, the team which was the winner of the most number of matches between those teams will be placed in the higher position. If two or more teams are tied on points and did not play a Group Match between them, refer to (b) below.

(b) If still equal, the team with the higher net run rate in the Group Matches in which a result was achieved will be placed in the higher position.

(c) If still equal, the team with the higher number of wickets taken per balls bowled in the Group Matches in which a result was achieved will be placed in the higher position.

- (d) In the highly unlikely event that teams cannot be separated by (a) to (c) above this will be done by drawing lots.

14 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.

15 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.