

Vitality Club T20

Competition Rules

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

1 Title

The title of the competition shall be the Vitality Club T20.

- 2 This version of the rules is effective in all matches in the Competition from 29th July 2018 to 30th September 2018. Except as varied hereunder the Laws of Cricket (2017, 1st Edition) shall apply.

3 Management

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The ECB and P&G Committee may delegate any of their powers and duties.

4 Entry

Open to all clubs which qualify from ECB Premier League T20 competitions or otherwise invited by ECB Competitions Department.

5 Competition Structure

Each League will hold its own competition open only to clubs affiliated to it, the winner shall progress on to a National Knockout, the draw for which the ECB will be responsible.

6 Eligibility

Please refer to Generic Rule 3.6 and specifically 3.6.7 and 3.6.8.

Any club that fields an ineligible player shall be disqualified.

If a cricketer has played for a team in their own local competition, except for a County Cricket Academy, that will cricketer will be ineligible to play for another team in that season.

7 Balls

For each match from the Area Finals onwards ECB will supply pink Tiflex Oxbridge Magna balls to the host club.

8 Clothing

Players in all matches in the Competition will wear clothing and equipment in accordance with ECB guidelines. Clothing at Finals Day will be provided by ECB, clothing in all preceding rounds can be either white or coloured.

9 Umpires

Until Area Finals umpires are to be arranged locally by the host club. From Area Finals onwards appointments will be made by the local ECB Regional Appointments Coordinator. Appointed umpires will be full members of ECB Association of Cricket Officials and have current DBS clearance. ECB shall be responsible for payment for all matches from the Area Finals onwards.

All clubs must submit a report on the umpires for each match they play in the Competition. This must either be entered online via the 'Who's the Umpire' appointments system.

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 Fixtures

All matches are to take place on or before the dates prescribed in the table below

| Stage | Date | Reserve Date |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| League Final | by 22 July | |
| Area Finals Day | 29 July | 5 August |
| Regional Final | 12 August | 19 August |
| National Finals Day | 16 September | no reserve |

Matches can only be played on an alternative date if changed by mutual agreement of the clubs and the ECB, and must be within the time-scale for the Regional Rounds. Any rearrangement must be with the agreement of the ECB Competitions Department beforehand. Matches where no result can be achieved on the scheduled date can be re-arranged to be played by the closing date for that Round.

In the event of no decision being reached in the match because of inclement weather, inability to re-arrange a fixture before the deadline date, or for another reason, then in the last resort, the decision shall be made by the toss of a coin between the two captains when both captains are present. In the event of the captains not being able to be present, the tossing of the coin shall be referred to the ECB Competitions Department. It is suggested that rather than the tossing of a coin, Clubs should play a match for even a small number of overs, wherever possible, according to the time still available.

12 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.

13 Helmets and/or Faceguards

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

14 Results

It is the responsibility of the WINNING 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 and preferably on the same day of the match being completed. The losing side should confirm that the summary result has been correctly entered. Both sides must ensure that their squad details have been entered into Play-Cricket prior to each match they play. Any matches postponed or rearranged should be updated on Play-Cricket as soon as possible.

15 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.