

RULES (TWENTY20) CHALLENGE CUP

1. The competition shall be called "The Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League (Twenty20) Challenge Cup and it will be mandatory for all member clubs to enter the competition.
2. If a club fails to fulfill any fixture for anything other than climatic reasons, it will be liable to a fine of £200.00.
3. Two new Tiflex Oxbridge Magna cricket balls plus suitable spares are to be supplied by the HOME club.
4. Players in all matches in the competition will wear coloured clothing.
5. The winners shall hold the trophy (which shall remain the property of BDPCL) until 31st May of the following year and the trophy holders will be responsible for the safe keeping of the trophy.
6. The decision of any matter arising in connection with the competition shall rest with the BDPCL Cricket & Registration Committee.
7. Only registered club players shall be eligible to play in the competition and no player shall be eligible to play for more than one club in any one season. The penalty for fielding an unregistered or ineligible player will be expulsion from the competition with no right of appeal.
8. Clubs are subject to the following rules regarding Category 2 players: -
 - (i) It may play any Category 2 player who is both under the age of 21 as at 30th September in the calendar year preceding the season in question and has not played for their County during the current season in any of the County Championship, One Day Cup or the T20 Blast; and
 - (ii) It may play no more than one other Category 2 player provided that he/she has played at least two League matches for that club during the current season or has played at least two League matches during the immediate previous season in the event that the match in which they intend to play commences before the first two matches of the current season.
9. Category 3 players are eligible to play in the competition.
10. A full draw shall be made prior to the start of the season and may be regionalised into zones.
11. Clubs are requested to arrange the match as early as possible during the window to allow suitable time for any replay that may be necessary.

12. A closing date for each round of the competition, except for the Final, will be confirmed prior to the start of the season. Both teams are responsible for arranging the match and they should agree two dates during the window for each Round, the first date for the match and the second date for any replay which may be required due to postponement or abandonment of the first match due to inclement weather.
13. All matches must be played on a Sunday unless both clubs agree to play in midweek.
14. The HOME club shall notify the General Manager when the agreed dates have been confirmed so that umpires may be appointed to stand in the match.
15. The start time for matches due to be played on a Sunday shall be 2.00 p.m. unless a different time is agreed by both clubs. If a different start time is agreed, the HOME club must notify the General Manager, so he may confirm the change with the umpires.
16. The start time for matches played in midweek shall be no later than 6.15 p.m.
17. Subject to ground, weather and light, in the event of play being suspended for any reason other than the interval between innings, the playing time should be extended by the amount of time lost up to a maximum of 90 minutes. The captains may agree to dispense with this rule by mutual consent and, in such circumstances, the umpires must be notified before the match commences. This regulation does not apply to midweek matches.
18. The HOME club should confirm that both umpires are available to stand in any match that is rearranged due to inclement weather. If either or both are unavailable, the HOME club must contact the General Manager who will appoint a replacement(s).
19. If a result is not possible in the original match, due to inclement weather or other unavoidable cause, inability to rearrange the fixture before the closing date for the round, or for any other reason, the result will be decided by a toss of the coin to be carried out by the General Manager.
20. If a result is not possible in the rearranged match, due to inclement weather or other unavoidable cause, the decision shall be made by the toss of a coin between the two captains when both captains are present. (Rather than tossing a coin, clubs should attempt to achieve a result by means of a bowl-out). If both captains are not present, the toss of the coin will be carried out by the General Manager.

21. Any fixture that is not completed by the closing date for the Round will be decided by the toss of a coin to be carried out by the General Manager.
22. The Final will be held on a date and at a venue to be confirmed by the Cricket & Registration Committee before the start of the season.
23. In all Rounds, umpires will be appointed by the League and they shall be entitled to claim an allowance of £25.00 each from the HOME club for each match attended.
24. If the League is unable to appoint umpires, clubs must provide one non-playing umpire each. If only one umpire is required, he/she should be provided by the HOME club, but the umpire appointed by the League shall stand at the bowler's end throughout the match. If that is the case, the League appointed umpire is entitled to claim 150% of the usual match fee.
25. Umpires who become unavailable after appointments have been made must contact the Appointments Secretary Jonathan Cousins on 07976 400228 between 9.00 a.m. and 9.00 p.m. on weekdays.
26. Whenever matches are in doubt, due to inclement weather or other unavoidable cause, umpires should contact the HOME club to confirm if the match will go ahead.
27. If a match is postponed, due to inclement weather, or any other unavoidable cause, the HOME club should contact the visiting team and both umpires as soon as the decision is made to prevent unnecessary travel. If the match is postponed and the HOME club has failed to contact the umpires, causing them to travel, they are entitled to claim an attendance fee of £25.00 each.
28. Before the toss for innings, each captain must nominate his players who may not, thereafter, be changed without the consent of the opposing captain.
29. The nominated players must be set out on a team sheet, a copy (pink) of which must be presented to the umpires and another copy (yellow) which must be presented to the opposition captain at the toss. The top copy (white) must be retained by both clubs for inspection by the General Manager on request.
30. Captains, wicket-keepers and players under the age of 19 years on 31st August of the previous year must be identified on the team sheet.
31. A team is deemed able to start on time if seven or more players are present for the toss, 15 minutes before the start of play.
32. If a team is unable to toss 15 minutes before the scheduled start of play, it shall forfeit the right to toss for innings.