



## **Lancashire Cricket Board Knockout Cup Competition Guidelines 2014**

### **Entry**

Cricket Clubs from the following leagues who are affiliated to the Lancashire Cricket Board (LCB) are allowed to enter the LCB Knockout Cup Competition, provided that the league operates the LCB registration and transfer system, or another registration and transfer system which is approved by the LCB Recreational Sub-Committee:

- Bolton & District Cricket Association
- Bolton Cricket League
- Central Lancashire League
- Isle of Man Cricket Association
- Lancashire Cricket League
- Lancashire County League
- Liverpool & District Cricket Competition (Premier League)
- North Manchester Cricket League
- Northern Premier League
- Palace Shield Competition
- Ribblesdale League
- Saddleworth & District League

Any Clubs affiliated to the LCB who play in a league not listed above are allowed to enter the LCB Knockout Cup Competition provided that:

They have the written permission of the Executive Committee of their own league to enter the Competition and they finish in the first four of their League, or are a finalist in their League's major cup competition.

A club shall only be allowed to enter a County Knockout Competition in one county in any one season. Clubs with dual affiliation will need to let their respective leagues know by April of each season if they wish to enter the LCB Knockout Cup Competition the following season (if they qualify). The League then needs to let Paul Bryson and Jasmine Titmuss know before the first round.

### **Draw**

The closing date for the receipt of Entry Forms shall be 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year and the draw shall be made at the next available LCB Recreational Sub-Committee. Details of the draw shall be forwarded to all Leagues and put onto the LCB Website.

The draw shall be an open draw and not on a regional/seeded basis.

The LCB Recreational Cricket Sub-Committee shall agree the dates by which each Round shall be completed.

In the event of rain on the last possible date the match could be played, the Competition rules about bowling at the stumps or tossing up will apply. This clause may be applied on the first date provided both Captains are in agreement.

A minimum of 3 weeks shall be allowed for the playing of each subsequent round, other than between the Semi-Final and Final.



Under normal circumstances there will be no extension to play-by dates, although Paul Bryson and Jasmine Titmuss are able to give a week's extension to the play-by dates under exceptional circumstances with prior agreement.

The Club drawn at home must offer at least two dates to the Visiting Club. If the Home Club is unable to offer a Sunday for the fixture, the Visiting Club shall have the right to have the venue reversed. Where a team agrees to play away, having been originally drawn at home, it then gives up all advantages applicable to the team drawn at home. Similarly, the club taking over the home draw accepts all the responsibilities and duties of the home club.

Clubs that cannot provide a facility other than a parks pitch, or playing field must play on their opponents' ground, except when they are drawn against a club with similar facilities. Where the venue is reversed, the cost of ground hire and provision of refreshments between the innings will be split between the two clubs. (The cost of ground hire is only to be split if the club has to hire a ground in order to reverse the fixture.)

In all cases games shall be of 45 over's per innings. Reduced over games shall not be arranged unless rain intervenes on the agreed date.

Should there be no result achieved on the date arranged for the Final, the match shall be played the following Sunday. The venue will be decided by the toss of a coin.

## **Charges**

The admission charge shall be according to the custom of the ground where the match is played.

## **Match Expenses**

The Away Club shall be responsible for their own travelling expenses. The Home Club shall be responsible for providing up to 16 teas free of charge to the Visiting Club. In the event of a gate being taken and there being a balance, after all the expenses have been met, the balance shall be divided between the two Clubs.

## **Umpires**

Each League represented shall nominate a minimum of four Umpires. The Umpires appointed to officiate in each match shall each receive an **Expense/Fee**, fixed annually by the LCB Recreational Cricket Sub-Committee, which will include travelling expenses. The cost of the fees will be shared by the two clubs and must be paid to the Umpires no later than the tea interval.

Both teams are required to complete an Umpires Performance Feedback form after each game. This should be completed by the Captain, Manager or Coach and is available on the LCB Website at [www.lancashirecricket.co.uk/officials](http://www.lancashirecricket.co.uk/officials) - These must be returned to the LCB Office.

## **Players**

Only regular bona fide playing members of a cricket club as registered with their club and league will be eligible to play in the competition. A bona fide playing member is a player who has been formally accepted as a member by the committee of that club and who has fulfilled the subscription requirements for the current season. This includes:



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The professional registered at the beginning of the current season, providing that for an overseas professional a copy of his work permit, as issued by the Home Office is lodged with the LCB prior to the start of the season; and an overseas amateur, providing:

- a. That he has not played first class cricket (as determined by the ICC) during the last 2 years, and
- b. That a copy of his Official Visitors Permit has been lodged with the LCB prior to the start of the season.

The Club should complete the Overseas Player Notification form, where applicable, have it signed by the Club Welfare Officer and lodge it with the Child Protection Office at ECB, prior to the start of the season.

No individual playing for any other club in any other Saturday/Sunday League shall be considered eligible at any time.

Any amateur player who has not been continuously resident in the United Kingdom for a period of 12 months, prior to the start of a season shall not be eligible to play, unless he is the overseas amateur. This rule shall not apply to expatriates of the UK.

A substitute professional or a player contracted as a player to another club shall not be allowed.

Young professional cricketers on the playing staff of a County Club, who are playing regularly for a club other than the one, which developed their youth cricket\*, shall not be eligible to play in the LCB Knockout Cup Competition.

Young professional cricketers on the playing staff of a County Club, who are playing regularly for the club which developed their youth cricket\*, shall be eligible to play in the LCB Knockout Cup Competition, until they have played 10 First Class games in the County Championship, subject to the prior approval of the Executive.

\* - "Developed their youth cricket" – the player must have played for the club concerned for at least two full seasons between the age-groups of U11 to U19.

Any player currently banned by an affiliated club or league shall not be eligible to play in the LCB Knockout Cup Competition for the duration of that period of ban.

A player may only play for one club in this Competition in any one year, or in only one outdoor LCB Knockout Cup Competition.



## ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket

- 1 The ECB is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behavior and conduct. This Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket, as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the ECB and may be applied to cricket in general.
- 2 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
- 3 Players and Team Officials must at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.
- 4 Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another Player or a Spectator.
- 5 Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.
- 6 Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.
- 7 Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- 8 Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behavior of their members and supporters towards players and Umpires.

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

### **1 There are two Laws, which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the Captain**

#### Responsibility of the Captains

The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within that Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

#### Players' Conduct

In the event that any Player failing to comply with the instructions of the Umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other Umpire and to the Player's Captain requesting the latter to take action.

### **2 Fair and Unfair Play**

According to the Laws the Umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair play. The Umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the Captain to take action when required.

### **3 The Umpires are authorised to intervene in the cases of:**

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Intimidatory bowling
- Tampering with the Ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair



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## **4 The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:**

- Your opponents
- Your own Captain and team
- The role of the Umpires
- The game's traditional values

## **5 It is against the Spirit of the Game to:**

- Dispute an Umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- Direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire
- Indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, e.g.
  - (a) Appeal, knowing the batsman is not out
  - (b) Advance towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - (c) Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

## **6 Violence**

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

## **7 Players**

Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.



## Code of Conduct for Senior Cricket Captains

All Senior Captains should act as role models in ensuring each player in his/her team complies with the following, both on and off the field

- To be fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its junior players and the game of cricket in general.
- All players must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- All players must respect opponents
- Players must wear suitable kit for matches and practice sessions, as instructed
- Foul and/or abusive language on or off the field is unacceptable
- Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and/or deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions are unacceptable
- Players are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol on the pitch at any time
- Players are not allowed to take drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club
- It is expected that teams will do their utmost to win but the highest standards of sportsmanship in keeping with the spirit of the game should be displayed
- It is a requirement that all players under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet when batting or keeping wicket standing up. There shall be no exception to this rule.
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Not provide Young People with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued
- Report any concerns in relation to a Young Person, following the reporting procedures laid down by the ECB