**L&DCC Chrysalis and *2024Mike Dunn Cups* T20 Rules 2024**

(Changes to 2023 Rules are indicated in *italics* and the *2024* prefix)

1. **Competitions**

1.1 The Chrysalis and Mike 2024 *Mike Dunn* Trophies played for by 2nd and 3rd XIs are hereafter designated as the 2nd and 3rd XI T20 respectively.

1. **Draws**
	1. The fixtures will be pre-drawn, on an open regional basis.
2. **Fixtures**
	1. Official play-by dates will be laid down by the Management Committee for the playing of matches in each round. Matches must achieve a result by the play-by date - see 8.3 below.
	2. As soon as its opponents are known, the home team must offer a minimum of two dates/times to play a match, one of which must be a weekday evening - the other may be on a Sunday. The agreed date must be confirmed by both teams by email and copied to the appropriate Assistant Results Secretary.
3. **Umpires & Finals days**

4.1 Each team will appoint a competent umpire up to and including the quarter finals). The MCUA will then appoint umpires for the finals and semi-finals.

4.2 The MCUA umpires’ travelling expenses will be paid by the L&DCC.

4.3 The L&DCC will pay all reasonable catering costs for the Finals days which will be agreed with the Management Committee in advance.

1. **Players**
	1. KO Cup Regulation 4.1.1 will apply to all matches in respect of player eligibility.
	2. For U16 & U21 T20 competitions, players shall be under 16 or 21 years respectively on September 1st in the previous year, Cat 3 i.e. Overseas Players are not allowed in these competitions.
	3. County Academy players are eligible but no player on a full County Contract will be allowed.
2. **Scorers**
	1. It is strongly recommended that each club provides a competent scorer for each match.
	2. Clubs should provide a 12th man in all KO finals and semi-finals. In the event of there being no scorer provided, a player or the 12th man will be nominated as scorer to the umpires and will fulfil this role for the duration of the game.
3. **Reporting results**
	1. Results of matches to be notified to Cup Competitions Secretary by email/text within 24 hours. Full scorecard to be put on Play-Cricket by home club within 72 hours.
4. **Match Conditions**
	1. The playing conditions of the ECB NatWest Club T20 Competition Rules will apply in all matches. Where the rules in this Handbook differ, the local rules will take precedence.
	2. Evening matches should start at 6.00 pm but in any event no later than 6.30 pm. However, if, due to the time of year and the possibility of the match ending in poor light, the match should be reduced before the start to no less than 10 overs per team and the bowling quota reduced pro rata. As a guide the following should be used: a match starting between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm, 20 overs per team; between 6:15 pm and 6:30 pm, 18 overs per team; after 6:30 pm, 16 overs per team. Thereafter overs shall be reduced at a rate of 1 per team for each period of 71/2 minutes or part thereof.

8.3 If a match cannot be completed Clauses 9.9.8 and 9.10 of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd XI KO Regulations will apply.

1. **Balls**
	1. The use of the pink balls is mandatory in the semi-finals (3rd XI T20 only) and finals. The balls will be provided by L&DCC.

8.2 The use of the pink balls is also permitted in the earlier rounds subject always to both teams using them. The home club will provide both balls. If a pink ball is lost during a match and there is no suitable pink spare, a red ball of appropriate quality may be substituted.

1. **Fielding restrictions**
	1. At the instant of delivery, there may be no more than 5 fielders on the leg side. In the finals (and the semi-finals of the 2nd and 3rd XI T20) additional fielding restrictions will apply as in Clause 8 of the ECB NatWest Club t20 Competition Rules will apply. If both captains agree, at the time that the date for their match is finalised, these additional fielding restrictions may be used in earlier rounds.