

# Vitality U19 Club T20: Competition Rules & Regulations 2019



## 1. Title

The title of the competition shall be the Vitality U19 Club T20.

## 2. Management

These rules apply to the Vitality U19 Club T20 Competition only and all decisions by County Cricket Board (CCB) or League organisers are final.

## 3. Entry

Entry into the Vitality U19 Club T20 shall be open to all affiliated clubs / teams that are invited into leagues by the participating CCB in 2019.

## 4. Pitch

Clubs may use fine turf or non-turf pitches for their home matches.

## 5. Competition Structure

Each County Cricket Board, with local partners, will hold their own league competitions. The County winner shall be determined by a County Final.

## 6. U19 Club T20 Playing Conditions

All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.

For this competition the ECB 20 over per side generic playing conditions will be used with the following exceptions:

- When a batter reaches or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must retire
- Retired batters may return once all other batters have been dismissed
- Batters return in the order in which they had retired

### 6.1 Eligibility and Age Group Definition

Any club that fields an ineligible player shall be penalised and the result of the match overturned in the favour of the opposition.

**Age** – A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the competition if they are 18 or under at midnight on the 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

Although there is no minimum age, it is recommended that where possible, players 15 and over should be selected.

## 6.2 Club Members

A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for one club in the Vitality U19 Club T20 and they must be a member of that club. Clubs with limited numbers of U19 players can merge with, or invite players from, no more than 2 other clubs from England and Wales. Clubs merging in this way must seek prior approval from their CCB or League Organiser.

## 6.3 Ineligible player

The following list of players are ineligible:

- Players that have played in a Specsavers First Class match, Vitality Blast or Royal London One-Day fixture in the current or previous season.
- All overseas players.

It is advised that the competition has been created to support the retention of club cricketers and the rules above should be administered with an ethos to engage more cricketers, rather than select better players who play a large proportion of cricket.

## 7. Balls

It is recommended that the matches should be played with a pink ball.

The Home side shall provide two new cricket balls for each match. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings.

If the Vitality U19 Club T20 pink ball is lost during an innings then every effort should be made to play with a similar type of pink ball but red balls may also be used as a spare if needed.

## 8. Umpires

The home and away side is responsible for selecting one umpire for each fixture. The umpires shall be selected for the whole match and may not play in the match.

## 9. Scorers and Match Result

**9. Scoring** – Each team shall provide their own competent scorer in all matches. If possible, scorers should endeavour to score the match electronically. ECB requires the use of Play-Cricket Scorer as the easiest way to digitally score and automatically upload to Play-Cricket.com.



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**9.2 Results on Play-Cricket.com** – The home side is required to enter the result and full scorecard details onto Play-Cricket.com within 24 hours of the match being completed (however, the losing team can if agreed).

**9.3 Points** -The following points system will apply

- Win = 8 points
- Conceded/ Forfeited win = 8 points
- Tie = 4 points
- Lose= 2 points
- Abandoned= 3 points
- Cancelled = 1 point
- Conceded/ Forfeited lose = 0 points

#### **9.4 League Matches**

In the event of teams finishing on equal points in a league the higher placed team will be decided in the following order of priority:-

- When two teams have equal points the team which was the winner of the league 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 played between those teams will be placed in the higher position
- If still equal the team with the higher net run rate will be placed in the higher position
- If still equal a coin toss will determine the team finishing in the higher position

#### **10. Fixtures**

Local fixtures and County Finals will be organised locally by your CCB or League representative. The clubs are required for ensuring that all fixtures are agreed and the dates are changed to the actual date on Play-Cricket.com. The fixtures will be uploaded on the Vitality U19 Club T20 Play-Cricket site and appear in your own clubs Play-Cricket fixtures section by your CCB and or League Representative

**10.1 Rearrange League fixtures** – Matches where no result can be achieved on the scheduled date can be re-arranged to be played by the closing date of the CCB competition. In the event of no result being reached in the match because of weather, inability to re-arrange a fixture before the deadline date or for another reason, then the result shall be determined as a cancelled or abandoned fixture depending if the match was stopped during a game or if it had never begun. All league fixtures must be complete 5 days before the scheduled county finals.

**10.2 County Finals** – All County Finals will be arranged by your CCB and/or League representative.

#### **11. Team Sheets**

Each side must provide the umpire with a team sheet before 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 all players.

#### **12. Helmets and/or Faceguards**

Any player under the age of 18 playing in the Vitality U19 Club T20 Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive (see section 19 of the current Non First Class Regulations and Playing Conditions).

#### **13. Fielding Regulations**

**13.1** No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the batsman's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.

**13.2** Any young player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the batsman's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

**NB - For matches which are rain affected please refer to the [ECB 20 Over per side generic playing conditions](#)**

**Or please visit:**

**<https://www.ecb.co.uk/governance/regulations/non-first-class-regulations>**



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