

SOUTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP - RULES 2012

1. TITLE

The title of the competition will be THE D & M SPORTS SOUTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

2. MANAGEMENT

The control of the competition shall be undertaken by the officials of each participating county. The Competition Organiser's decision shall be final on all matters.

3. ENTRY

The competition shall be open to the counties of Bedfordshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Surrey and Wiltshire. Each county may enter one team only. Counties who participated in the competition in the previous year shall automatically be included for the following year unless written notification to the contrary is given by 30th September.

4. STRUCTURE

The six Counties shall play each other twice in accordance with a laid down schedule. Counties shall play five home and five away games each year. Games shall be played on a league basis and the top team shall be declared the League Winners.

5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

5.1 At least 9 players in each team must be aged 50 years as at the date of the game being played. A maximum of 2 players may be aged 49 years as at the date of the game being played.

5.2 Players must be bona-fide members of a club situated in the County they are representing and the club must be affiliated to the ECB through the County Board.

5.3 Players shall represent only one county in the competition in any one season.

5.4 Players must have been resident in the UK for the two years prior to the start of the current season.

6. CRICKET BALLS

Each county shall provide two new balls for each home match, the balls being identical and supplied by the Competition Organiser.

7. UMPIRES and SCORERS

Each county shall provide an umpire for each match and those umpires shall be a full ECB ACO Member. Each county shall provide a scorer for each match.

8. MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

8.1 The home county shall be responsible for all match arrangements and should offer its opponents at least 3 dates for any proposed match within the laid down schedule. The away team shall be equally responsible for seeing that fixtures are arranged.

9. MATCH RESULTS

9.1 At the end of each match both scorers shall sign the official result sheet and the home county shall return this to the competition organiser within 48 hours.

9.2 It will be assumed that all players are aged 50 or over at the date of the game. However, any who are 49 years of age must have their age inserted on the results sheet next to their batting number.

1st December 2012

THE D & M SPORTS SOUTHERN COUNTIES SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP
PLAYING CONDITIONS 2012

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 2nd Edition - 2003) shall apply with the following exceptions: -

1. HOURS OF PLAY

1.1 All matches shall start at 1pm unless mutually agreed otherwise by the two teams in any one match.

1.2 The tea interval, which will normally be taken between innings, shall be twenty minutes. In interrupted, or delayed matches, the tea interval may be waived with the agreement of both Captains or taken prior to start of play. Captains and Umpires must agree before play commences the latest time at which play can finish to allow subsequent changes in the number of overs, should play be interrupted by bad weather. In the event of agreement not being reached, Close of Play shall be 7.30pm.

2. LENGTH OF INNINGS

Each team shall bat for 45 overs unless all out earlier. In matches where the start is delayed or play suspended: -

2.1 The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. Overs to be bowled shall be based on an average of 18 overs per hour (one over per 3 minutes 20 seconds or part thereof) in the time remaining before Close of Play (See 1.2)

2.2 If the number of overs of the side batting first is reduced, no fixed time will be specified for the close of their innings.

2.3 If, owing to a suspension of play during the innings of the side batting second, it is not possible for that team to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as in 2.1.

2.4 The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team, unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.

2.5 The minimum length of a match shall be 20 overs per side.

NB Umpires shall notify all concerned of the time of resumption of play following delay or suspension, immediately they have reached a decision. The umpires shall be responsible for calculating the revised number of overs to be played in the match and for notifying the decision immediately to all concerned.

3. THE RESULT

3.1 A result can be achieved only if both teams have batted for at least 20 overs unless one team has been all out in less than 20 overs or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in less than 20 overs. All other matches in which one or both teams have not had the opportunity of batting for a minimum of 20 overs shall be declared "NO RESULT" matches and will be subject to Rule 8.3.

3.2 In matches in which both teams have had the opportunity of batting for the agreed overs (i.e. 45 overs each in an uninterrupted match or a lesser number of overs in an interrupted match) the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result shall be declared a "tie".

3.3 If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponent's score, the following shall apply;-

3.3.1 If the match is abandoned, the result shall be decided on the average run-rate throughout both innings.

3.3.2 If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second is revised, their target score shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs by the average runs scored by the side batting first.

3.4 In the event of the team batting first being all out in less than their full quota of overs, the calculation of their run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which they would have been entitled and shall apply only where the team batting second has not had the opportunity to bat for the agreed number of overs.

4. NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER

4.1 No bowler may bowl more than NINE overs. However, in a delayed start or interrupted match, where the overs are reduced for both sides or for the side bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance.

e.g. after 16 overs, rain interrupts play and the innings is reduced to 32 overs. Both opening bowlers have bowled 8 overs.

2 bowlers can bowl 7 overs and 3 can bowl 6.

Bowlers one and two have already exceeded this limit.

They count as the two bowlers who were allowed the extra over (7 as opposed to 6) and so other bowlers are limited to 6 overs.

4.2 When an interruption occurs mid-over and on resumption the bowler has exceeded the new maximum allocation, he will be allowed to finish the incomplete over.

4.3 In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, another bowler will bowl the remaining balls. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

5. Law 14 - DECLARATIONS

Law 14 will not apply to this competition. The captain of the batting side may not declare his innings closed at any time during the course of the match.

6. Law 25.1 - WIDE BALL - JUDGING A WIDE BALL

In addition to Law 25 the following will apply:

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any offside or legside delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. For guidance purposes a legside wide should be called if a ball passes on the legside outside the pads of the batsman standing in a normal guard position.

7. RESTRICTION ON PLACEMENT OF FIELDSMEN

7.1 Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards (27.4 metres). The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch. The field restriction area should be marked by painted white 'dots' at five-yard intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter.

7.2 At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than five fielders on the legside.

7.3 For the duration of the innings only five fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction markings at the instant of delivery.

7.4 In the event of an infringement of the above fielding restrictions, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal "NO BALL".

8. POINTS SCORING SYSTEM FOR MATCHES

8.1 The team winning the match shall score two points.

8.2 In the event of a match being declared a "tie" both teams shall receive one point.

8.3 In a "No Result" match, that is a match in which no result is achieved solely due to bad weather, every reasonable effort shall be made to replay the match in the 'spare weeks' or by the closing date laid down in the fixture schedule. In the event of a replay not being possible, each team shall score one point.

8.4 In the event of two or more teams being equal on points in the league table their overall positions shall be based on the team with the higher overall average to be calculated by dividing the strike rate, (balls bowled including wides and no balls divided by wickets taken) into the scoring rate (runs scored divided by wickets lost) over all matches.

8.5 In the event of any team not fulfilling a fixture for any reason other than weather, they will be deemed to have conceded and therefore lost the match and they will also have deemed to have bowled 45 overs (270 balls) and taken 0 wickets for the purposes of the calculation in 8.4 above.

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