

Devon Vitality U19 Club T20: Competition Rules & Regulations 2023

1. Title

The title of the competition will be the Devon Vitality U19 Club T20 in partnership with Wombat Cricket.

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 2023. Entry will be £50, closing on 10th March 2023.

4. Pitch

22yds. Clubs may use fine turf or non-turf pitches for their home matches.

5. Competition Structure

Group stages will lead to a 4 team finals day where the County winner will be decided.

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
- In the result of a tie, a super over should be used to determine the winner ([rules in section 8 here](#))

7. Player Eligibility

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

7.1 – Age

Age – A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the competition if they were 18 or under at midnight on the 31st August 2022.

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



7.2 Club Members

A player shall only be eligible to play for one club in the Vitality U19 Club T20 and they must be a registered playing member (DCL/DWCL or junior*) of that club. Clubs with limited numbers of U19 players can merge with, or invite players from, one other Devon club. **Clubs merging in this way must seek prior approval from their CCB or League Organiser.**

7.3 'Homegrown Players'

A player who has played all of their junior hardball cricket at 'Club A' but now plays their adult cricket elsewhere may return to play for 'Club A' in the competition as a 'homegrown' player. The player must be a bona fide member of 'Club A' and can only play for one team in the competition.

Unless you are one of the teams who are merged, you can only select:

- Individuals who are registered playing members (DCL/DWCL or junior*) of your club
- Individuals who are not currently members of any cricket club (they should become members in order to play)
- 'Homegrown Players'

*registered as a junior member and playing for a junior only team at the club

7.4 Ineligible players

The following list of players are ineligible:

- Players that have represented a first-class academy, county 2nd XI or international U19 team in the current or previous season.
- 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. For clarification this means that players must fall into the Category 1 definition to be eligible to play. See DCL definition below.

ii. Definitions - Category 1

A cricketer is Category 1 qualified if: (i) they are a British citizen and were born in England or Wales; or (ii) they have been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 210 days between 1 April of the preceding year and 31 March of the current season. ~~It also includes a player who, on the 1st September in the preceding year, was under 17 years of age.~~

Any player who has played in any overseas cricket league as a 'home', 'local' or 'non-overseas' player in that overseas league in the 12-month period up to and including 31 March of the upcoming/current season will not be permitted to play as a Category 1 player.

- EXCEPTION. If there are cricketers who fall outside of the category 1 definition but their reason for being a resident in the country is not cricket related (e.g. asylum seekers, refugees) then a discussion can be had with the CCB regarding eligibility.



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

***If you are unsure of a players eligibility please get in touch.**

8. Balls

It is recommended that the matches should be played with a pink ball. These will be provided by the county cricket board.

Each side will provide 1 new ball for the match to 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.

9. Officiating

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

10. 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).

11. Points - The following points system will apply

- Win = 5 points
- Conceded/Forfeited win = 5 points
- Lose = 1 point
- Abandoned (the game started but could not finish) = 2 points each
- Cancelled (the game could not begin) = 1 point each
- Conceded/ Forfeited lose = 0 points

12. 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



13. Fixtures

Local fixtures and County Finals will be organised locally by your CCB or League representative. Fixture deadlines will be implemented in order to get all games played. 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.

13.1 Rearrange League fixtures –

All fixture dates must be agreed upon before the start of the competition.

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.

If a club cannot fulfil an arranged fixture, nor agree a re-arrangement, they will concede the result. If the original fixture was mutually cancelled or abandoned but a re-arrangement cannot be agreed then the result must go down as cancelled or abandoned.

All league fixtures must be completed by 31st August 2023.

14. County Finals – To be played on Saturday 9th September 2023.

15. 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.

16. 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).

17. Fielding Regulations

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

More information regarding groups, fixtures and club benefits will follow once all entries have been received.

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