



SOMERSET CRICKET BOARD

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1. **The competitions shall be called:**

- a) The SCB Major Cup
- b) The SCB Intermediate Cup
- c) The SCB Minor Cup

2. **ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY**

a) ALL ENTRANT CLUBS MUST BE AFFILIATED TO THE SOMERSET CRICKET BOARD HAVING PAID THEIR ANNUAL FEE BY 30th APRIL. ENTRANTS WITH FEES OUTSTANDING AT THAT DATE WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE COMPETITIONS.

b) A Club may enter a team(s) in each competition in line with that year's qualification criteria. Any team may enter only one competition-

- 1. The Major Cup is open to all SCB affiliated teams who play in the West of England Premier League.
- 2. The Intermediate Cup is open to SCB affiliated teams who play in any of the top three divisions of the Bristol & District, Somerset or Wiltshire Cricket Leagues
- 3. The Minor Cup is open to all other teams who affiliate to the Somerset Cricket Board.

3. **PLAYER QUALIFICATION**

a) All players must be bona-fide club members (playing Saturday League Cricket for that club) and once a player has played in the competition for a club, they are not permitted to play for any other club in any of the three competitions.

b) Players who are contracted to a County Cricket Club, have played County 2nd Team cricket, or have played National Counties Cricket (formally Minor Counties Cricket) this summer or the previous 2 seasons are only eligible to play in the Major Cup.

c) Only one overseas player (i.e. from outside the EEC) is permitted per team.

d) It is against the Spirit of this Competition to boost the strength of a team temporarily with players that normally play for the club in a higher team. Therefore, the following restrictions will apply -

3.1 ***Clubs with teams in Major & Intermediate Cup***- For round 1 & 2 a player will only be eligible to play in the Intermediate Cup if they have played no more than 50% of their Major

Cup teams Saturday League Fixtures in the current season. For subsequent rounds, no player who has played in more than 25% of their club major cup team Saturday League Fixtures will be eligible to play.

3.2 Clubs with teams in Intermediate Cup & Minor Cup - For round 1 & 2 a player will only be eligible to play in the Minor Cup if they have played no more than 50% of their intermediate cup teams Saturday League Fixtures in the current season. For subsequent rounds, no player who has played in more than 25% of intermediate cup teams Saturday League Fixtures will be eligible to play.

3.3 No player who plays in the Major Cup or has played in more than 5 WEPL fixtures in the current season will be eligible to play in the Minor Cup

3.4 Any club who does not enter their highest or a higher placed team but chooses to enter a lower team in a competition (e.g., Enters 2nd team but not 1st team) in round 1 & 2 a player will only be eligible to play for the lower team if they have played no more than 50% of their higher teams Saturday League Fixtures in the current season. For subsequent rounds, no player who has played in more than 25% of higher teams Saturday League Fixtures will be eligible to play.

e) Young players up to and including under 16 are exempt from the restrictions. On Finals Day a player may only play for one team.

f) Compliance with all aspects of this rule is the responsibility of the clubs.

g) Infringements are liable to incur team disqualification. (RULE 8 APPLIES)

h) The competitions are run to allow players to play competitively within an appropriate ability range to stand a fair chance of proceeding to later rounds. Any team found to be going against the spirit of the competition and deliberately strengthening teams with players not appropriate for the Intermediate and Minor Cups will also be liable to incur team disqualification. (RULE 8 APPLIES).

4. MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

a) All competitions shall be played on a knock out basis.

b) Each round (excluding Semi Finals & Final) will have a fixed week (Monday-Sunday) when fixtures must be played. This should be agreed by both teams taking into consideration the ground availability of the Home side and availability of the Away side. The home side must offer a minimum of two dates for the game. If teams cannot agree on a date, then management committee will rule accordingly but hope that clubs can work together to avoid this situation occurring.

c) Semi-finals will take place on a Sunday to ensure light does not disadvantage either team.

d) The Home Club is responsible for match arrangements.

e) If inclement weather or dual competition home fixtures prevent play on the fixed date the match must be re-arranged and played within seven days.

f) A match abandoned because of weather, pitch or ground conditions must be re-arranged and played within seven days.

5. MATCH CONDUCT

a) Teams should agree to start matches as early as possible, but not later than 6.30pm.

b) The captains are responsible for reaching agreement, before the toss, as to which balls will be used. The home team will provide two new balls of at least "Club" standard or two used balls of similar usage and quality, one for each innings. This applies to all matches up to the Finals.

c) Matches shall consist of a single innings for each team of 20 six-ball overs.

d) No player may ball more than 4 overs in any innings.

e) In the case of overcast weather conditions or late start the captains may agree, before the toss, to play either 18 overs a side or 16 overs a side without change to the bowling restriction of 4 overs.

f) Major & Intermediate Cup

There will be a Powerplay fielding restrictions with 30-yard circle required for each match.

For the first 6 overs of each innings only two fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction marking at the instant of delivery. For the remaining overs of each innings only five fielders are permitted to be outside the fielding circle at the instant of delivery

Free hit after a foot-fault no ball rule will be used in semi-finals and final as neutral umpires are in place. If both captains agree this rule can be used earlier rounds:

The delivery following a no ball called for a foot fault shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.

If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball), then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.

For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

Field changes are permitted for free hit deliveries providing all effective fielding restrictions are adhered to.

The umpires shall signal a free hit by (after the normal no ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

g) Minor Cup

In the semi-finals & Final of the MINOR CUP the following fielding restrictions will be in place:

At the instant of a delivery a minimum of four fielders plus bowler and wicket keeper must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump with a radius

of 30 yards and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the umpires shall call and signal NO BALL.

6. MATCH RESULT

The team, which has scored a total of runs in excess of the total scored by the opposition, shall win the match. In the event of the total runs scored by each team being equal the match is TIED. The winning side will then be:

- a) The team that has lost the lesser number of wickets.
- b) If still equal the team that has scored the most runs from the bat alone.
- c) If still equal the team that had scored the greater total of runs after ten overs.

7. RESULT REPORTING

a) The winning team shall enter the result and full scorecard on the Cup Website <http://somensetcbkocup.play-cricket.com/> showing the names of ALL PLAYERS participating no later than 48 HOURS after the match.

c) FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

d) Teams reaching the semi-finals must inform the Competitions Secretary so that neutral umpires can be arranged.

8. APPEALS

a) Appeals must be made by telephone notification and detailed email to the Competitions Secretary within 48 hours of the end of the match concerned. Protests received later than this will not be considered. The Committee shall have the right to determine all matters relating to the competitions.

b) Any club or player wishing to appeal against a decision of the Committee must do so by telephone notification and detailed email within 48 hours of receiving the Committee's decision. The appeal will then be heard by an appeals committee from the SCB.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

a) The ECB Code of Conduct, the "Spirit of Cricket" preamble to the MCC Laws of Cricket and any playing regulations which are in place due to Covid-19 will apply in all matches.

b) It is the policy of the SCB Knock out Cup Competitions that all PLAYERS

UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST WEAR CRICKET HELMETS WITH FACE GUARD OR GRILLE WHEN BATTING OR WICKET KEEPING WHEN STANDING UP TO THE STUMPS. THE REGULATIONS REGARDING MINIMUM FIELDING DISTANCES FOR YOUNG PLAYERS AT UNDER 13, UNDER 15, UNDER 16 AND UNDER 18 AGE GROUPS SHOULD ALL BE ADHERED TO.