



LCF Knock Out Cup Competition 2019

Guidelines

Cricket Clubs from the following Leagues who are affiliated to the Lancashire Cricket Foundation (LCF) are eligible to qualify to enter the LCF Knock Out Cup Competition, provided that the league operates the LCF registration and transfer system, or another registration and transfer system which is approved by the LCF Recreational Sub-Committee.

- ❖ 7 - Bolton Cricket League
- ❖ 7 - Lancashire League
- ❖ 7 - Liverpool & District Cricket Competition
- ❖ 7 - Northern Premier League
- ❖ 7 - Palace Shield Competition
- ❖ 7 - Ribblesdale League
- ❖ 7 - Greater Manchester Cricket League
- ❖ 2 - Southport & District Amateur Cricket League
- ❖ 2 - Greater Manchester Amateur Cricket League

A club shall only be allowed to enter a County Knockout Competition in one county in any season. Qualification is based on a club's league finishing position only. Clubs with dual affiliation will need to let their respective leagues know by April of each season if they wish to enter the LCF Knockout Cup Competition for the following season (if they were to qualify). The League then needs to let Ray Taylor (rtaylor@lancashirecricket.co.uk) know before the 1st Round of league fixtures.

Draw

The closing date for receipt of entry forms from Leagues shall be September 30th each year, so that the draw can be made at the next LCF Recreational Sub-Committee or another suitable date/time.

- An open draw will take place but the Champions of the leagues that have 7 x Qualifiers will be seeded and placed in one of the following positions 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49 or 57 as drawn.

The LCF Recreational Cricket Sub-Committee shall agree and set the dates that each round shall be played. There will be no extension to the 'default' set play on dates. In the event of rain on the last possible date the match could be played, the Competition rules about bowling at the stumps or a coin toss will apply. This clause may be applied on the first or subsequent date provided both Captains are in agreement. Where a team agrees to play away, having been originally drawn at home, it then gives up all advantages applicable to the team drawn at home. Similarly, the club taking over the home draw accepts all the responsibilities and duties of the home club.

Clubs that cannot provide a facility other than a parks pitch, or playing field must play on their opponent's ground, except when they are drawn against a club with similar facilities. Where the venue is reversed, the cost of ground hire and provision of refreshments between the innings will be split between the two clubs. (The cost of ground hire is only to be split if the club has to hire a ground in order to reverse the fixture.)

In all cases games shall be of 45 over's per innings. Reduced over games shall not be arranged unless rain intervenes on the agreed date or matches are to be played on an evening.

Should there be no result achieved on the date arranged for the Final, the match shall be played on the reserve date.

Admission / Match Expenses

The admission charge (if taken) shall be according to the custom of the ground where the match is being played. The Away Club shall be responsible for their own travelling expenses. The Home Club shall be responsible for providing 13 x teas (12 Players + Scorer) free of charge to the visiting Club. In addition 2 x teas will be provided for the Umpires.

Umpires

Each League represented shall nominate a minimum of 6 x Umpires. The Umpires will be appointed to officiate in each match shall each receive Expenses of £40, fixed annually by the LCF Recreational Cricket Sub-Committee, which will include travelling expenses. The cost of the fees will be shared by the two clubs and must be paid to the Umpires no later than the tea interval. The umpires for the final will be appointed by the LCF in conjunction with Lancashire ACO.

The Captains of both teams are required to complete the 'Umpires Feedback Form', agreeing before signing and returning one completed form to Mr Ray Taylor – rtaylor@lancashirecricket.co.uk

Clubs Conceding Games

Any Club that concedes a game will not be eligible to play in the LCF Knock Out Cup Competition the next time they are eligible to qualify. The team who finished below them in the League shall replace them.

Players

Only 1 Overseas Player (Not Qualified to play for England) may be registered and play in any game in the LCF Knock Out Cup Competition as per the definition provided by the ECB in its Generic Rules. Such a person must be registered with the LCF as below.

Extract from the ECB Rules

3.6.7.1 A Cat 1

A cricketer is (i) a British or Irish citizen born in England and Wales and/or (ii) has been resident in England and Wales for the immediately preceding four consecutive years and is deemed 'Ordinarily Resident'

He will only be treated as having been resident within England and Wales for the relevant consecutive period if he has spent a minimum of 210 days in each year within England and Wales (for which purpose 'year' shall mean a year ending 31st March).

3.6.7.2 Category 3e

A cricketer not qualified under Category 1 but who is Ordinarily Resident*.

* Ordinarily Resident

For the purpose of ECB Club Competitions, 'Ordinarily Resident' is determined on the basis that the player has been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 18 months before 31st March in the relevant year and he has not been out of England and Wales for longer than 35 days consecutively or 70 days in total during the previous two years.

The LCF will accept as proof of residence the following; evidence the player is on the electoral register, evidence of income or education, utility bills, evidence of cricket played in England and Wales.

The club making the protest should provide the evidence the player has been out of the country for longer than the periods above.

- ❖ The Club should complete the Non UK Residents Vetting Form, have it signed by the Club Welfare Officer, log with ECB prior to the start of the season and send copies to the Lancashire Cricket Foundation.
- ❖ A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for a club in the LCF Knock Out Cup Competition if he is a bona fide, fully paid up member of that club and is registered to play within the League in which they play.
- ❖ A cricketer shall be deemed to be a bona fide member of a club if he is eligible to play for that club under the rules of that league in which they play.
- ❖ A maximum of 2 x County Contracted Players are able to play at any time, but need to have played 2 x League Matches for that club that season, before they can play in the LCF Knock Out Cup Competition.
- ❖ No new 'Registrations' will be accepted once a club has been successful in obtaining a place in the last 16 clubs of the competition, even if such a registration is accepted by the league in which they play.
- ❖ A player may only play for one club in the competition in any one season.
- ❖ Any player banned by a Club or League shall not be eligible to play in the LCF Knock Out Cup Competition for the duration of that ban.
- ❖ Substitute professionals or replacement overseas players will not be permitted.

Code of Conduct

All Players, Team Officials, Club Supporters and Umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct

ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket

1. The ECB is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket, as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the ECB and may be applied to cricket in general.

2 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.

3 Players and Team Officials must at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.

4 Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another Player or a Spectator.

5 Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

6 Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

7 Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

8 Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and Umpires.

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

There are two Laws, which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the Captain Responsibility of the Captains

The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within that Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Players' Conduct

In the event that any Player failing to comply with the instructions of the Umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other Umpire and to the Player's Captain requesting the latter to take action.

Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws the Umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair play. The Umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the Captain to take action when required.

The Umpires are authorised to intervene in the cases of:

- ❖ Time wasting
- ❖ Damaging the pitch
- ❖ Intimidatory bowling
- ❖ Tampering with the Ball
- ❖ Any other action that they consider to be unfair

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- ❖ Your opponents
- ❖ Your own Captain and team
- ❖ The role of the Umpires
- ❖ The game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game to:

- ❖ Dispute an Umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- ❖ Direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire
- ❖ Indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, e.g.

(a) Appeal, knowing the batsman is not out

(b) Advance towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing

(c) Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

Players

Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

Code of Conduct for Senior Cricket Captains

All Senior Captains should act as role models in ensuring each player in his/her team complies with the following, both on and off the field

- ❖ To be fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its junior players and the game of cricket in general.
- ❖ All players must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- ❖ All players must respect opponents
- ❖ Players must wear suitable kit for matches and practice sessions, as instructed
- ❖ Foul and/or abusive language on or off the field is unacceptable
- ❖ Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and/or deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions are unacceptable
- ❖ Players are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol on the pitch at any time
- ❖ Players are not allowed to take drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club
- ❖ It is expected that teams will do their utmost to win but the highest standards of sportsmanship in keeping with the spirit of the game should be displayed
- ❖ It is a requirement that all players under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet when batting or keeping wicket standing up.
There shall be no exception to this rule.
- ❖ Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- ❖ Not provide Young People with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club
- ❖ Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued
- ❖ Report any concerns in relation to a Young Person, following the reporting procedures laid down by the ECB