

PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL TROPHY - RULES AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 1) Except where modified by these Rules, all matches shall be played in accordance with the latest MCC Laws of Cricket, and applicable ESCA rules for the East League. In particular, East League Rules regarding player eligibility will apply.
- 2) The Competitions shall be under the control of the ESCA Competitions subcommittee, which shall have the power to levy an entry fee, administer the competition, award prizes to successful teams and individuals and amend these Rules as it sees fit.
- 3) The competition shall be organised on a knock-out basis with the draw made by the Competitions sub-committee. If byes are appropriate given the number of teams entering the Competition, these shall be awarded in order of clubs highest East League team's finishing position in the previous year's League competition. No club may enter more than 1 team in the competition.
- 4) Matches shall generally be played on a Sunday, but may exceptionally be played on any other day by agreement between the sides concerned. When the draw is published, a list of dates for the completion of each round shall also be published. All matches must be played on or before these dates.
- 5) The side listed first in the draw shall be the home side, and shall have the choice of ground. The home side must contact the away side at the earliest possible date, and offer as many dates as possible for the match to be played - the away side shall have the choice of dates. The final shall be played at a neutral venue, on a date to be determined by the Competitions sub-committee. Matches shall normally start at 1pm, but clubs may agree to vary this on an individual basis.
- 6) Player eligibility and registration requirements will apply as in the East League. **In addition, no player, whether senior or junior, who has played more than 3 games in the CSL (including Scottish Cup) in the 12 months prior to the date of the game shall be eligible to play in any ESCA cup game, without special and very exceptional permission from the Competitions Sub-Committee.** For a club whose 1st XI has been promoted to the **CSL**, no player, whether senior or junior, who has played more than 3 ESCA league games for that 1st XI in the previous 12 months prior to the date of the game shall be eligible to play in any ESCA cup match. **For a club whose 1st XI has been relegated to ESCA from the CSL, rule 6 will not apply in terms of CSL and Scottish Cup matches.**
- 7) No player registered with any league in Scotland as an overseas player, professional, or overseas amateur, shall be eligible to play in the competition
- 8) Matches shall be of one innings per side, and each innings shall be limited to no more than **40 overs**. No bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the overs in an innings.
- 9) The side scoring more runs shall win the game. If the scores are equal, the side losing fewer wickets shall win the game. If this does not separate the teams, a bowlout under the provisions of Rule 12 below shall be used to determine a winner.
- 10) It is the responsibility of the home side to inform the Competition Convener of the date arranged for the playing of each tie. The winners of each match should inform the Competition Convener of the result within twenty-four hours, preferably by email.
- 11) If conditions of ground, weather or light result in a delayed start, captains and umpires may agree to reduce the number of overs to be played, subject to a minimum of 20 overs per innings. If a match in progress is interrupted due to ground, weather or light and not resumed after 20 overs or more of the second innings have been

completed, the winner shall be determined on run-rate. If fewer than 20 overs of the second innings have been completed, the match shall be replayed where possible, failing which a bowl-out shall be held to determine the winners. If a bowl out is not possible, the winners shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

12) Where a bowl out is prescribed, 5 bowlers from each side shall bowl 2 deliveries at a full set of stumps and bails alternately (eg, Bowler 1 from side A bowls 2 balls, Bowler 1 from side B bowls 2 balls, Bowler 2 from side A bowls 2 balls etc.). A hit shall be scored when a fair ball (not a no-ball) puts the wicket down as defined in the Laws. The winning side shall be the team with most hits from their 10 balls.

If after 10 balls per side the total of hits is equal, the same 5 bowlers shall repeat the process, bowling one ball only instead of two. The first team that leads when both sides have bowled the same number of balls shall be the winner.

13) Wherever possible, umpires shall be appointed by the East of Scotland Umpire's Association. The home side shall be responsible for the umpire's fees, which shall be £20 per game, plus travelling expenses of 20p per mile. Where only one umpire is appointed by the East of Scotland Umpire's Association, they shall stand at the bowler's end throughout, and the teams in conjunction shall assign someone to act as striker's end umpire.

Where umpires are not appointed by the East of Scotland Umpire's Association, each side shall have the right to appoint an umpire to stand at one end throughout the match. There shall be no right of objection to the appointment of any individual as an umpire.

Umpires are instructed to apply a consistent interpretation of the **Wide Ball** law, such that every delivery may be hit with the bat by means of a normal cricket stroke. **The strict "one-day" interpretation shall not apply.**

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