

Item 1 – Proposal to adopt new set of cup rules from 2024 season as below – changes indicated by colour coded text.

Notes:-

1/ Proposals to be voted on-block

2/ Changes based upon feedback from clubs following consultation.

RULES FOR THE HAMER / RAMSBOTTOM & LAWRENSON CUPS

11. Rounds prior to the Final shall be concluded on the day designated for the tie to begin, or in the case of adverse weather on the reserve date. If play is not possible due to ground conditions or inclement weather following the designated reserve date, a result shall be obtained by a bowl out or toss of a coin. a) Should the tie reach the end of the first innings, the teams have the option of returning on successive weekday evenings until the following Friday, at which time a result must be obtained. If the Captains disagree about continuing on successive weekday evenings a decision will be left to the Umpires whose decision will be final. This should be discussed between the Captains and Umpires and a decision made prior to the toss.

NB: In the First Round of the Ramsbottom Cup the above will not apply and there will be no reserve date. In ties in this round a result must be obtained on the day designated and the provisions of sub-sections A & B below will apply.

In Rounds prior to the Final, on the Reserve date if no play took place on the designated date or the first innings was not completed, the following will apply;;

A/ If no reduction in overs is agreed and a match commences as a full 40 over game normal league D/L rules will apply EXCEPT the first 15 minutes of lost time in the first innings will be ignored in relation to the reduction of overs, and the count back time for overs remaining to be bowled if time lost in the second innings will be 7.25pm.

If overs are lost at the start of play no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the agreed overs.

NB:- There will be no reductions in bowlers allocations after play has commenced.

Or:

B/ At the commencement of the game, with the agreement of both captains, a reduction in overs, after taking into account weather conditions, forecast, and likely playing time available may be agreed, with a minimum of 20 overs a side being played (Unless a result has already been achieved). In this case no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the agreed overs. Any incomplete games will be 'No Result'.

Any games ending as a 'No Result' will then be decided by a bowl out as below.

13. If a Final commences on the Sunday designate but if not completed it shall be continued on the next available Sunday following. Should the first innings not have been completed on the first Sunday designated, the match shall be started afresh on the second Sunday ~~and if not completed shall continue on successive weekday evenings. FINAL If a Final does not commence on the Sunday designated or does not reach the conclusion of the first innings it shall be played on the next available Sunday following and thereafter as decided by the League Executive Committee. Should the first innings not have been completed on the first Sunday designated, the match shall be started afresh on the second Sunday~~ and a result obtained by DL in the method described in rule 11 sections A & B. ~~and if not completed shall continue on successive weekday evenings. If the Final is not completed on the first Sunday but has reached at least the conclusion of the first innings, it shall be completed on succeeding evenings. If no~~ result is still not obtained at the conclusion of the next available Sunday, a ball-out will not apply and the League Executive Committee will determine the outcome dependent upon availability of alternative dates.

14. If the scores are level, the side which has lost the fewer wickets shall be the winner. If the sides are still equal, the side which has scored its runs in fewer balls shall be the winner. Should the sides still be equal, the match shall be decided by a ~~bowl out in accordance with Rule 11 above.~~ 'Super Over' as follows:-

A toss will be made for which side bats first.

The bowling side will have the choice of which end the over is bowled from.

A side losing two wickets will be deemed to be 'all out'

If at the end of the 'Super Over' the scores are level, the side which has lost the fewer wickets shall be the winner. If the sides are still equal, the side which has scored its runs in fewer balls shall be the winner. Should the sides still be equal, the match shall be decided by a bowl out in accordance with rule 12 above.

17. On the first day of any Cup match Umpires shall be paid expenses in accordance with Rule 15 Para. 9. On each subsequent day the Umpires shall have their travelling expenses reimbursed at a rate of 45p per mile.

20. (New Rule) - Once play has commenced in a Hamer/Ramsbottom/Lawrenson Cup match and play is abandoned for the day due to weather etc, a team finding itself in a position in which it considers it cannot win the match, may concede the fixture to the opposing team on the scheduled day rather than continue the match on an alternative day(Reserve Date). Otherwise, the match must be continued on an alternative day as set out in the League Rules. It shall be a disciplinary offence for a team to fail to fulfil, or refuse to play, the fixture on the specified alternative day(Reserve Date), unless as above the match was conceded on the scheduled day. The disciplinary sanctions applicable to such an offence shall include, but not be limited to, expulsion from the relevant cup competition for a minimum of one season.

Item 2 – Proposal to amend the 20/20 rules from 2024 season as below – changes indicated by colour coded text.

Notes:-

1/ Proposals to be voted item for item

RULES FOR THE T20

10. Rearranged Targets

The target score to be recalculated as per **Play-Cricket** League rules, subject to the minimum ten over rule.

11. Incoming Batsman

At the fall of a wicket the incoming batsman will have one and a half minutes from the fall of the wicket to reach the crease and take guard, if failing to do so they may, upon a appeal by the bowling side, be dismissed by being 'timed out'.

12. National Representation

The NWCL nomination as their representative in the ECB National 20/20 Competition will be the winners of that seasons League 20/20 Competition.

If for any reason our 20/20 winners are unable to represent the League or that the League 20/20 Competition has not been completed in time for a winner to be identified, the League Executive will decide upon our nomination for that season.

Item 3 – League Rules Proposals Carried Over From AGM

Notes:-

1/ Proposals to be voted item for item

10 (21) – Replace existing sub-section with :-

"If at the point of resumption time does not allow for a full 20 overs to be bowled in the second innings play may still recommence to allow either team the opportunity to achieve a result by either passing the full first innings total or by bowling out the opposition. A team wishing to take up this option must inform the umpire(s). The other

captain can then not then take up the option. Having taken the option the team will then lose the match if they fail to overtake the target or fail to dismiss the opposition and their opponents will receive full points, unless the match ends in a tie in which case the prevailing points allocation will apply."

Proposed by:- Lostock CC Seconded by Little Lever CC

12 (9) – Replace existing sub-section with :-

It is mandatory for all captains to submit a Captains Report Form on the umpires(s) officiating the game (league cup and T20) to reach the Umpires Secretary no later than four days after the match. In the absence of a report the team will be deducted one point that week and every subsequent week it is late.

Proposed by:- Umpires – Seconded by - Farnworth Social Circle CC

15 (7) – Replace existing sub-section with :-

These shall be paid, one umpire per club (home & away team) before the end of the tea interval, in the event of only having one umpire, the monies owed to this umpire shall be paid by the home side only.

Proposed by:- Fenscowles - Seconded by Brinscall