

NORTH ESSEX CRICKET LEAGUE

T20 COMPETITION RULES 2016

1. Each team in the T20 competition will play the others once on a date and at a time to be mutually agreed and notified to the League Executive Committee by a date specified by the League. The League will determine which is to be the home side and which the away side.
2. Clubs may rearrange a fixture (by mutual consent) where the match was unable to be played on the date originally agreed due to inclement weather or ground conditions, save that any such rearranged fixture must be played no later than Sunday 14 August 2016.
3. If a fixture is rearranged as aforesaid, both clubs must notify the Results Secretary by e-mail of the new date within 48 hours of the rearrangement.
4. The winning team will be awarded 2 points. In the event of a tie, each team will be awarded one point.
5. If a game is not played for any reason other than the inability of a club to raise a team, and is not rearranged, each team will be awarded one point.
6. If a club is unable to raise a side and concedes a match, their opponents will be treated as the winning side and awarded 2 points.
7. At the conclusion of the league stage of the competition, the top four teams will go forward to a Finals Day (two semi-finals and a final) on Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2016 at a venue to be notified.¹
8. In the event of two teams having the same number of points, the team with the higher net run-rate over the league stage of the competition will be placed higher.
9. In the semi-finals, the matches will be: 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd.
10. In all matches each innings will comprise 20 overs.
11. No bowler may bowl more than 4 overs in any match.
12. Fielding restrictions: A 30 yards fielding circle shall be clearly marked by the home side. At all times at least four fielders (in addition to the bowler and wicket-keeper) must be within the circle when the bowler delivers the ball. In addition, 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. In the event of any infringement of this rule, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call 'no ball.'
13. The delivery after a no-ball (for whatever reason) shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.
14. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery for any reason (any kind of no ball or a wide), the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.
15. 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 a wide ball.
16. Wides: Any offside or legside delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. For guidance purposes, a legside wide shall be called if the ball passes on the legside outside the pads of the batsman standing in a normal guard position.
17. Players in the T20: A player may play for a club in the T20 competition and for a different club in the 40 overs league competition. Rule 30 of the League Rules is amended to that extent.
18. Subject as aforesaid (or as modified by necessary implication) the Laws of Cricket and the League Rules shall apply to the T20 competition.

¹ TBC but provisionally fixed at Mistley CC.