

# ANTALIS SENIOR CUP 2008

Antalis Limited, one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of stationery in Ireland, are pleased to be associated with the Leinster Cricket Union in sponsoring the Senior Cup competition. The Antalis Cup is the premier knockout competition in Leinster Cricket.

## General Regulations

Note that the most recent Code of the Laws of Cricket will be fully applicable to this competition except to the extent that matters are otherwise specifically dealt with below.

### 1 Scorers

- 1.1 At the same time as teams are nominated to the umpires for the match, each team must inform the umpires who the designated scorer is for the match. That scorer must be present for the entire game. It is permitted to designate two scorers, who between them must be in place for the entire game.
- 1.2 If this regulation is breached the umpires will record that fact on the result sheet and the matter will be referred to the Senior Competitions Committee who will seek an explanation from the club(s) concerned.
- 1.3 If no explanation is provided, or if the Senior Competitions Committee is not satisfied with an explanation, the team will have a penalty imposed.
- 1.4 Any club(s) who have been imposed with a penalty under 1.3 above, shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee but the onus shall be on the club(s) to show that there were genuine reasons why the penalty should not apply.
- 1.5 In the event of a match being carried over to a subsequent evening it shall be permissible for a team to have as a scorer on subsequent evenings, a scorer who has not been the original designated scorer. However, a team shall be required to have a scorer for each evening that the match continues, at the time that the match recommences, otherwise the provisions of this Regulation 1 shall apply.

### 2 Wide deliveries

Law 25 Wide Ball - judging a wide

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to Law 25.1 in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.

As a guide, if the ball passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a "normal cricket stroke" both from where he is standing and from where he should normally be standing at the crease, the umpire should call and signal Wide. This will not apply if the batsman makes contact with the ball.

### 3 No-balls

Law 42.6 The Bowling of short-pitched balls. In addition to the provisions of Law 42.6 the following will apply:

"If the ball passes, or would have passed, above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No-ball irrespective of the pace at which the ball is delivered."

### 4 Umpires

The umpires shall be the sole arbiters as to whether the pitch is playable and/or the suitability of, ground, weather and light. Umpires should liaise vigilantly with the scorers in recording time lost and the number of overs bowled at any time during the match. Scorers are required to mark the score at the end of each over of each innings.

Cancelling of matches: No match may be called off, irrespective of weather conditions, before

the official starting time except with the agreement of the officially appointed umpires, at least one of whom shall have first inspected the pitch and determined that no play would be possible on that day. The umpires shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not taking into account the ground authority's view.

The toss shall be made not sooner than 30 minutes and not later than 15 minutes before the commencement of play. Umpires shall move to the wicket 5 minutes before play is due to commence. The fielding side and opening batsmen shall take the field immediately after the umpires to ensure a prompt start to the game.

If official umpires are not present 30 minutes before the official starting time then the responsibility falls on both captains who must agree on the appointment of umpires to ensure a prompt start to a match. Umpires may be selected from participating players or spectators. If subsequently official umpire(s) arrive, then they may, if both teams agree, take over for the remainder of the match.

## **5 Wicket covers**

Once play has commenced and is interrupted by weather then wicket covers must be provided.

Where practicable, wicket covers must also be used prior to a senior match if the weather necessitates same.

The home club is primarily responsible for ensuring the wicket is covered as quickly as possible when required.

## **6 Returns of result sheets, grading forms and ground reports**

6.1 Results sheets for all matches must be completed and sent immediately to G. Byrne, 56 Carrickbrennan Lawn, Monkstown, Co. Dublin (or by fax to 01 2809932 or by email, if available, to byrneegy@iol.ie) by the captain of the home team. Sheets must arrive within 7 days of the date of the game. Otherwise, the Senior Competitions Committee will be advised and the home team may be penalised unless the club can establish, to that committee's satisfaction, that the delay was caused by exceptional circumstances. Any such penalty is subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Committee.

6.2 Umpire grading forms for each match must be forwarded by both captains to Martin Russell, 75 Mourne View, Skerries, Co Dublin, martinrussell111@hotmail.com. Forms must arrive within 7 days of the date of the game. Otherwise, the Senior Competitions Committee will be advised and the team whose report has not been received may have a penalty imposed unless the club can establish, to that committee's satisfaction, that the delay was caused by exceptional circumstances. Any such deduction is subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Committee.

## **7 Sanctions**

The Senior Competitions Committee may impose penalties as it sees fit for a breach of any of the Senior Competitions Regulations or of any of the General Playing Regulations relating to a match or matches in a senior competition.

8 Any matter arising that is not covered in these regulations, shall be ruled on by the Senior Competitions Committee. If an issue arises during the course of a match which requires an immediate determination, the decision shall be made by the umpires.

## **9 Penalty runs**

In any match where no official umpire is officiating Penalty Runs shall not be awarded, except as may result from the application of Laws 41.2, 41.3 and 2.6, unless both teams agree otherwise.

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## **10. Safety regulations**

Attention is particularly drawn to Safety Regulations as printed in the General Regulations. These will be strictly applied by the umpires in all senior matches.

## Specific Regulations

11. Senior Cup matches to be a maximum of 60 overs per side with a maximum of 12 overs per bowler.

### 11.1 Restriction on placement of fieldsmen

At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the bowler and wicket-keeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by 2 parallel lines on each side of the pitch. This area shall be known as the fielding circle. In the event of an infringement, the striker's end umpire shall call No-ball.

The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at five-yard intervals. Each dot must be covered by a white plastic or rubber disc seven inches in diameter.

For the first 18 overs of a match, a maximum of two fielders may at the instant of delivery be outside the fielding circle. In addition, at least two fielders (not including the wicketkeeper) must at the instant of delivery be stationary and in a close catching position. A close catching position is one which is within 15 yards of the centre of the striker's popping crease, although fielders in an orthodox slip or leg slip position may stand deeper than 15 yards from the popping crease. It will not be necessary for circles indicating this 15 yard area to be marked but, to assist the umpires, dots should be placed 15 yards from the line of middle stump on the popping creases either side of the stumps, and 11.5 yards from and at right angles to the line of middle stump either side of the middle of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the striker's end umpire shall call and signal No-ball.

### 11.2 No-balls and free hits.

A no-ball called for a foot fault shall be followed by a free hit, i.e. a ball off which the batsman cannot be out in the same way as if such ball itself was a no-ball. The free hit ball shall count as a delivery in the over. The fielding side may amend the field for the free hit subject to the rules regarding field placing applicable to this competition. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (i.e. any kind of no-ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit and shall be subject to the conditions of this clause.

12. Hours - match to commence at 11.00am with lunch (40 minutes) at 1.00pm and tea (30 minutes) at 5.15pm. Intervals may be changed by agreement of the teams in the event of rain-affected matches. Any amendment of the lunch interval must be in consultation with the home team caterers.
13. If no start is possible due to weather, the match will be played starting on the following week night. However, if all clubs involved on the proposed alternative date agree, the Cup game can be played on such other date as the two clubs involved shall agree on the original date of the match (provided such alternative date is not later than the Tuesday preceding the scheduled date for the next round) with original hours as in 2.
14. If the game is started and is not completed, the match will continue on the next following week night. If the clubs agree - without cancelling any other match - the cup game may continue on the Sunday, or on a week day agreed by the clubs. Hours of play to be agreed according to the state of play when interrupted.
15. When a game is not completed on the Saturday and play is not resumed until later than the Monday of the following week the wicket may be cut and rolled for a period not exceeding 7 minutes on each day of the intervening period. On the day play is to resume the cutting and rolling must be done under the supervision of the umpires.
16. In the event of a tie the match will be awarded to the side which loses the least number of wickets. If the number of wickets are equal, in rounds other than the final, the match will be replayed on the reverse ground on or before the subsequent weekend and will take priority

over league games. In the event of the scores being equal in the final, and if the number of

wickets are equal, the match will be replayed on a date and at a venue determined by the Union.

#### **17. Regulations for cup final**

In a weather-interrupted match the following regulations shall apply:

- (a) If more than 30 and less than 90 of the 120 overs have been bowled, play will resume on the Sunday at 2.00pm.
- (b) If 30 or less overs remain to be bowled, play will resume on the Monday evening at 6.00pm and continue on subsequent weekday evenings if necessary.
- (c) In the event of less than 30 overs being bowled on the Saturday play will commence at 11.00am on the Sunday morning. The cup final shall take precedence over any other league games which may have been arranged for the Sunday.

In the event of circumstances other than those covered by the above regulations arising the Union officers shall decide on what action is necessary to ensure the early completion of the cup final.

Just to check is the start time for Cup Final is the same as for earlier rounds (see regulation 12)