

WOMENS PILKINGTON 50 - OVER LEAGUE (2009)

- 1 The Womens Committee shall determine the structure of the League each year and their ruling on all matters shall be final.
- 2 All clubs affiliated to the Union shall be entitled to enter the League. The winning team shall hold the Pilkington Plate for the year.
- 3 Teams shall play each other once
- 4 In a match where the side batting first are not all out Twenty Overs must be completed in the 1st Innings for a game to be official. If rain interrupts after the 20th over the game must be continued on the next available date, with the same team. If less than twenty overs are complete then a complete refix can be arranged.
- 5 Each club must register its players for the competition before the commencement of the competition.
- 6 Matches shall begin on time. Any team failing to take the field 15 minutes after the agreed starting time shall forfeit the points of that match.
- 7 Each innings shall consist of a maximum of 50 overs; the team making the most runs shall win the match. In the event of runs scored being equal the side losing fewer wickets shall win the match. If both runs and wickets lost are equal the game is tied. The team batting second shall not be allowed to use up unused overs belonging to the team batting first. No bowler shall bowl more than 10 overs.
- 8 A front foot No-Ball 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.
- 9 At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side. In addition a minimum of four fielders (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.
- 10 For 20 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 For the 20 overs fielding restriction described in regulation 10 the first 10 overs of an innings shall have restricted fielding conditions as in regulation 10. The remaining 10 overs may be taken at the discretion of the fielding captain in 2 blocks of 5 at any time in the innings thereafter. Unless otherwise taken the remaining blocks of Fielding Restricted Overs will automatically commence at the latest available point in the innings (i.e. at the start of the 41st and 46th overs).
- 12 Inability to field a side due to lack of players is not sufficient reason for cancellation of a fixed match. Any team cancelling a match for this reason shall forfeit the points of said match.
- 13 Fixtures cannot be rearranged without the consent of the Womens Committee. The proposed date of any rearranged match must be confirmed to the Honorary Match Secretary within 3 days of the decision of the Womens Committee or the agreement of the two teams(whichever is the case).
- 14 The host team should notify the opposing Team Secretary 2 hours before scheduled commencement of play if it is known that a match is to be cancelled due to bad weather.
- 15 Official score cards MUST be returned to the Honorary Match Secretary within 7 days of the match or a deduction of 5 points will be made from the teams total.
- 16 Where possible experienced umpires and scorers shall officiate at matches. Complaints about umpiring should be brought to the attention of the Womens Committee who shall take appropriate action.
- 17 One day wides will be applicable to the competition.
- 18 Points shall be awarded as follows: 20 points for a win and 10 points for a tie. 1 Bonus point shall be awarded for every wicket taken and 1 bonus point for every 10 runs scored over 60 up to a maximum of 10 bonus points (i.e. 160 runs). If the side batting second wins chasing a total of less than 160, their batting points shall be one for every 10 runs over 60, or one for every wicket remaining, whichever is greater.
- 19 Both teams must bowl their 50 overs in less than 3 hours. If a team fails to do so they shall be penalised by subtracting the number of overs short-bowled from the actual number bowled in the 3 hours to determine the number of overs available to them while batting.
- 20 The two teams which accrue the highest percentage in the League shall contest a final. In the event of a tie the winners of the match between those sides shall decide.
- 21 Uniform for all matches shall consist of a white skirt or trousers, a white shirt with reverses, club or plain white v-neck sweater, white knee length socks and white footwear.
- 22 If a team withdraws from a league all completed matches will be declared null and void.
- 23 33 out of 40 points will be awarded in the case of a walkover being granted by the Branch.