

WOMENS CUP REGULATIONS (2009)

- 1 The Womens Committee shall determine the structure of the Cup(s) each year, and their ruling on all matters shall be final. The winning team(s) shall hold the Perpetual Challenge Cup(s) for the year.
- 2 The Competition(s) shall be run on a knockout basis.
- 3 Matches shall begin on time. Any team failing to take the field 15 minutes after the agreed starting time shall forfeit the match.
- 4 Prior to a clubs participation in any cup competition(s) it should send to the Hon. Match Secretary, in writing, a list of eleven players selected for each competition. Players so registered shall not be eligible to play for a lower team. An individual player shall be eligible to play for a higher team on one occasion before being cup tied, this to happen no matter what round the player plays in for the higher team.
- 5 If rain interrupts and prevents further play the match shall continue on the same ground on the next available date. If no play is possible the match must be refixed within 3 days and the date notified to the Hon. Match Secretary.
- 6 Clubs must submit revised lists, in writing to the Honorary Match Secretary, by the 20th of the month, to be come effective from the 1st day of the proceeding month. This list is then subject to ratification by the Womens Committee at its monthly meeting. Any player who has not been available to participate in a 20 or 50 over league match cannot play in a cup fixture without the prior permission of the Womens Committee.
- 7 Players shall be eligible to play for one club only.
- 8 Matches shall be 25 over a side. There shall be a restriction of 7 overs per bowler in all cup competitions.
- 9 One day wides will be applicable to the competition for the Senior Cup only.
- 10 A 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.
- 11 At the instant of delivery 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.
- 12 For the first 10 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.

- 13 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 match.
- 14 Fixtures cannot be rearranged without the consent of the Womens Committee. The proposed date of any rearranged match must be confirmed to the Hon. Match Secretary within 3 days of the decision of the Womens Committee or the agreement of the two teams(whichever is the case).
- 15 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.
- 16 Official score cards MUST be returned to the Honorary Match Secretary with 7 days of the match.
- 17 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.
- 18 Cup matches will take precedence over league fixtures
- 19 In the event of both sides scoring an equal number of runs, the match will be awarded to the side losing the least number of wickets. If in a round other than the final, the number of wickets are equal the match will be replayed on the reverse ground. If in the Final both runs and wickets are equal the match will be replayed on a date and at a venue decided by the Womens Committee.
- 20 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.