

GRAHAM CUP RULES

1. The cup shall be competed for annually on a knock-out basis. The Competitions Committee shall control the competition and shall appoint an Honorary Cup Secretary to organise it.
2. Any affiliated club or school may enter by applying in writing to the General Secretary on or before the 31st October for the following season.
3. All club players shall be registered in writing with the General Secretary before playing in the competition. No player shall play in the competition for more than one club in the same season. A player whose normal club has not entered may be specially registered by another club for this competition only, but only one specially registered player may play for a side in any match. Teams shall ensure that all their players are under 15 on 1st July in the year before competition. Any team using a player over the age limit shall be disqualified.
4. All matches shall be played on the dates published in the Fixture Book, the first-named team having choice of ground, except that:
 - (a) if both teams agree, a match may be played on an earlier date; and
 - (b) a match not started owing to rain or other unavoidable cause shall be played on the following Friday (or earlier if both teams agree), the visiting team if it has travelled having choice of ground.

Any match not started by the Friday following that published in the Fixture Book shall be decided by a bowl-out (Five players from each side shall bowl at a set of unguarded stumps. If the scores are still level the bowl-out will continue with further bowlers bowling alternately until one side has scored more hits than the other from the same number of bowls).

Any team failing to fulfil a match, except for a reason beyond its control, shall be deemed to have lost the match, and shall be fined £10.

5. Matches up to and including Semi-Finals may be played as afternoon or two-night matches. Afternoon matches shall start no later than 5.00 p.m., and two-night matches no later than 7.00 p.m.
6. All matches shall consist of one innings per side and each innings shall be a maximum of 35 overs. The maximum number of overs may be reduced if both clubs agree and no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the agreed number of overs. The team which scores the greater number of runs shall be the winner.

In a tied match, the winner shall be the team losing fewer wickets.

7. The pitch, wicket and ball used shall be the dimension specified in the laws of cricket for adult cricket (i.e. pitch 22 yards; ball 5.5 ozs; stumps 28 inches).
8. If any match, other than the Final, starts but is not completed on the day(s) arranged it shall be continued on the next and each succeeding weekday (Saturday excepted) until a result is reached. In such cases play shall start no later than 6.30 p.m.
9. The Honorary Match Secretary of **THE WINNING TEAM** shall notify the Honorary Cup Secretary of the result of every match within four days of the scheduled date of the match, using an official Result Form which shall be completed in full detail. Any club failing to do so shall be fined £5.
10. In matches other than the Semi-Finals and Final a responsible official of each team shall act as Umpire. In the Semi-Finals and Final official Umpires shall be appointed.
11. The Final shall be played as an afternoon match on a ground decided by the Competitions Committee, the starting time and continuation arrangements being as specified by the Honorary Cup Secretary.