



Vitality Women's Club T20 Cup & Plate

Competition Rules

This competition will use the Generic 20 overs per side Playing Conditions.

1 Title

The title of the competition will be the Vitality National Women's Club T20 KO Cup & Plate.

2 Management of Competition

- 2.1 The control of the Competition shall be undertaken by the P&G Advisory Group and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 2.2 The ECB and P&G Advisory Group may delegate any of their powers and duties.

3 Entry

- 3.1 Entry into the Competitions shall be open to all clubs which are affiliated to the ECB through their County Cricket Board.
- 3.2 A club may enter one team, if short of players local clubs are encouraged to join together to form a team, (see point 5.2) the club name will be that for which the majority of players play for. Players are only eligible to play for one team i.e. they must not play for another club in later rounds.

4 Competition Structure

- 4.1 ECB shall split clubs entering both competitions into regional groups for initial rounds which shall be organised as a straight knockout format, the losers of the first round matches will go forward to the Plate Competition to join those clubs which have directly entered the Plate.
- 4.2 Both the Cup & Plate will culminate in Regional Finals. The winner of each Regional Final will progress to the National Semi-Finals and a Finals Day which will be organised by the ECB.

4.2.1 Cup Fixture dates for the 2021 season have been set as:

Preliminary Round	Sunday 25th April
Round 1	Monday 3rd May
Round 2	Sunday 23rd May
Round 3	Sunday 6th June
Regional Final	Sunday 27th June
National Semi Finals	Sunday 11th July
National Final	Sunday 1st August

4.2.2 Plate Fixture dates for the 2021 season have been set as:

Preliminary Round	Sunday 16th May
Round 1	Sunday 23rd May
Round 2	Sunday 6th June
Regional Final	Sunday 27th June
National Semi Finals	Sunday 11th July
National Final	Sunday 1st August

- 4.2.3 The dates of the fixtures have been predetermined and uploaded onto the Play-Cricket website. It is the responsibility of the host Club to inform all visiting Clubs the venue & starting time details and ensure that this information is uploaded onto the Play-Cricket website.

5 Qualification & Registration of Players

- 5.1 A player may only represent one club in each of the competitions, there is no age limit.
- 5.2 A maximum of 4 guest players from one locally named club will be eligible to play, these 4 players must be confirmed in writing to Sue Laister, Competitions Officer (sue.laister@ecb.co.uk) no later than five days prior to the first match in the competition. For reasons of clarity these named 4 players are not able to be changed during the competition.
- 5.3 All players must be fully paid up members of the club they are representing or of the club that they would normally play league cricket for.
- 5.4 Each team may have a squad of up to 12 players, no more than 11 players can bat or be on the field at any time.

All players must be nominated to the umpires in writing before the toss is made. There is no requirement to nominate which 11 players will bat. Any replacement/ substitution of a member of the fielding side can only be made with the approval of the umpires and only at the end of an over, the fall of a wicket or during an interval. Once a player has taken the field they can play a full part in the match, subject to the provisions of Law 17.6 (Bowler changing ends).

6 Cricket Balls

ECB will provide Pink Tiflex balls for all rounds of the competition, 2 balls will be sent to the home team to the address provided by the club.

7 Clothing & Sightscreens

- 7.1 All players are encouraged to wear coloured clothing although this is not mandatory, all players must wear the same kit.
- 7.2 As a pink ball is being used white or black sight screens can be used.

8 Helmets and Faceguards

Any player under the age of 18 playing in any ECB Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive.

9 Umpires

- 9.1 For all rounds with the exception of the Regional Group Finals, National Semi Finals and Finals (of both the Cup and Plate), each team shall be responsible for providing an umpire for each match, this could be done by an internal member of the club who should be a competent umpire or should the teams involved in a match wish to use independent umpires, the home team should contact their County ACO.

9.2 For the Regional Group Finals, National Semi Finals and Finals the ECB will appoint the umpires, each team must provide their own scorer throughout the competition.

10 **Scorers**

Each team shall provide their own competent, non-playing scorer in all matches. If a team fails to provide a scorer a player has to be nominated from the team to take up the duty for the entire duration of the match.

The use of live electronic scoring is strongly encouraged for all matches.

11 **Team Sheets**

Each side must provide the umpires with a team sheet before the start of the match identifying any player who has not reached the age of 18 on the date of the match and showing the specific age group of any player who is in the Under 19 age group or younger. It is recommended that the ECB Team Sheet card (available from the local County Board) is used whenever possible.

12 **Match Results**

It is the responsibility of the WINNING side to enter the result and full scorecard details onto the Play-Cricket website within 24 hours of the conclusion of each Round of the competition.

13 **Code of Conduct**

All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.

14 **Coaching**

Coaching shall not be permitted from the sidelines during a match. In such an event, the umpire shall request the coach/manager/parent/spectator to stop. If this persists, the umpire shall have the power to warn the offending team captain and manager that the matter will be reported to the ECB.