

VITALITY IT20 AND T20 TOUR MATCHES

VARIATIONS FROM ICC



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ICC Men's Twenty20 Playing Conditions shall apply with the following variations:

2 THE UMPIRES

2.1 Appointment and attendance

2.1.4 Umpires for T20 tour matches shall be appointed from the ECB Professional Umpire Team.

2.8 Suspension of play in dangerous or unreasonable circumstances

2.8.5 In T20 tour matches, ECB shall provide Umpires with lightmeters.

2.8.6 Use of artificial lights

Shall apply with the addition of the following:

In Day/Night Matches, the default is that the floodlights will be turned on for the duration of the game. However, Umpires shall delay switching on the floodlights if natural light is such that floodlights are not required.

4 THE BALL

4.2 Approval and control of balls

4.2.1 shall be replaced by the following:

The ECB (home authority in the case of T20 tour matches) shall provide cricket balls of an approved standard for T20I cricket and spare used balls for changing during a match which shall also be of the same brand. Grade 1 white balls manufactured by Kookaburra shall be used. Note: The Home Board shall be required to advise the Visiting Boards of the brand of ball to be used in the match(es) at least 30 days prior to the start of the match(es).

7 THE CREASES

7.3 The Popping Crease

This playing condition as it requires an extension to the popping crease shall only apply in T20 tour matches if the match is televised.

10 COVERING THE PITCH

10.2 During the match

Shall be replaced by the following:

The pitch shall be entirely protected against rain up to the commencement of play and for the duration of the period of the match.

The covers must totally protect the pitch and also the pitch surroundings, to a minimum 5 metres (20 feet in T20 tour matches) either side of the pitch and any worn or soft areas in the outfield.

The bowler’s run-ups shall be covered during inclement weather, in order to keep them dry, to a distance of at least 10 x 10 metres (10 x 4 yards in T20 tour matches).

11 INTERVALS

11.5 Intervals for drinks

Intervals for drinks shall be taken.

12 START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY

12.7 Hours of Play; Minimum Overs Requirement

To be determined by the Home Board subject to there being 2 sessions of 1 hour 25 minutes each, separated by a 20 minute interval between innings.

Scheduled start times are as follows:

Date	Duration	Home	Away	Venue	Comp	Start	Extra Time
Wednesday, July 01, 2026	1 day	England Men	India Men	Banks Homes Riverside	MIT20	17:30	30 mins
Saturday, July 04, 2026	1 day	England Men	India Men	Emirates Old Trafford	MIT20	14:30	60 mins
Tuesday, July 07, 2026	1 day	England Men	India Men	Trent Bridge	MIT20	17:30	30 mins
Thursday, July 09, 2026	1 day	England Men	India Men	The Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol	MIT20	17:30	30 mins
Saturday, July 11, 2026	1 day	England Men	India Men	Utilita Bowl	MIT20	14:30	60 mins
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	1 day	England Men	Sri Lanka Men	Utilita Bowl	MIT20	18:30	30 mins
Thursday, September 17, 2026	1 day	England Men	Sri Lanka Men	Sophia Gardens	MIT20	18:30	30 mins
Saturday, September 19, 2026	1 day	England Men	Sri Lanka Men	Emirates Old Trafford	MIT20	18:30	60 mins
Friday, September 11, 2026	1 day	England Lions	Sri Lanka Men	Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford	TOM T20	18:30	30 mins
Sunday, September 13, 2026	1 day	England Lions	Sri Lanka Men	The County Ground, Beckenham	TOM T20	14:30	30 mins

13 INNINGS

13.7 Length of Innings

13.7.1.5, 13.7.2.1.6 and 13.7.2.2.7 (Penalties for slow over-rates) shall not apply in T20 Tour Matches.

13.7.3 Extra Time

Provision has been made for up 30 or 60 minutes of extra official playing time to make up for playing time lost as detailed above.

16 THE RESULT

16.11 Vitality IT20 Series

In the Vitality IT20 Series, the team that wins the most matches shall be deemed the winner of the series. In the event of both teams winning the same number of matches, the series shall be deemed drawn.

APPENDIX D

Decision Review System (DRS) and Third Umpire Protocol

Shall only apply if the match is televised.