

**VITALITY WOMEN'S IT20 &
T20 TOUR MATCHES
VARIATIONS FROM ICC**



**England and Wales Cricket Board, Lord's Cricket Ground
St John's Wood, London, NW8 8QZ
England**

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

1 THE PLAYERS

1.1 Number of players

For the ECB Development XI, the match may be played between two sides of fifteen nominated players of whom eleven may bat.

1.2.1 Nomination and replacement of players

For the ECB Development XI, each captain may nominate fifteen players in writing to the umpires.

2 THE UMPIRES

2.1 Appointment and attendance

2.1.2 Umpires for the women's T20 tour matches shall be appointed from the ECB Professional Umpires' 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 where floodlights are available they 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 15 minutes each, separated by a 15 minute interval between innings.

Scheduled start times are as follows:

Date	Home	Away	Venue	Comp	Start	Extra Time
Wednesday, May 20, 2026	England Women	New Zealand Women	The Central Co-op County Ground, Derby	WIT20	18:30	30 mins
Saturday, May 23, 2026	England Women	New Zealand Women	St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury	WIT20	14:30	60 mins
Monday, May 25, 2026	ECB Women's Development XI	India Women	Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford	TOM T20	14:30	60 mins
Monday, May 25, 2026	England Women	New Zealand Women	The 1st Central County Ground, Hove	WIT20	14:30	60 mins
Thursday, May 28, 2026	England Women	India Women	Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford	WIT20	18:30	30 mins
Saturday, May 30, 2026	England Women	India Women	The Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol	WIT20	14:30	60 mins
Tuesday, June 02, 2026	England Women	India Women	The Cooper Associates County Ground	WIT20	18:30	30 mins
Saturday, June 20, 2026	England Women 'A'	India Women 'A'	The County Ground Northampton	TOM T20	14:30	60 mins
Tuesday, June 23, 2026	England Women 'A'	India Women 'A'	The County Ground Northampton	TOM T20	18:30	30 mins
Thursday, June 25, 2026	England Women 'A'	India Women 'A'	Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford	TOM T20	18:30	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 to 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.