

**PLAYING CONDITIONS – PROFESSIONAL COUNTY CLUBS SECOND XI T20**



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

The Playing Conditions for Vitality Blast Men's Competition matches, as varied below, apply to the Professional County Clubs Second XI T20 from the Effective Date.

**Effective Date** means 1 April 2026.

### **3 LAW 3 – THE SCORERS**

Vitality Blast Men's Competition Playing Condition 3.1 shall not apply.

### **6 LAW 6 – THE PITCH**

Vitality Blast Men's Competition Playing Condition 6.4 shall not apply.

### **9 LAW 9 – PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING AREA**

Vitality Blast Men's Competition Playing Condition 9.2 shall not apply. The ECB's Pitch Regulations shall apply as they refer to the Second XI T20 competition.

### **10 LAW 9 – COVERING THE PITCH**

Vitality Blast Men's Competition Playing Conditions 10.3.2(c) and 10.3.2(d) shall not apply.

### **12 LAW 12 – START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY**

12.1 The timing of the commencement of group matches and the allocation of extra time shall be agreed by the participating teams and approved by ECB.

12.2 Finals Day

12.2.1 The scheduled hours of play for Finals Day are:

First semi-final ..... 10.30am – 1.15pm

Second semi-final ..... 1.45pm – 4.30pm

Final ..... 5.00pm – 7.45pm

12.2.2 The Vitality Blast Men's Competition Playing Condition 12.2.2 is replaced by:

A Technical Committee will be appointed who will in conjunction with the umpires, determine the re-arrangement of overs and timings of matches in the case of any match being delayed or interrupted.

### **13 LAW 13 – INNINGS**

No reserve days are allocated to any group match or knockout match. There are no quarter-finals. Where two matches are played on the same day, 60 minutes of extra time is allocated to the first match. Any unused extra time shall be carried forward to the second match.

**16 LAW 16 – THE RESULT**

See Professional County Cricket Competition Regulations for details regarding the format of the competition.