

SWCA GENERAL MATCH RULES

1. All matches must be played under the Laws of the M.C.C. with the exceptions listed below and the mode of play as set out in the League Match and Cup Match Rules.
2. The Association will implement fully all ECB Playing Guidelines.
3. The award of penalty runs under Laws 41 and 42 and the application of the suspension and removal provisions of Law 42 shall not be permitted except in matches in which two league appointed umpires are officiating.
4. Players may wear coloured clothing in League and Cup matches provided that every player, including substitutes, must be similarly attired.
5. Responsibility for determining the fitness of the ground and conditions shall pass to League appointed umpires immediately upon the arrival of either of them, if more than one, at the ground.
6. Match Cancellations
 - a. In matches with no appointed umpires, either team believing that a cancellation is unreasonable may:
 - i. On match day inform the other team's secretary and the league secretary that the decision is challenged.
 - ii. At its own expense, request a league umpire to visit the ground to compile a report on its fitness and submit it to the Hon Secretary within 3 days of the match in question.
 - b. The Management Committee, after hearing from both clubs, shall determine what, if any, action is appropriate.

LEAGUE MATCH RULES

1. The Home side shall provide two new 1st XI approved balls, one for each innings in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of the league. In Divisions 4 and below, new 2nd XI approved balls may be used. In Division 4 and below, if new balls are not used, the Home team must provide two SWCA approved balls in good condition. In all matches, the visiting Captain shall choose which ball his team shall use to bowl.
2. Only official S.W.C.A. stamped balls as approved by the Management Committee are to be used.
3. Championship Structure
 - a. The Management Committee shall determine the structure of divisions for playing the Championship during each season. The structure will be a ladder system and will take into account the number of Clubs in membership of the Association not playing in the SWPCL and will be based as far as reasonably possible on the principle that each division should comprise ten Clubs.
 - b. Subject to 3(c) below there shall be promotion and relegation between the various divisions in accordance with the table annexed to these rules and the following provisions.
 - i. Should any team eligible for promotion belong to a Club which already has a team in the Division immediately above, that team shall not be promoted.

- ii. In the case of the lowest division, only one team from a club may be promoted to the division above in any year and sub-paragraph (i) above shall thereafter apply.
 - iii. Except in the case of the lowest two divisions should any team liable to relegation belong to a Club which already has a team in the Division immediately below, both teams shall be relegated.
 - iv. Relegation of a team to the lowest division shall not be prevented by the presence of another team or teams from the same club in that division.
 - v. In case of any dispute as to promotion and relegation, the Management Committee's decision shall be final.
- c. No Club may be promoted to a higher division unless it meets the standard required for that higher division as determined by the assessment of the Grounds Sub Committee in its routine assessments of all Clubs undertaken from time to time. The Management Committee may on giving not less than 6 months' notice expiring at the date of the Annual General Meeting from time to time impose or suspend a requirement that clubs hold and maintain a current ECB Clubmark Accreditation or its successor equivalent as a condition of being eligible to play in Division One in the following season.
- d. In addition to the routine assessments undertaken as in (c) above a Club may in any particular season require the Grounds Sub Committee to undertake a further assessment of its ground provided the request is made before the 31st July in that year.
- e. The Management Committee will issue a fixture list for every season to reflect the structure determined under 3(a) above. The venue specified in the fixture list may not be changed without the prior consent of the Management Committee.
- f. Subject to Appendix B Rule 5 [which relates to matches in Division 4 or below], all matches must be played on Saturdays unless in exceptional circumstances the Management Committee directs otherwise but in any event before 1st September in that year.
- g. The champion Club in each division each season will be the Club that scores the highest number of points in that season after deducting points as a consequence of penalties imposed on the Club during that season.
- h. When more than one Club in a division scores the same number of points the following, in order, shall determine which Club has the higher position: the Club winning the greater number of matches; or, if they are still equal, the Club losing the fewer number of matches; or, if they are still equal, the Club winning the greater number of bonus points; or, if they are still equal, the Club with the higher Net Run Rate, or, if they are still equal they shall be considered to have finished in an equal position in their division unless an issue of promotion or relegation arises, in which event the Management Committee will arrange a play off, such play offs being the only matches that may be played after 31st August in any year.
- i. Any Club may upon giving notice before 1st November request the Management Committee to admit further teams from that Club to the league. Any such team or teams shall be placed in the lowest division of the league. Clubs newly admitted to the league will have their team, or teams if more than one, placed in the lowest Division of the league. Clubs may, upon giving notice before 31st December, withdraw any of their teams from the League for the season next following. There shall be promotion and relegation in accordance with rule 3(b).
- j. The champion Club in each division will be presented with the trophy for the relevant division together with a sum of money to assist in the purchase of mementoes for the Club's players.
- k. All trophies presented as above may be retained by the relevant Club provided that

- i. the Club (in writing and signed by an appropriate official of the Club) accepts full responsibility for the trophy whilst in its possession, indemnifies the Association against its loss or damage, and undertakes to return it to the Secretary on or before 31st July of the following season.
 - ii. Failure to return a trophy by this date will result in a fine of £60.
 - iii. Winning clubs who fail to send a representative to the Annual Dinner will not be entitled to receive a sum of money for the purchase of mementoes. A player who has won a divisional award will not be entitled to receive it if he or a representative of his club does not attend the Annual Dinner to receive it.
4. Matches in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be played in accordance with the rules set out in Appendix A. Matches in Divisions 4 and below shall be played in accordance with the rules set out in Appendix B. Matches in the Cup and the Intermediate Cup shall be played in accordance with the rules set out in Appendix C.
5. Results
 - a. The Management Committee will prescribe from time to time the manner in which results and other match information must be reported to the Association and the deadline for submitting such reports. Failure to submit any report in the prescribed manner and by the deadline will incur a £5 fine
 - b. Each team shall appoint its own scorer.
 - c. In any match in which league umpires officiate, each Captain must submit an umpires marking report.
 - d. It is the duty of both umpires to agree the respective scores at the end of each innings with the scorers. The umpires must submit reports on the two teams and their captains and the pitch and any disciplinary reports and are responsible for checking the result reported by the home club
 - e. For each match the home club shall enter the scorecard on the Play-Cricket website by 6.00pm on the Monday following the match and the away club shall check it by 6.00pm on the Wednesday following the match.
6. Captains of Clubs failing to bowl their overs by the prescribed time must, if there are considered to be extenuating circumstances, submit a report to the Association in the manner and by the deadline from time to time prescribed by the management committee. Reports not submitted by the deadline will be disregarded.
7. In the event of a Club, without reasons acceptable to the Management Committee, failing to bowl their overs within the appropriate time points shall be deducted as follows:
 - a. First & Second overs - one point each.
 - b. Third & Fourth overs - two points each.
 - c. Fifth & Sixth overs - three points each and so on.
8. Any Club failing to fulfil a League engagement in any Division shall have points deducted equivalent to the maximum points for a win in their respective divisions and be fined £60 to be paid to the Association Treasurer by the date of the next Management Committee meeting after the fine has been imposed. If the offending club is the away side, the Treasurer will forward the £60 to the home club. If the offending club is the home side, the Treasurer will reimburse travelling costs to the away club, upon appeal to the Management Committee. In either case the non-offending club will be awarded the maximum number of points available. The Club breaking the engagement shall be liable to expulsion from the Association. At the discretion of the Management Committee Paragraph 9 of the Constitution shall then apply.

9. In the event of any Club disbanding or being disqualified from taking part in the competition, all matches such Club has played, no matter what the result has been, shall be considered void, and all matches such Club is engaged in shall be considered void, as League matches.

SWCA Time left/overs table @ 3.50 runs per over

Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs each - all matches	Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs each- Div 4 and below	Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs - each innings	Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs - each innings
350	5:50	50	210	3:30	30	175	2:55	50	87	1:27	25
343	5:43	49	203	3:23	29	171	2:51	49	84	1:24	24
336	5:36	48	196	3:16	28	168	2:48	48	80	1:20	23
329	5:29	47	189	3:09	27	164	2:44	47	77	1:17	22
322	5:22	46	182	3:02	26	161	2:41	46	73	1:13	21
315	5:15	45	175	2:55	25	157	2:37	45	70	1:10	20
308	5:08	44	168	2:48	24	154	2:34	44	66	1:06	19
301	5:01	43	161	2:41	23	150	2:30	43	63	1:03	18
294	4:54	42	154	2:34	22	147	2:27	42	59	00:59	17
287	4:47	41	147	2:27	21	143	2:23	41	56	00:56	16
280	4:40	40	140	2:20	20	140	2:20	40	52	00:52	15
273	4:33	39	133	2:13	19	136	2:16	39	49	00:49	14
266	4:26	38	126	2:06	18	133	2:13	38	45	00:45	13
259	4:19	37	119	1:59	17	129	2:09	37	42	00:42	12
252	4:12	36	112	1:52	16	126	2:06	36	38	00:38	11
245	4:05	35	105	1:45	15	122	2:02	35	35	00:35	10
238	3:58	34				119	1:59	34	31	00:31	9
231	3:51	33				115	1:55	33	28	00:28	8
224	3:44	32				112	1:52	32	24	00:24	7
217	3:37	31				108	1:48	31	21	00:21	6
210	3:30	30				105	1:45	30	17	00:17	5
						101	1:41	29	14	00:14	4
						98	1:38	28	10	00:10	3
						94	1:34	27	7	00:07	2
						91	1:31	26	4	00:04	1

APPENDIX A
MATCH RULES DIVISIONS 1 – 3

1. Starting Times.
 - a. Unless both teams agree otherwise, the scheduled hours of play shall be 1.00pm until 7.20pm. There shall be one interval of thirty minutes duration between innings, during which tea may be taken. If, because of interruption, tea has already been taken, the interval shall be ten minutes.
 - b. Matches may start at any time between 12.30pm and 1.30pm by agreement between the respective clubs provided that in the absence of agreement otherwise by 6.00pm on the Thursday preceding the match, the default start time of 1.00 pm shall apply. Such agreement shall be notified to the Honorary Assistant Secretary by e-mail by 6.00pm on the Thursday preceding the relevant match day and shall not thereafter be varied. In default of such agreement and notification, the hours of play shall be those specified in paragraph (a) above. Failure to comply with all the requirements of this rule will render the match null and void and no points will be awarded to either side.
 - c. The scheduled finishing time for a match shall be 6 hours 20 minutes after the agreed starting time.
2. A match shall not start until both sides have seven or more players present and ready to play. A team not having 7 or more players present 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match shall be deemed to have lost the toss.
3. If either club is not ready to commence at the time appointed in Rule 1, such club or clubs shall be liable to a fine of not less than £10.
4. A player (even if nominated on the Team Sheet) who fails to appear until after the first innings has been completed (whatever the duration of that innings) shall not be permitted to take part in the match other than to field.
5. The following restriction relating to the placement of fielders shall apply.
 - a. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders (plus the bowler and the wicketkeeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump, each with a radius of 30 yards, and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch.
 - b. In the event of an infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'.
6. Duration
 - a. Except as otherwise provided, each match shall comprise 50 overs per side with no transfer of unused overs. The team batting first is Team A and the Team batting second is Team B. Team A may declare its innings closed at any time and if it does so will be deemed to be all out for the purposes of bonus points. For the purposes of DLS, Team A will be considered to have used the full allocation of overs available to it at the time of declaration. A freak declaration with the deliberate intention of losing a match and/or limiting the number of points which can be won by Team B, will be dealt with by the Management Committee as it sees fit.
 - b. If any match is interrupted after it has started such that the number of overs available to be faced by either side is reduced from that determined when the match started, the revised target shall be computed using the Duckworth-Lewis- Stern method (DLS) in accordance with instructions issued from time to time by the Management Committee.
7. No bowler may bowl more than 10 overs. In a delayed start, or interrupted match where the overs are reduced no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance.
8. In addition to applying Law 22, umpires shall call a ball wide if it passes both outside the batsman and outside the line of leg stump.

9. The team scoring the highest number of runs, whether actual or determined by the Duckworth,Lewis, Stern method, will be the winners and awarded 10 points.
10. If Team B score the same number of runs as Team A whether actual or determined by the Duckworth, Lewis, Stern method, both teams will be awarded 5 points.
11. If no play is possible due to weather or ground conditions, then both teams shall be awarded 4 points.
12. Bonus Points will be awarded throughout the innings thus:

Batting					
Overs available	Runs scored				
45 to 50 overs	50	90	130	170	200
40 to 44 overs	45	80	120	150	180
35 to39 overs	40	70	110	135	160
30 to 34 overs	35	65	90	120	140
25 to 30 overs	30	55	80	100	120
20 to 24 overs	25	45	65	85	100
Up to 19 overs	20	35	50	65	80
	Points awarded				
	1	2	3	4	5

Bowling										
	Wickets taken									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overs available	Points Awarded									
45 to 50 overs	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
40 to 44 overs	0	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
35 to 39 overs	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5
30 to 34 overs	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5
25 to 30 overs	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
20 to 24 overs	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Up to 19 overs	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5

- a. Bonus points gained in any match shall stand regardless of the result. This also applies in the case of abandoned games.
 - b. If at the fall of a wicket no further batsman is available to come in, the innings of a team shall be deemed to be complete and their opponents will be awarded 5 bowling points.
 - c. If Team B win the match they shall be awarded 1 additional batting point for every two wickets in hand, provided that the maximum total award of batting points shall be 5.
13. There shall be one interval of thirty minutes between innings, during which tea will be taken. If, because of rain, tea has already been taken, the interval will be ten minutes.
 14. Unless an innings closes earlier, Team A and Team B must bowl their allocation of fifty overs within a period of two hours fifty-five minutes, or the appropriate number of overs in the stipulated time in a curtailed match. If they fail to do so, the umpires must note the number of overs which they are short and allow the innings to proceed to its conclusion. In computing the time taken, umpires will take into account interruptions caused by injury, lost balls, frequent movement of sightscreens and other unavoidable delays. Under Law 11 of the Laws of Cricket, drinks breaks are now official intervals and do not count as playing time.
 15. In the event of a delayed start or an interruption in play, the number of overs shall be re-arranged by reference to the scheduled finishing time. The timing and duration of all suspensions of play (including all intervals) or delays during the match will be taken into account when calculating the length of time available for either innings.
 - a. If the amount of time lost before the start of play results in the match being reduced to one of fewer than 30 overs per side, then the match shall not be allowed to commence.
 - b. The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that, if possible, both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of one over every 3½ minutes in the total time available for play up to the scheduled finishing time. (See Reduced Overs Table).
 - c. If a reduction in the number of overs is required, any recalculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the scheduled finishing time.
 - d. If owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings, there is insufficient time for Team B to receive the same number of overs as Team A, the match shall nevertheless be allowed to run its course.
 - e. If a match is abandoned with fewer than 20 overs bowled in Team B's innings but without Team B being all out or passing Team A total or reaching the DLS target, as the case may be, the result shall be recorded as abandoned and each team awarded 4 points plus bonus points by reference to the number of overs received or bowled, as the case may be.

- f. If Team A fail to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled finishing time, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
 - g. Team B shall not bat for a greater number of overs than Team A unless the latter have been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.
 - h. Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs.
16. In the case of bad weather, the umpires shall decide as to the fitness of the ground before commencement of a league match. They shall also be the sole arbiters on all aspects of play throughout the duration of the match and of bad light. If a substitute umpire has to be used umpires rule 1(f) is to be implemented. [he only stands at the striker's end unless both captains agree otherwise]
17. Complete covering of the pitch shall be allowed during every league match, should bad weather so demand.
18. Should the unfit state of the ground preclude any chance of play, the match may be abandoned by mutual consent provided that it is not before 9.00am or after 10.30am on the day of the match and that consent has been obtained from the appointed match day contact or other club officer named on the league web site at www.swca2.com. Only after such consent has been given should the home team inform the umpires. An away club who insist on travelling when a home club wishes to call off a match due to bad weather must pay ALL the umpire costs if no play is possible. In matches where no umpires have been appointed, a home side which fails to notify the away side appointed match day contact 2 hours before the agreed start time of issues with the fitness of the ground, shall be liable to pay the visiting team the sum of £50.

APPENDIX B
MATCH RULES DIVISIONS 4 and below

Not included as these matches do not normally have panel umpires

APPENDIX C
CUP AND INTERMEDIATE CUP MATCH RULES

1. The Association shall organise two knockout competitions. Member clubs of the Association shall be eligible to enter the Cup. Clubs with teams in Divisions 3 and below shall be eligible to enter those teams in the Intermediate Cup. Clubs may enter more than one team. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one of his Club's Cup or Intermediate Cup teams in any season.
2. The highest placed Association team in the Cup in any Season shall be entered in the succeeding season's ECB T20 Plate Competition. In the event of teams finishing equal (e.g. losing semi-finalists) the Management Committee will arrange play-off(s) to determine which team should be entered on behalf of the Association.
3. Except during the months of April and May, all players must have played in at least four League matches for the club during the current season, or the season immediately prior to the current season. They must be registered members of the club.
4. No player may play for more than one club in either competition in any one season and no player may play for more than one of his club's teams in any season.
5. Only players eligible under Eligibility Rule 1 will be allowed to play. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all players participating in either competition are eligible to play.
6. Matches will normally be played on Sundays.
7. Clubs shall advise the Hon. Secretary by the 31st January if they are entering either Competition that coming season. The Quarter Finals and subsequent rounds shall be by open draw. The Management Committee shall determine the format of earlier rounds having regard to the number and location of the clubs which have entered either Competition in any season. The finals shall be played at a venue to be determined by the Management Committee.
8. As soon as the draw for either Competition has been made, the Secretary will arrange to send to Clubs details of the draw, together with the 'Nominated Sundays' on which matches in the various rounds should be played.
9. The 'Nominated Sundays' are mandatory unless both clubs agree to play under the same match rules on another day. If there is no play on the agreed day, or if the match is abandoned before being completed, the venue is reversed for each subsequent attempt to play the match unless the Clubs otherwise agree.
10. If bad weather prevents play on the Nominated Sunday, then Clubs may agree to play the match on any day up to and including the Friday before the Nominated Sunday for the next round. The side hosting the attempt to play the match must offer at least two dates during the permitted period and the Away side must choose one of these dates. In default, the Away side will be deemed to have conceded the match.
11. If bad weather prevents a match from being played, then the tie may be decided as set out in Cup Rule 24.
12. The Association is entirely responsible for the organisation and administration of both competitions.
 - a. In the event of any dispute arising during and affecting the course of either competition, clubs must contact the Secretary and/or Chairman, by telephone, within 1 day of the

- dispute, confirming the protest in writing within 3 days and also sending a copy of the protest to any other club involved within 3 days.
- b. Following any response from the other club, the Secretary will refer the matter to the Emergency Committee of the Management Committee who will come to a decision which shall be binding on participating clubs.
13. The Association will endeavour to arrange Umpires for each match. The Umpires' fees shall be such sum as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine and shall be shared equally between the two Clubs, except for the finals when the Association will pay the fees.
14. Except for the finals when the Association will provide a new ball for each innings the Home team must provide 2 balls in good condition although not necessarily new and the visiting Captain shall choose which ball his team shall use to bowl. Only official SWCA stamped balls as approved by the Management Committee are to be used.

Cup Rules

15. The Cup shall be played under the current edition of the ECB Generic 20 overs per side playing conditions.

Intermediate Cup Rules

16. Except for the finals, all matches shall commence at 2.00pm or at such other time as may be mutually agreed by the Clubs. There will be an interval of 10 minutes between innings.
17. Each team shall bat for 20 overs unless they are all out or a result has already been achieved before the 20 overs have been bowled. The bowling side is expected to bowl its overs in a maximum of 1 hour and 15 minutes and if they fail to do so the Umpires may, where they think it appropriate, report any shortfall to the Management Committee. In computing the time taken, umpires will take into account interruptions caused by injury, lost balls, frequent movement of sightscreens and other unavoidable delays. Under Law 11 of the Laws of Cricket, drinks breaks are now official intervals and do not count as playing time.
18. No bowler shall bowl more than 4 overs.
19. The following restriction relating to the placement of fielders shall apply.
- a. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the wicketkeeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump, each with a radius of 30 yards, and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch.
- b. In the event of an infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'.
20. The delivery following a no ball called for a foot fault shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball), then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball. Field changes are permitted for free hit deliveries. The umpires shall signal a free hit after the normal no ball signal by extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.
21. In addition to applying Law 22, umpires shall call a ball wide if it passes both outside the batsman and outside the line of the leg stump.
22. In a match interrupted by weather after it has started complete covering of the pitch shall be allowed.
23. In the event of a tie, the team losing the lesser number of wickets shall be the winners. Should these be equal, the team with the lesser number of extras in their innings shall be the winners. Should these be equal, then the team with the higher score after 5 overs shall be the winners. If the scores after 5 overs are equal, the team with the higher score after 10 overs shall be the

winners. If the scores after 10 overs are equal, the team with the higher score after 15 overs shall be the winners.

Both Competitions

24. When, because of bad weather, it is impossible to play a match on the last scheduled day, then the match may be decided by a Bowling/Fielding competition, thus:
- a. Bowling: Five bowlers shall each bowl one fair delivery over-arm at the wickets pitched normally as for a match with no batsman in front of them. For every ball which first pitches and then hits the wickets, two points shall be scored, but only one point if the stumps are hit by a 'full toss'.
 - b. Fielding: The other five players and the wicketkeeper shall take part in the fielding competition. From directly behind the wickets (in the long-stop position), a marker shall be set 50 yards or so from the stumps. In turn, five fielders shall throw a ball from behind this marker to the wicket-keeper standing at the wicket, who may not ground any part of his person outside the rectangle enclosed by the popping crease, bowling crease, and the forward extensions of the return creases. Two points shall be scored for every ball which is caught by the wicket-keeper full pitch and one point if it is caught by him after bouncing once only.
 - c. The winning side shall be the one which scored the highest total aggregate of points in the two events. In the event of a tie, the competition shall continue by means of a "sudden death" bowl out. The bowlers from each team who previously bowled shall each bowl again alternately in the same order, one ball each, until a result is achieved.
 - d. The umpires appointed for the match shall supervise the running of the competition. As an alternative to the Bowling and Fielding competition, clubs may mutually agree to toss a coin for the right to proceed to the next round of the Cup Competition.
25. The provisions of League Match Rules 5(a) and 5(e) shall apply to the reporting of Cup results.
26. Any Club failing to fulfil a Cup or Intermediate Cup fixture shall be fined £60 to be paid to the Association Treasurer by the date of the next Management Committee meeting after the fine has been imposed and will be suspended from participation in either competition for the following season. If the offending club is the away side, the Treasurer will forward the £60 to the home club. If the offending club is the home side, the Treasurer will reimburse travelling costs to the away club, upon appeal to the Management Committee.