



U12 Brian Taylor Trophy

Rules

1. Title and Management

- a) Brian Taylor Trophy ("the Competition") shall be controlled and administered by Essex Cricket in the Community (" ECiC").
- b) The decision Essex Cricket in the Community reach in each circumstance relating to the Match Rules and Playing Conditions and to matches played in the Competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.

2. Competition Entry

- a) All Clubs affiliated to ECiC (via the local district board) shall be eligible to participate in the Competition
- b) Each Club shall pay an entry fee of £120 (non-refundable)

3. Player Eligibility

- a) A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for a Club or Team in the Competition if they are in the age range stated. Player age restrictions for this competition in accordance with current school years U10 (Year 5) - U12 (Year 7) as of midnight on 31st August / 1st September 2023, (as per ECB Generic Rule 3.4.6), All players must be bona-fide Members of the club they represent and play for the club in the Junior League or Leagues that the club enters.
- b) No player may represent more than one club or team in the Competition.
- c) All Players participating in the Competition must be registered on PLAY-CRICKET
- d) No club in the Competition may play a Fully contracted professional player.
- e) **For the Knockout Rounds** – Only players who have played in **50% of their clubs completed group matches** in 2024 competition are **eligible to play in the knockout** stages of the competition. A clubs who are wanting to play players outside of this criteria must put their case in writing to countycupcomps@essexcricket.org.uk and it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- f) Any Club or Team knowingly including an ineligible player in a match shall be automatically expelled from the competition.

A reminder that Those players in age groups U17 and below are not considered Overseas players in Youth Competitions as per Home Office and Immigration Regulations so therefore are eligible to play as local players. This includes those who are a dependents of family members who now reside in the UK. This is also the case even if they are registered as Category 3 players in open age cricket and adult leagues.

4. Matches & Competition Draw

- a) The draw for all rounds of the Competition shall be made by and be under the control of ECiC.
- b) The club drawn at home shall be responsible for all match arrangements. Matches must be played by the appointed date(s) set by ECiC.
- c) Zonal groups will be split into 2 regions to limit travel times where entries permit.
- d) Fixtures are to be played on the stipulated date, there shall be no variation. Teams responsible for not fulfilling a fixture on scheduled dates shall receive 0 points.
- e) The start time can be mutually agreed by both teams, but in dispute **ECiC state 12 noon shall be the agreed time.**
- f) The home team is responsible for confirming the fixture with their opposition at least 48 prior to the stipulated date and confirm all is in place for the game to take place (Subject to Inclement weather on the day)
- g) If possible, games should be played on the Clubs' main ground, if this is not available an alternative ground may be used. Fixtures can be played on grass or non-turf pitches.

5. Cricket Balls

- a) ECiC will supply match balls for the U12 Brian Taylor Trophy. Each club shall be responsible for supplying one ECiC supplied cricket ball for each match played in the Group Stages of the competition. The balls supplied by ECiC will be RED 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.
- b) 2 New Balls for the knock out stages will be sent out to the home team in the week prior to the fixture taking place. The home team contact will be contacted to arrange this.

6. Helmets & Faceguards

- a) Any player under the age of 18 playing in any ECB Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directives.

7. Umpires and Scorers

- a) ECiC shall be responsible for appointing ECBACO qualified umpires for matches in the latter stages of the Competition – Quarter Finals, Semi Final and Final.
- b) In Zonal/Group games and last 16 - Each side to provide a qualified ECB ACO Umpire for each match. In the event of no suitable umpire being available any mutually acceptable person EXCLUDING THE TWO TEAM MANAGERS may stand. At no time should an Umpire stand who is under 18 years of age

- c) Prior to the commencement of each match the Team Managers shall present a list of players to the opposing manager and an ECB team list to the officials, and this should be retained in case of later need
- d) Scorers: Each team shall provide their own competent, non-playing scorer in all matches

8. Playing Regulations & Conditions

- a) All matches shall be of 25 overs per side with one day only for completion in the group stages. Knock out rounds including Semi Finals and Final shall be of 30 overs. No declarations are permitted in the Brian Taylor Competition.
- b) The Playing pitch shall be 18 yards in length. The boundary shall be as close to 40 metres as possible. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce balls shall be used.
- c) No bowler shall deliver more than 5 overs in a 25 over match and 6 overs in a 30 over match, or more than one fifth of the available overs in a reduced overs game.
- d) **Wide Balls** - Umpires are instructed to apply a consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.
- e) **No balls** - The delivery following any no ball called 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 will 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.
 - Field changes are only permitted for free hit deliveries if there is a change of striker. However, any fielder within 15 yards of the striker may retreat to a position on the same line no more than 15 yards from the striker.
 - The umpires will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

9. Awarding of points In the Group fixtures

- a) 4 points will be awarded for a win, nil points for a loss, 2 points to each team for a tied or abandoned match
- b) In the event that the team batting second receives 10 overs or more, the match will be decided by a comparative run rate over the two innings. (For example: 200 for 7 in 40 overs requires 101 off 20 overs to win).
- c) In the event that the team batting second receives less than 10 overs the game is then deemed abandoned and 2 points each will be awarded
- d) In the zonal group stages in the event of teams finishing level on points or there are more than two teams' level on points then the result between the sides will decide the final

positions. If the result between the sides is abandoned or cancelled due to weather, or can't decide a clear outcome - then Net Run Rate shall be the deciding factor.

- Net run rates will be based on the number of runs per over scored (for) minus runs per over (against). Sides bowled out within their allotted overs will however have their full over allocation, 25 unless bad weather intervenes. This will be calculated by ECB PLAY-CRICKET

10. Match Results Reporting (The use of live electronic scoring is strongly encouraged for all matches)

- a) Prior to the commencement of each match the Team Managers shall present a list of players to each other, which should be retained in case it is later needed
- b) NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS - It is the responsibility of Both clubs to ensure a full scorecard is published and confirmed on Play-Cricket within 48 hours of a result.
- c) Failing to publish and confirm results within the time frame may lead to point reductions
- d) All results should be submitted through your Play-Cricket Administrator; Results can be found via www.essexcomps.play-cricket.com

11. Code of Conduct

- a) All matches in the Brian Taylor Trophy 2024 will be played under the Laws of Cricket and Spirit of the Game
- b) ECiC shall advise interested parties of rulings on any matters upon which these Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions are silent, unclear or disputed and of Disciplinary decisions after discussion by a panel comprising of the **ECiC YOUTH PARTICIPATION GROUP** in line with the ECB Recreational Conduct Regulations - The Panel's decision shall be final in all matters.

12. Coaching

- a) Coaching shall not be permitted from the side-lines 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 ECiC and YPG.

13. Special Notes

- a) Any current National or County Directives or Recommendations in respect of fast bowlers - **ECB fast bowling directives**, fielders – **ECB fielding directives** and **Helmet directives in Age Group Cricket** shall be taken into account by the Umpires, the Team Managers having advised details of the players affected through the completed team cards.
- b) ALL TEAM MANAGERS should note that in the interest of participation the substitution of players by the 12th Man (or other qualified player) is permitted by permission of the Umpires only and his/ her game day participation is in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.

Entries for U12 Brian Taylor Trophy 2024 will only be accepted via online application.

Play Off & Knock Out Stages – Additional conditions and regulations.

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1. If, in the opinion of the Umpires, in Play Off Games, Quarter-finals, Semi-Final and Final matches, there being bad weather, it is not possible for the team batting second to complete 15 overs, nor for the match to be abandoned a new match with a minimum of 10 overs per side completed the following shall apply:-

If through Health and Safety reasons an alternative date will be arranged that is agreed by both clubs.

Within Play Off Games, Quarter finals, Semi-Final and Final there must be a result, the match shall be decided by the following form of contest: **A SUPER OVER**

In the event of the scores being tied, the teams shall compete in a one over per side eliminator to determine the winner. The following procedure will apply should the provision for a one over per side eliminator be adopted in any match.

- a) Subject to weather conditions the one over per side eliminator will take place at a time to be determined by the umpires. In normal circumstances it shall commence 10 minutes after the conclusion of the match.
- b) The one over per side eliminator will take place on the pitch allocated for the match (the designated pitch) unless otherwise determined by the umpires in consultation with the ground authority.
- c) The umpires shall stand at the same end as that in which they finished the match.
- d) In both innings of the one over per side eliminator, the fielding side shall choose from which end to bowl
- e) Only nominated players in the main match may participate in the one over per side eliminator. Should any player (including the batter and bowler) be unable to continue to participate in the one over per side eliminator due to injury, illness or other wholly acceptable reason, the relevant Laws and Playing Conditions as they apply in the main match shall also apply in the one over per side eliminator.
- f) Each team's over is played with the same fielding restrictions as apply for a non-Field Restriction Over in the Play Off Games, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals.
- g) The team batting second in the match will bat first in the one over eliminator
- h) The Umpires shall select a ball from the box of spare balls which shall be used for both overs of the one over per side eliminator. The ball to be used shall not be a new ball and should have the apparent wear characteristics of a ball that has had between 5 and 20 overs of

usage. For the avoidance of doubt, a ball used in the main match shall not be used in the one over per side eliminator.

- i) If the ball needs to be changed, then playing conditions as stated for the main match shall apply.
- j) The loss of two wickets in the over ends the team's one over innings.
- k) In the event of the teams having the same score after the one over per side eliminator the team whose batter hit the most number of boundaries combined from its two innings in both the main match and in the one over per side eliminator shall be the winner.
- l) If the number of boundaries hit by both teams is equal, the team whose batter scored more boundaries during its innings in the main match (ignoring the over per side eliminator) shall be the winner.
- m) If still equal, a count-back from the final ball of the one over eliminator shall be conducted. The team with the higher scoring delivery shall be the winner. If a team loses two wickets during its over, then any unbowled deliveries will be counted as dot balls. Note that for this purpose, the runs scored from a delivery is defined as the total team runs scored since the completion of the previous legitimate ball, i.e. including any runs resulting from wides, no ball or penalty runs.

Example:

Runs scored from:	Team 1	Team 2
Ball 6	1	1
Ball 5	4	4
Ball 4	2	1
Ball 3	6	2
Ball 2	0	1
Ball 1	2	6

In this example both teams scored an equal number of runs from the 6th and 5th ball of their innings. However, team 1 scored 2 runs from its 4th ball while team 2 scored a single so team 1 is the winner.

- n) If still equal, then another one over per side eliminator shall be played in accordance with this rule
- o) If through Health and Safety reasons a Super Over is not possible an alternative date will be arranged that is agreed by both clubs.