



# Ravi Bopara U19 T20 Cup

## Rules

### 1. Title & Management

- a) 'The Ravi Bopara T20 Cup' ("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 £75 (non-refundable)
- c) ECiC recognise that Clubs may wish to collaborate in order, to enter a 'Team' into the competition. There is no objection as long the players are a bona fide member of a registered parent club and Play Cricket registered with evidence of membership being submitted to ECiC. Evidence of members to be submitted to ECiC before the first round of games. Criteria for Joint Clubs is:-
  - You will have to agree which Club name you are going to play under.
  - Once agreed you will need to formally notify ECiC, and this will be passed to the Competition Group for approval.
  - Then the players will then need to join as members of the agreed club. Copies of the memberships then to be sent to [countycupcomps@essexcricket.org.uk](mailto:countycupcomps@essexcricket.org.uk) (if required)
  - Stipulate which of the home grounds is to be used and who is appointed match day contact as per entry application.

### 3. Player Eligibility

- a) A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for a Club or Team in the Competition if born in accordance with ECB Generic Rules
- b) A player may represent one club in the competition if they are in the current school years U15 (Year 10) – U19 (Year 14) as of midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August / 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024, (as per ECB Generic Rule 3.4.6). Players must be a bona fide member and registered to play for the club.
- 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) Overseas exchange students who are based in England and Wales for less than three months are not eligible to take part in this competition
- f) **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](mailto:countycupcomps@essexcricket.org.uk) and it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- g) Any Club or Team knowingly including an ineligible player in a match shall be automatically expelled from the competition

#### **Overseas Players**

One Category 3 player allowed per team\*

Or

One player who is not an ordinary resident (British Passport Holder, but doesn't reside in England & Wales for more than 210 days per year) is allowed per team.

#### **Points to note:-**

- Only one of the above can play in a team on any given occasion. i.e. – you can't field both in the same team.
- If the player is a fully contracted professional player then the player is not-eligible to play (4.d)
- If the player is currently paid by his or her club to play any format of cricket then the player is not eligible to play
- The player must be in the country for at least a consecutive three-month period during the core part of the season (defined as 15th April to 30th September).... i.e. not less than 3 months as per the rules and regulations of the competition (4.e)

*\*Players eligible to play 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 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) The home club must offer a minimum of 3 different dates to the opposition to complete the fixture with at least one day being on a weekend.

- d) All Matches shall start at any time with the agreement of the two teams when the fixture is confirmed
- e) The home team is responsible for confirming the fixture with their opposition at 48 prior to the agreed date and confirm all is in place for the game to take place (Subject to Inclement weather on the day)
- f) The Playing pitch shall be 22 yards in length. The boundary shall be as close to 60 metres as possible as a minimum. 30 yard fielding circles must be in place for all matches & a 5 ½ oz Pink ball shall be used.
- g) Match Rules & Regulations: All games will be played under the **ECB Generic T20 regulations (with the exception of DLS)**
- h) If in the group stages, a fixture is cancelled due to weather prior to the completion of the match, the two sides can attempt to re-arrange the fixture on **one occasion**. The clubs should attempt to agree a mutually agreeable date between the date of the original fixture which was cancelled due to weather and the cut-off date for the group fixtures. If this can't be agreed or the re-arranged fixture is also cancelled due to weather, then the result should be cancelled/Abandoned due to weather and points awarded as per 8.c

## 5. Cricket Balls

- a) ECiC will supply match balls for the Ravi Bopara U19s T20 Cup. Each club shall be responsible for supplying one ECiC supplied cricket ball for each match played in the Group Stages and 1/4 Finals of the competition. To encourage the use of coloured clothing by clubs if they wish to wear it, the balls supplied by ECiC will be **Pink 5 ½ oz ball**, which can be used with white or black sightscreens.
- b) 2 New Balls for the knockout 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 all matches in the latter stages of the Competition – Quarter Finals, Semi Final and Final.
- b) In Zonal/Group games 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. 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 6 overs or more, the match will be decided by a comparative run rate over the two innings. (For example: 150 for 7 in 20 overs requires 46 off 6 overs to win).
- c) In the event that the team batting second receives less than 6 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 provide 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, 20 unless bad weather intervenes. This will be calculated by ECB PLAY CRICKET

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

- a) 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.
- b) Failing to publish and confirm results within the time frame may lead to point reductions.
- c) All results should be submitted through your Play-Cricket Administrator; Results can be found via [www.essexcomps.play-cricket.com](http://www.essexcomps.play-cricket.com)

### **10. Code of Conduct**

- a) All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket
- 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.

### **11. 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.

## **12. 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 player (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.

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

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1. If, in the opinion of the Umpires, in Quarter-finals, Semi-Final and Final matches, there being bad weather, it is not possible for the team batting second to complete 5 overs, nor for the match to be abandoned a new match with a minimum of 5 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 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 line with details in the ECB Generic T20 Regulations**