



SOMERSET

CRICKET BOARD

SOMERSET CRICKET BOARD KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITIONS

1. **The competitions shall be called:**

- a) The SCB Major Cup
- b) The SCB Intermediate Cup
- c) The SCB Minor Cup

2. **ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY**

a) ALL ENTRANT CLUBS MUST BE AFFILIATED TO THE SOMERSET CRICKET BOARD HAVING PAID THEIR ANNUAL FEE BY 30th APRIL. ENTRANTS WITH FEES OUTSTANDING AT THAT DATE WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE COMPETITIONS.

b) A Club may enter a team(s) in each competition in line with that year's qualification criteria. Any team may enter only one competition-

1. The Major Cup is open to all SCB affiliated teams who play in the West of England Premier League.

2. The Intermediate Cup is open to SCB affiliated teams who play in any of the top three divisions of the Bristol & District, Somerset or Wiltshire Cricket Leagues

3. The Minor Cup is open to all other teams who affiliate to the Somerset Cricket Board.

3. **PLAYER QUALIFICATION**

a) All players must be bona-fide club members: e.g. playing Saturday League Cricket for that club.

b) Players contracted to County Cricket Clubs may play in the Senior Cup if they are bona-fide club members. (See 3a above)

c) Only one overseas player (i.e. from outside the EEC) is permitted per team.

d) No player can play for more than one club in any year's competitions.

e) A player who has played in any round of the MAJOR CUP may not subsequently play in the Intermediate or minor Competitions in that year.

f) A player who has played in any round of the INTERMEDIATE CUP may not subsequently play in the Minor Cup in that year's competition.

- g) Where according to the entrant eligibility a Club may enter two teams in the same competition a player who has played for the higher nominated team may not subsequently play for the lower nominated team in that year.
- h) Young players up to and including under 16 are exempt from the restrictions of 3e, 3f & 3g above. On Finals Day a player may only play for one team.
- i) Compliance with all aspects of this rule is the responsibility of the clubs.

Infringements are liable to incur team disqualification. (RULE 8 APPLIES)

4. MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

- a) All competitions shall be played on a knock out basis.
- b) Each round (excluding Semi Finals & Final) will have a fixed week (Monday-Sunday) when fixtures must be played. This should be agreed by both teams taking into consideration the ground availability of the Home side. If teams cannot agree on a date then management committee will rule that matches must take place on the Wednesday.
- c) Semi-finals will take place on a Sunday to ensure light does not disadvantage either team.
- d) The Home Club is responsible for match arrangements
- e) If inclement weather or dual competition home fixtures prevent play on the fixed date the match must be re-arranged and played within seven days.
- f) A match abandoned because of weather, pitch or ground conditions must be re-arranged and played within seven days.
- g) Each team should provide an umpire for each match before semi-final stage.

5. MATCH CONDUCT

- a) Teams should agree to start matches as early as possible, but not later than 6.30pm.
- b) The captains are responsible for reaching agreement, before the toss, as to which balls will be used. The home team will provide two new balls of at least "Club" standard or two used balls of similar usage and quality, one for each innings. This applies to all matches up to the Finals.
- c) Matches shall consist of a single innings for each team of 20 six-ball overs.
- d) No player may ball more than 4 overs in any innings.
- e) In the case of overcast weather conditions or late start the captains may agree, before the toss, to play either 18 overs a side or 16 overs a side without change to the bowling restriction of 4 overs.
- f) In the MAJOR CUP and INTERMEDIATE CUP there will be a restriction on the placement of fielders in all rounds. At the instant of a delivery a minimum of four fielders plus bowler and wicket keeper must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump with a

radius of 30 yards and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the umpires shall call and signal NO BALL.

g) On FINALS DAY 5(f) will apply in all three competitions.

6. MATCH RESULT

The team, which has scored a total of runs in excess of the total scored by the opposition, shall win the match. In the event of the total runs scored by each team being equal the match is TIED. The winning side will then be:

- a) The team that has lost the lesser number of wickets.
- b) If still equal the team that has scored the most runs from the bat alone.
- c) If still equal the team that had scored the greater total of runs after ten overs.

7. RESULT REPORTING

a) The winning team shall send a completed result sheet signed by BOTH CAPTAINS and showing the names of ALL PLAYERS participating to reach the Competitions Secretary no later than 48 HOURS after the match and shall enter the result on the Cup Website <http://somerseckbkcup.play-cricket.com/>

c) FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

d) Teams reaching the semi-finals must inform the Competitions Secretary so that neutral umpires can be arranged.

8. APPEALS

a) Appeals must be made by telephone notification and detailed email to the Competitions Secretary within 48 hours of the end of the match concerned. Protests received later than this will not be considered. The Committee shall have the right to determine all matters relating to the competitions.

b) Any club or player wishing to appeal against a decision of the Committee must do so by telephone notification and detailed email within 48 hours of receiving the Committee's decision. The appeal will then heard by an appeals committee from the SCB.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

a) The ECB Code of Conduct and the "Spirit of Cricket" preamble to the MCC Laws of Cricket will apply in all matches.

b) It is the policy of the SCB Knock out Cup Competitions that all PLAYERS

UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST WEAR CRICKET HELMETS WITH FACE GUARD OR GRILLE WHEN BATTING OR WICKET KEEPING WHEN STANDING UP TO THE STUMPS. THE REGULATIONS REGARDING MINIMUM FIELDING DISTANCES FOR YOUNG PLAYERS AT UNDER 13, UNDER 15, UNDER 16 AND UNDER 18 AGE GROUPS SHOULD ALL BE ADHERED TO.