

COLTS' CUP RULES (2017)

1. The cup shall be competed for annually on a knock-out basis. The Domestic Cricket Directorate shall control the competition and shall appoint a Competition Secretary to organise it.
2. All club players shall be registered in writing with the General Secretary before playing in the competition. No player shall play in the competition for more than one club in the same season. A player whose normal club has not entered may be specially registered by another club for this competition only, but only one specially registered player may play for a side in any match. Teams shall ensure that all their players are under 17 on 1st July in the year before competition. Any team using a player over the age limit shall be disqualified.
3. All matches shall be played on or before the dates published in the Fixture Book, the first-named team having choice of ground except that:
 - (a) if both teams agree, a match may be played on an earlier date; and
 - (b) a match not started owing to rain or other unavoidable cause shall be played on the following Friday (or earlier if both teams agree), the visiting team if it has travelled having choice of ground.

Any match not started by the Friday following that published in the Fixture Book shall be decided by a bowl-out (Five players from each side shall bowl at a set of unguarded stumps. If the scores are still level the bowl-out will continue with further bowlers bowling alternately until one side has scored more hits than the other from the same number of bowls).

Any team failing to fulfil a match, except for a reason beyond its control, shall be deemed to have lost the match.
4. Where a match in the first and second rounds ends prematurely due to weather interruptions, the result will be calculated on the basis of the run rate per over achieved by each side, provided that each innings has reached a minimum of 10 overs. In the quarter-finals and later stages the match shall be replayed.
5. The Competition shall be played in Twenty20 format. The rules for the Twenty20 Trophy and Shield shall be followed as appropriate.
6. The Match Secretary of the winning team shall notify the Competition Secretary of the result of every match within four days of the scheduled date of the match, using an official Result Form, text or e-mail.
7. In matches other than the Final a responsible official of each team shall act as Umpire. In the Final official Umpires shall be appointed.
8. The Final shall be played as an afternoon match on a ground decided by the Competitions Directorate, the starting time and continuation arrangements being as specified by the Competition Secretary.