

NORTHERN CRICKET UNION

LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

(H) REGULATIONS APPLYING TO SENIOR LEAGUE SECTION 3 AND JUNIOR LEAGUE SECTIONS 2 AND BELOW

REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL MATCHES

Bowling restrictions

H1. No bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the maximum number of overs available for an innings. If a bowler breaks down during an over, the over shall be completed by another bowler and the fractional overs shall count against each bowler's allowance.

H2. In a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced for both teams, or for the team bowling second, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the recalculated number of overs (unless the bowler had already done so before the interruption).

H3. Where the total number of overs is not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler as necessary to make up the balance.

MATCH 1 PLAYING REGULATIONS

Definition

H4. Match 1 is:

- (a) the original scheduled fixture, or
- (b) the rearrangement of any fixture that has been postponed for reasons other than ground or weather conditions.

Hours of Play

H5. Matches may start at any time agreed by both teams, but not later than:

- 1 pm for matches in Section 3 of the Senior League in April, May or June;
- 1.30 pm for matches in Sections 2 - 6 of the Junior League in April, May or June;
- 2 pm for matches in all other Sections in April, May or June;
- 12 noon for all matches in July, August or September.

H6. In Section 3 of the Senior League, by mutual agreement, a match postponed for any reason may be arranged on two consecutive nights before 15th August and may start at any time agreed by both teams, but not later than 6.30 pm in April, May or June, or 5.30 pm in July or August.

Duration of Innings

H7. All matches shall be of one innings a side. Unless adjusted by the teams in accordance with H9 below, the maximum duration of each innings shall be:

40 overs in Section 3 of the Senior League and Sections 2 and 3 of the Junior League;
35 overs in Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Junior League; and
30 overs in all other Sections.

H8. For a valid result, each team shall bowl at least 20 overs, unless either or both teams are bowled out in fewer than 20 overs, or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in fewer than 20 overs.

H9. Teams may agree in advance to increase or reduce the maximum duration of each innings by a maximum of 10 overs. In addition, where the start of a match is delayed by ground or weather conditions, the number of overs available to each side shall be reduced by one for each full eight minutes of playing time lost after the agreed starting time, where the aggregate time lost exceeds 30 minutes. No deduction shall be made until the 30-minute allowance has been exhausted. The number of overs shall not be reduced below 20 overs per side.

H10. In Section 3 of the Senior League, where the first innings of a match is delayed or interrupted by ground or weather conditions, the number of overs available to each side shall be reduced by one for each full eight minutes of playing time lost after the agreed starting time, where the aggregate time lost exceeds 30 minutes. From the end of the first innings, a further deduction of one over shall be made for each full four minutes of playing time lost. No deduction shall be made until the 30-minute allowance has been exhausted. The number of overs shall not be reduced below 20 overs per side. The Duckworth/Lewis/Stern method shall be used to determine the result of a match in which overs are lost after the start of either innings.

H11. A Match 1 in which no valid result is obtained shall be abandoned and rearranged.

Rearrangement

H12. The clubs concerned shall rearrange any Match 1 postponed or abandoned up to 31st August. They may agree not to rearrange any such match postponed or abandoned after that date. Any such match shall be rearranged for a date within 43 days of the original fixture.

H13. The Match Secretary of the home team shall, within fourteen days of the date of postponement or abandonment, inform the Honorary Section Secretary, in writing, of the rearrangement, copying the letter to the Match Secretary of the visiting team.

H14. If the Honorary Section Secretary has not been informed of the rearrangement by the fourteenth day after the postponement or abandonment, the Competitions Committee shall set a date, and shall inform the Match Secretaries of both teams, in writing, of the rearrangement.

MATCH 2 PLAYING REGULATIONS

Definition

H15. Match 2 is any rearranged match not defined as Match 1 in H4 above.

Hours of Play

H16. Matches may start at any time agreed by both teams but not later than:

- 6 pm in April, May, June or July
- 5 pm in August or September.

Duration of Innings

H17. All matches shall be of one innings a side. The maximum duration of each innings shall be 20 overs unless the clubs agree to play a full-length match, as per H7 above.

H18. In Junior League Sections 2 and below, where the start of a match is delayed by ground or weather conditions, the number of overs available to each side shall be reduced by one for each full eight minutes of playing time lost after the designated starting time, where the aggregate time lost exceeds 30 minutes. If play starts earlier, the 30-minute allowance shall be increased by the playing time available before the designated starting time, up to a maximum of 60 minutes. No deduction shall be made until the allowance for any early start and the 30-minute allowance have been exhausted. The number of overs shall not be reduced below 5 overs per side.

H19. In Section 3 of the Senior League, where the first innings of a match is delayed or interrupted by ground or weather conditions, the number of overs available to each side shall be reduced by one for each full eight minutes of playing time lost after the designated starting time, where the aggregate time lost exceeds 30 minutes. If play starts earlier, the 30-minute allowance shall be increased by the playing time available before the designated starting time, up to a maximum of 60 minutes. From the end of the first innings, a further deduction of one over shall be made for each full four minutes of playing time lost. No deduction shall be made until the allowance for any early start and the 30-minute allowance have been exhausted. The number of overs shall not be reduced below 5 overs per side. The Duckworth/Lewis/Stern method shall be used to determine the result of a match in which overs are lost after the start of either innings.

H20. For a valid result, each team shall bowl at least 5 overs, unless either or both teams are bowled out in fewer than 5 overs, or unless the team batting second scores enough runs to win in fewer than 5 overs. A Match 2 in which no valid result is obtained shall be void.