

NWCU

Rule Changes, Additional Rules & Changes to Playing Regulations 2017

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A. Rule Changes (two thirds majority vote carried)

1. Amalgamate rules 10.8a-d & 13.6 to avoid confusion regarding timescales for replays.

Matches shall not be postponed except in the case of:

- a. The death of a player, or close relative of a player;*
- b. The death of a prominent member of a club, or close relative of a prominent member;*
- c. Prominent member of a club shall be defined as President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or Fixtures Secretary (as detailed on NWCU Club Affiliation Form);*
- d. Close relative is defined as Wife, Husband, Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Son and Daughter;*
- e. If three or more players are taking part in Irish or Interprovincial representative matches at U19 or Senior Level (U17, U15, U13 not to be included, this will not apply for NWT20 Cup Matches);*
- f. In any of the cases above the game will be rearranged by the NW Cricket Fixtures Secretary – (subject to criteria below);*
- g. In the event of a dispute in cases of a-e the matter will be referred to the NW Board of Control.*

All games either abandoned as a no result on the first attempt due to weather, through the necessity to fulfil a cup fixture or for other wholly acceptable reasons as set out above, shall be played within 29 days of the original scheduled date. The NW Fixtures Secretary shall set the date unless already agreed by clubs.

2. Reduce amount of starred players from 7 to 6 in Premiership and Championship - Only 3 of the 5 un-starred players shall be allowed to play for the team below. (Rule 6.5e)
 - e. Each team in all leagues must nominate 6 starred and 5 un-starred players in their team lists;*
 - f. the original lists will be verified and signed off by the SRC, the SRC reserve the right to make changes which will be notified to the clubs;*
 - g. Lists will be reviewed on a monthly basis by the SRC, clubs will be notified of any changes;*
 - h. Clubs may request changes to their lists as the season progresses. These requests must be in writing to the SRC convenor and by the Tuesday preceding the next set of weekend games they will affect. These requests will be considered by the SRC and clubs will be notified of the outcome by the Thursday;*
 - i. Player eligibility will be based on the following system*
 - LEVEL 1 – PREMIER & CHAMPIONSHIP**
 - LEVEL 2 – QUALIFYING 1**
 - LEVEL 3 – QUALIFYING 2 & 3**
 - LEVEL 4 – QUALIFYING 4***Starred players cannot play below their respective level. Un-Starred players may only play one team below, e.g. 1st XI to 2nd XI or 2nd XI to 3rd XI*

For any game no more than:-

 - 3 UNSTARRED PLAYERS CAN DROP FROM LEVEL 1**
 - 4 UNSTARRED PLAYERS CAN DROP FROM LEVEL 2**
 - 5 UNSTARRED PLAYERS CAN DROP FROM LEVEL 3**
 - j. Once a player has played 5 games in the league at Premier or Championship level he will automatically be added to the un-starred list for that team;*
 - k. Once a player has played 8 games in the league at any of the Qualifying levels he will automatically be added to the un-starred list for the respective team.*

3. No player who still Qualifies to play U15 DML Cricket can be starred or 'cup-tied'. (Rules 6.5 & 12.3)

Any player eligible to play in Derry Midweek Youth Competitions at U15 level or below will not be eligible to be starred or 'burnt'. They will, however, be subject to the rules surrounding un-starred players and the restriction around the number of players able to drop levels. They will also only be able to drop 1 level from their named team list.

4. Introduce a points system to determine league positions in all leagues with teams potentially getting bonus points even if they lose. If two or more teams are level on points at the end of the season then NRR will be used to determine final positions and if still level after NRR a playoff will take place at a neutral venue. (Rules 11.6 - 11.8)

Teams will be awarded 20 points for a win, 12.5 for a tie and 5 for a no result, as well as this teams will be able to gain a share of 5 bonus points, these will be allocated to teams based on the margin of the victory/defeat. If two or more teams are level on points then NRR will decide placings. Should NRR not be able to separate teams then a play-off will be arranged by the NW at a neutral venue to decide on the winner of the league or for deciding on relegation places.

5. Rule 9.19c to be amended to include Irish Interprovincial Players.

First Class games for Ireland, or Irish Interprovincial First Class Matches, shall not be included when deciding whether a player is First Class.

B. Additional Rules (two thirds majority vote carried)

1. **Forfeiting of fixtures through inability to field a team**

Where a club has more than one team playing on the same day and is unable to field one or more team, the lowest team(s) must forfeit their match(es) first. The COC to enforce penalties if this rule is not adhered to e.g. if a second team forfeits and a third team plays, then both teams will forfeit the match and will be deducted 10 points.

Should a team decide to concede a match they would concede the lowest grade match – i.e. should a 2nd and 3rd team be scheduled to play and a team wish to concede a game the 3rds would have to concede. In cases where a lower grade team played despite a higher grade team not playing both teams would forfeit the games for that day (if they had won), both teams would also be deducted 10 points.

In cases where teams concede matches they would only be financially penalised as per the league handbook if they conceded more than 2 games in a season, the fine being £50 per conceded match over 2, however they would be deducted 10 points for each concession.

2. **Re-entering a Team that has dropped out the Previous Season**

If a club drops a team mid-season they are only allowed to re-enter that team into the league the following season on paying a 'deposit' which is returned to them if the team fulfils 75% of its fixtures the following season.

A club, having withdrawn a team part way through the season, would only be able to re-enter that team the following season upon payment of a £200 deposit (over and above the affiliation fee). Should that team then complete the season having fulfilled 75% or more of its fixtures (including no results) then the deposit would be refunded in full.

C. Changes to Playing Regulations (majority vote carried)

1. Q3 & Q4 league matches to be 30 overs. Matches can be reduced to 20 overs on the day if both teams agree. T20 replays if no result on first attempt.

Q3 & Q4 League matches to be a maximum of 30 overs per innings. If both captains agree matches can be reduced to 20 overs per innings on the day. Q3 & Q4 Cup matches to be scheduled 30 overs per innings with no allowance for reductions on the day.

2. For Premiership & Championship league matches, second attempts played on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday (50 over matches) can go down to 10 overs using DLS.

Second attempts (replays) can be reduced to a 10 over per innings game using DLS calculations.

3. In midweek Premiership & Championship matches, if there is no play the first two nights, a T20 match can be started on the third night. A minimum of 20 overs in first attempt matches and a minimum of 10 overs in replays.

4. 2 day Finals - If there is no play on the first day, the match becomes a one innings final.

All Finals, where no play is possible on the first day, will be reduced to be played as a single innings final.

5. If Qualifying Cup matches are not completed on the scheduled date, a new date will be set i.e. the match will not be continued on Monday, Tuesday night etc. This shall not apply if the first innings has been completed.

Should a Qualifying Cup match start and have one innings complete before it is abandoned because of weather, light or any other wholly acceptable reason, it will continue from that point the following Monday, Tuesday night etc until it is complete. Should the first innings not have been completed at the time of abandonment, it will be rescheduled to start as a new match.

6. All Premiership & Championship matches will last a maximum of 7hours and 40 minutes. There will be no added time for early starts.

7. No midweek cricket for Premiership & Championship after the 16th August.

Premier and Championship matches shall not be played during midweek after 16th August.

8. There will only be two nights available for T20 replays for the qualifying leagues.

Qualifying League games declared as a no result on the first attempt shall be rescheduled as a 2020. If the 2020 is arranged for midweek they shall have 2 evenings available to gain a result.