

# **GRAHAM WILLIAMSON TROPHY (Sponsored by Boundary Sports)**

## **RULES**

### **1. TITLE**

The title of the Competition shall be the Graham Williamson Trophy sponsored by Boundary Sports.

### **2. MANAGEMENT**

The control of the Competition shall be undertaken by the Cricket sub-committee of The Management Board of BDPCL and all decisions relating to these rules or to matches played in the competition shall be final and binding on all concerned.

### **3. ENTRY**

Entry to the Competition shall be by invitation of The Management Board of BDPCL. If a Club, after entry, fails to fulfil any fixture in the Competition, other than due to bad weather, they will not be invited to enter the Competition for the following three seasons. If any Club fails to fulfil any of its administrative responsibilities, they will also be banned from entering the Competition for the following three seasons.

### **4. COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

The Competition shall be organised on a knock-out basis and the Cricket sub-committee of BDPCL shall be responsible for making the draw, annually. Clubs knocked out in the 1st Round will enter a Plate Competition to provide them with a fixture on the date of the scheduled 2nd Round of the Trophy Competition. There will be no Semi-Finals or Final of the Plate Competition.

### **5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

A Player shall only be eligible to play in the Competition for one club in any one season. Category 1, Category 2, Category 3 and Category 3 (Exempt) Players are eligible to play in this Competition.

### **6. CRICKET BALLS**

A new Dukes County International 'A' ball shall be used at the commencement of each innings. The balls must be approved before the toss for innings, by the Captains and Umpires. Each club shall provide its own ball (plus appropriate spares).

## **7. UMPIRES**

Umpires shall be appointed by the Umpires sub-committee of The Management Board of BDPCL and shall be entitled to an attendance fee of £30.00 each, payment to be made by the home club, before the start of the match.

## **8. SCORER**

Each team shall provide their own scorer in all matches.

## **9. FIXTURES**

Matches must be played on dates scheduled by the Cricket sub-committee of The Management Board of BDPCL.

Any Club that is due to play a match in the National Club Knock-Out Competition, on the same date as the Semi-Final or Final of the Graham Williamson Trophy shall be entitled to apply to the General Manager for a dispensation to play the match on another date.

Matches where no result can be achieved on the scheduled date in the 1st Round shall be re-arranged on the scheduled date of the 2nd Round of the Competition. Matches where no result can be achieved on the scheduled date in the 2nd Round shall be re-arranged on a date determined by the Cricket sub-committee prior to the start of the season. Matches where no result can be achieved in the Semi-Finals and Final of the Competition shall be re-arranged by the Cricket sub-committee of The Management Board of BDPCL after discussion with the clubs concerned.

In the event of no decision being reached in the re-arranged match because of inclement weather, the decision shall be made by toss of a coin between the two Captains when both Captains are present. (Rather than tossing a coin, Clubs should play a match for even a small number of overs, wherever possible, according to the time available, or attempt to achieve a result by bowling at a wicket).

If the start of a match is delayed, the Umpires and Captains will decide on the number of overs, in relation to the time left in the match.

Minimum number of overs to constitute a match on the scheduled date is 20 overs per side but matches may be reduced to a minimum of 10 overs per side on a re-arranged date.

On the scheduled date (assuming a closing time of 7.30 p.m.) no match shall start after 4.50 p.m. (minimum 20 overs per side plus 10 minute interval between innings if tea has been taken). On a re-arranged date (assuming a closing time of 7.30 p.m.) no match shall

start after 6.00 p.m. (minimum 10 overs per side plus 10 minute interval between innings if tea has been taken).

The Captains shall agree, before the toss for innings, what action will be taken if a decision is not reached on the day.

## **10. TEAM SHEETS & MATCH RESULTS**

Before the toss for innings, each Captain must nominate his players who may not, thereafter, be changed without the consent of the opposing captain.

- a. The nominated players must be set out on a Results Sheet from the Results Book, issued by the League, at the start of the season, presented to the Umpires and signed by them prior to the scheduled start of the match.
- b. Captains, wicket-keepers, contracted players, overseas players and players under the age of 19 years must also be indicated.
- c. At the end of the match, the Results Sheet shall be signed by both Captains and both Umpires. The Captains shall, also, confirm which team won the toss, complete the match scores and assess the Umpires.
- d. The Results Sheet shall be sent by post (faxes will not be accepted) to the General Manager of the League, by the Home side, within 48 hours of the completion of the match. The Results Sheet must, also, be sent to the General Manager, when no play is possible. Failure to submit the form will lead to a £25 fine.
- e. After every match, the Umpires must be assessed by the Captains on a Captain's Report, printed in the book, issued by the League, at the start of the season. The form shall be sent by the home side, by post (faxes will not be accepted) to reach the General Manager, within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Failure to submit the form will lead to a £25 fine.
- f. Umpires are to mark the quality of the pitch and facilities, report on the conduct of the match and any failure by any team to meet the required over-rate, as well as any other matter they deem relevant on the Umpires Report forms, issued to all Umpires, by the League, at the start of the season. The Report should be returned by post (faxes will not be accepted) to the General Manager of the League, within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
- g. The result of all matches should be telephoned by the home team to the General Manager on 07767 775350 within 30 minutes of the completion of the match.

- h. It is the responsibility of the HOME side to enter the result and full scorecard details onto the League's play-cricket.com site within 48 hours of the match being completed. The AWAY side should confirm that the summary result has been correctly entered. Both sides must ensure that their squad details have been entered onto play-cricket.com prior to each match they play.