

# **RULES**

## **GRAHAM WILLIAMSON TROPHY**

### **1. TITLE**

The title of the competition shall be the Graham Williamson Trophy.

### **2. MANAGEMENT**

The management of the competition shall be undertaken by the BDPCL Cricket & Registration Committee and all decisions relating to these rules, the playing conditions and 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 BDPCL Management Board. If a club, after entry, fails to fulfil any fixture in the competition, other than due to bad weather, it will not be invited to enter the competition the following season and will be liable to a fine of £200.00. If any club fails to fulfil any of its administrative responsibilities, it will, also, be banned from entering the competition the following season.

### **4. COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

The competition shall be organised on a knock-out basis and the BDPCL Cricket & Registration Committee shall be responsible for making the draw, annually.

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

Category 1, Category 2, Category 3 (exempt) and Category 3 players are eligible to play in this competition. Unless they are selected to play for the Warwickshire Academy XI or the Worcestershire Academy XI in the competition, players shall only be eligible to play for one club in any season. Players who are selected in either of the Academy XI's may play for the club that holds their League registration in later rounds if they are not required to play for the Academy XI or the Academy XI has been eliminated from the competition.

### **6. CRICKET BALLS**

A new white Duke's County International 'A' cricket ball shall be used at the commencement of each innings. Each club shall provide its own ball (and spares) and they must be approved before the toss for innings by the captains and umpires

### **7. COLOURED CLOTHING**

Players in all matches in the competition shall wear coloured clothing.

## **8. UMPIRES**

Umpires shall be appointed by the BDPCL Umpires Committee and shall be entitled to claim an attendance fee of £40.00 each. Payment is to be made by the home club before the match commences.

## **9. SCORERS**

Each team shall provide their own non-playing scorer in all matches. Scoring must be undertaken on a laptop computer or a tablet and Live Scores must be maintained using play-cricket Scorer Pro.

## **10. FIXTURES**

Matches must be played on dates scheduled by the BDPCL Cricket & Registration Committee.

Any club that is due to play a match in the National Club Championship competition on the same date as a match in the Graham Williamson Trophy competition shall be entitled to apply to the General Manager for a dispensation to play the match on an alternative date.

In a result is not achieved on the scheduled date in Round One, Round Two and the Semi-Finals, due to inclement weather, the decision will be made by the toss of a coin between the two captains when both captains are present. (Rather than tossing a coin, clubs should attempt to achieve a result by bowling at a wicket). If both captains are not present, the toss of the coin will be carried out by the General Manager.

If a result is not achieved on the scheduled date of the Final, the match shall be re-arranged by the General Manager following discussion with the clubs concerned.

## **11. TEAM SHEETS**

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

The nominated players must be set out on a team sheet, a copy (pink) of which must be presented to the umpires and another copy (yellow) which must be presented to the opposition captain at the toss. The top copy (white) must be retained by both clubs for inspection by the General Manager on request.

Captains, wicket-keepers, Category 2 players, Category 3 players and players under the age of 19 years on 31st August of the previous year must be identified on the team sheet.