

DUBLIN GRASS MACHINERY 45 OVERS LEAGUE - 2007

For the first half of the season the Senior Clubs, together with Munster Reds and Civil Service, will take part in a 45 Overs limited overs league.

Regulations

- 1 The League will be divided into four Sections, A,B,C and D. The winners and runner-up of the four sections will take part in quarterfinals:

Winner A v Runner-up B (1)
Winner C v Runner-up D (3)

Winner B v Runner-up A (2)
Winner D v Runner-up C (4)

Grounds for semi-finals will be drawn

(1) v (3) and (2) v (4)

- 2 In the event of a tie between two or more Teams, the following will apply to determine the placings of the section, and thus the qualifiers for the quarter-finals.

- (a) Where two teams tie for first or second then the winner of the match between these.
- (b) If there are more than two teams tied, the team, if any, which has beaten all of the other teams tied with them.
- (c) If neither of the above breaks the tie, team with the highest average net run rate ("NRR") over the section matches played. NRR is the total number of runs scored by a side in its section matches divided by the total number of overs it has faced in scoring those runs less the total number of runs conceded in its section matches divided by the total number of overs it has bowled in conceding those runs. Overs here to be actual overs (and actual balls in the case of an incomplete over). If a team by virtue of slow over rates, declarations or being bowled out faces or bowls less than the number that would otherwise be their entitlement, the number of overs is based on that entitlement except that in the case of overs bowled by a side, if by virtue of the other side being penalised, that side receives less than would otherwise be their entitlement, the runs conceded by the bowling side are divided by the actual number of overs bowled. However, if a team batting second wins and uses less than their entitlement, then only actual overs (and actual balls in the case of an incomplete over) used are counted. An abandoned match in which some play took place, but not sufficient to achieve a result under Duckworth/Lewis, shall not be taken into account in determining NRR.

Where a match result is achieved under Duckworth/Lewis, for NRR purposes Team 1 will be credited with Team 2's Par Score on abandonment off the same number of overs faced by Team 2. Where a match is concluded but with Duckworth/Lewis having been applied at an earlier point in the match, Team 1 will be accredited with 1 run less than the final target score for Team 2 off the total number of overs allocated to Team 2 to reach the target.

- 3 Matches shall be one innings each. Each innings will be a maximum of 45 overs. The bowling side must complete its 45 overs in a period of 2 hours 45 minutes which period shall, for the purposes of this competition, be the Permitted Time Allocation. No bowler may bowl more than a maximum of 9 overs. In the event that a match, before it has actually commenced, is reduced to one of less than 45 overs per side, then no bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the total overs available to each team at the start of the first innings. Where the total number of overs available is not divisible by five, one additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance. As an example, if a match is reduced before it starts to one of 38 overs a side, three bowlers may bowl a maximum of 8 overs and no other bowler may bowl more than 7 overs.

Once a match has actually commenced, even if further reduced there shall be no further

reduction in the number of overs a bowler can bowl.

- 4 If a bowler breaks down and is unable to complete an over the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler who must not have bowled the preceding over and may not bowl the succeeding over. That over shall count as a complete over for both the bowler who has broken down and the bowler who completed the over. Other than as specified above, fractions of an over shall not count as a completed over.

Determination of Match result

- 5 The team that scores the most runs (or where the number of overs in each innings is unequal the higher run rate per over) shall be the winner.
- 6 If the scores are equal at the end of a match then the side which loses fewer wickets when the available overs have been bowled will be declared the winner. If the number of wickets lost by each team is equal and if both teams score an equal number of runs (or an equal number of runs per over, rounded to four decimal places, where the number of overs bowled in each innings is unequal) the match shall be a tie.

7 Uncompleted Match

If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the number of overs to which it was entitled under these Regulations then the result shall be determined by the application of the Duckworth Lewis system, (subject to the minimum number of overs as per Regulation 8.3 having been complied with). If it is not possible to determine the result on this basis the match shall be treated as abandoned.

If utilising the Duckworth Lewis system the par score has been reached by the team batting second, but not passed the match shall be a tie except in the semi-finals or final, in which case a bowl out in accordance with Regulation 17 will determine the result.

8 Interrupted Matches

- 8.1 First Innings: The number of overs available to each side will be reduced by one for each seven minutes of playing time lost.

Second Innings: From the end of the first innings a further deduction of one over shall be made for the team batting second for each three and a half minutes of playing time lost.

If less than 30 minutes is lost in the match no time will be deducted and the match will not be shortened and DL will not come into play i.e. DL only starts after 30 minutes.

- 8.2 If as a result of such reductions, a match reaches a stage where the maximum number of overs that can be bowled in the second innings is reduced to 15 then no further reductions as above shall be made under this regulation. Instead it shall be a matter for the Umpires to determine at what stage, if at all, the match is to be treated as a no result. The Umpires shall, however, only direct that play shall be resumed if, in their opinion, bearing in mind the conditions, it will be possible to complete the 15 overs of the second innings. The target score will be that calculated using the Duckworth/Lewis method.

- 8.3 (i) Note that the number of overs may not be reduced below 15. If 15 overs are not bowled in the second innings and a result is not otherwise obtained the match will be recorded as 'no result'.

(ii) However, if the Umpires are of the opinion that a match, which has not started, can be completed if a minimum number of 15 overs per side are bowled, then a match of this duration may be started.

In the event of a match that has previously commenced being abandoned under the provisions of this regulation, performances in the original game shall not count for statistical purposes.

- 9 **Points: Win - 10. Tie - 5. No result - 4.**

11 Overs Penalty

The following provisions shall apply only to an innings which is not interrupted by weather. Furthermore, it shall not apply to the Semi-Finals and the Final in any circumstances. An innings shall be treated as not interrupted by weather if no such interruption occurs during the Permitted Time Allocation even if, because a side does not complete 45 overs during the Permitted Time Allocation and has to continue beyond that, an interruption subsequently occurs.

Applicable to side fielding first

Where the fielding side fails to complete its 45 overs by within the Permitted Time Allocation, the fielding side shall be penalised by

- (i) Continuing to bowl until the side batting first has completed its full 45 overs (or has been bowled out); and
- (ii) Subtracting the number of overs remaining to be bowled after the expiry of the Permitted Time Allocation from the actual number bowled at that time to determine the number of overs available to them when batting. This regulation to apply only when the side batting first are not bowled out by the expiry of the Permitted Time Allocation.

Applicable to side fielding second

Where the fielding side fails to complete its 45 overs within the Permitted Time Allocation, the fielding side shall be penalised by

- (i) Continuing to bowl until the side batting second has completed its full 45 overs, or has passed the total of the side batting first or has been bowled out; and
- (ii) Subtracting the number of overs remaining to be bowled after the expiration of the Permitted Time Allocation from the actual number bowled in the innings of the side batting second at the expiration of the Permitted Time Allocation. The resultant figure determines the number of overs applicable to the side batting first when batting. The total of the team batting first is then adjusted to the score it had achieved at the expiration of this adjusted number of overs. This regulation to apply only when the side batting second are not bowled out by the expiration of the Permitted Time Allocation.

Example: If the side bowling second has only bowled 43 overs by the expiration of the Permitted Time Allocation, then it continues to bowl to the side batting second until that side has either passed the target set (as adjusted by this regulation) or has been dismissed. The score of the team batting first is recalculated based on its actual score at the end of the 41st over received when it was batting, and that, plus one, is the target score for the side batting second.

Where interruptions occur during second innings after penalty has been imposed on team bowling first.

- (i) Penalties once they have occurred during the innings of the team bowling first will continue to apply to the innings of the team batting second, irrespective of any interruptions that occur during the second innings, or after the Permitted Time Allocation for bowling the overs by the team bowling first.
- (ii) Whatever number of overs would, but for penalties, apply to the side batting second after taking all interruptions into account, shall then be reduced further by the amount of the penalty.
- (iii) In the event that the number of overs for the side batting second would, but for any penalties, be 15 or more, then this shall constitute adherence to regulation 8.3 (i) notwithstanding that deduction of the penalty shall reduce the available number of overs to below 15.

Note If the side bowling first does not bowl its full allotment of overs within the Permitted Time Allocation because of slow bowling, and its innings, when it comes to bat, is, subsequently interrupted by weather, the run-rate required by that side shall be based upon the number of

overs available to it when batting second before any deduction due to interruptions. For example, in an uninterrupted first innings, Side A scores 160 runs in 45 Overs, of which only 43 overs have been bowled within the Permitted Time Allocation. The number of overs available to Side B is therefore 41 and the run-rate shall be $160/41 = 3.90$ and any further calculations of the target score shall be based on this rate, adjusted if necessary as specified in Regulation 8.2 for Penalty Runs.

However, for the purposes of determining overall run rate for the purposes of Regulation 2, that side shall have been deemed to have received 45 overs, unless they shall have reached their target (in the case of the side batting second) in a lesser number of overs, in which case the actual number of overs faced shall apply. However for determining run rate for runs conceded by Team A, where Team B has not reached the target or been bowled out, the runs scored by Team B shall be divided by 41.

For the purposes of determining the number of overs bowled at the conclusion of the Permitted Time Allocation, an over in progress at that time shall be treated as completed.

If, in the sole opinion of the Umpires, there have been unusual delays during the course of the Permitted Time Allocation, they may add an equivalent, amount of time; at their absolute discretion, to what would otherwise be the end of the Permitted Time Allocation to allow for such delays before determining if a penalty arises.

Penalty Runs awarded to either side shall apply at all times even if such runs were awarded during overs subsequently discarded by virtue of the application to the above provisions. Thus, for example, if Team A, batting first, are awarded 5 penalty runs in the 45th over, and by virtue of slow bowling during Side B's innings they are penalised 2 overs, and their total is reduced to what it had been after 43 overs, the 5 penalty runs are added back to this. Likewise penalty runs awarded to Side A during Side B's innings will still be credited to Side A, notwithstanding any deduction of overs as a result of penalties.

12 Tea

In an uninterrupted match, tea will be taken between the innings. The tea interval shall be 30 minutes. In the case of an interrupted match, tea interval shall take place on the conclusion of the Permitted Time Allocation for the first innings unless altered in accordance with these regulations or otherwise agreed.

13 When the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals or Final matches are interrupted by weather, the following regulations will apply:

- (i) Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals: Normal League Regulations apply and the match will continue on succeeding week nights until a minimum of 25 overs per side is bowled in order to constitute a match (unless either or both sides are bowled out in less than 25 overs). In relation to the Quarter-Finals and Semi Finals, Regulation 8.3 (ii) and Regulation 11 shall not apply. Furthermore, play shall commence at 12.00 noon and in the event of interruptions no deductions shall occur under Regulation 8 unless and until 60 minutes playing time has been lost. If such period has been lost then for any further time loss, deductions of overs shall be made in accordance with Regulation 8.

In the quarter-finals and semi-finals if the scores achieved by each side and the number of wickets lost are equal, then the result shall be determined by a Bowl Out at the conclusion of the match. Otherwise the side losing fewer wickets when the scores are equal and the available overs have been bowled will be declared the winners.

In the event of the above conditions not being possible by close of play on Friday evening prior to the final then a bowl out will be used as follows to decide the match.

Bowl Out

- (a) This will initially involve all 11 members of each team bowling (overarm) in turn at the wicket at one end of the pitch under the supervision of the umpires. They will alternate in pairs one from each team. The team which has broken the wicket most often shall be the winner.
- (b) If the teams are level after each member has bowled then a sudden-death play-off will apply

with players from each side alternating in their original order until a winner has emerged.

- (c) A no ball or wide shall count as a ball bowled but shall not count as a wicket.
- (d) If a player from the side which took part in or was declared for the Semi Final is not available to take part in the Bowl Out, then such player(s) shall be deemed to have, bowled and missed the wicket.
- (ii) Final: Play shall commence at 12.00 noon and the match will be 45 overs per side. In the case of the Final, Regulations 8 and 11 shall not apply. If play is affected by weather conditions and the match is not completed on the first day then it will be continued each succeeding week evening until a positive result is obtained. For weekday continuations, play will commence not later than 6.00pm and earlier if both teams mutually agree. In the final if the scores and the number of wickets lost are equal, then the match will be replayed on a date to be fixed by the Union. Otherwise the side losing fewer wickets when the scores are equal and the available overs have been bowled will be declared the winners.

14 Restriction on Placement of Fieldsmen

- 14.1 In addition to the restrictions contained in General Regulation 10 of the Senior Competitions Regulations, for the first 13 overs of a match, a maximum of two fielders may at the instant of delivery be outside the "fielding circle". In addition, at least two fielders (not including the wicketkeeper) must at the instant of delivery be stationary and in a close catching position. A close catching position is one which is within 15 yards of the centre of the striker's popping crease, although fielders in an orthodox Slip or Leg Slip position may stand deeper than 15 yards from the popping crease. It will not be necessary for circles indicating this 15 yard area to be marked but to assist the Umpires dots should be placed 15 yards from the line of middle stump on the popping creases either side of the stumps, and 11.5 yards from and at right angles to the line of middle stump either side of the middle of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the striker's end Umpire shall call and signal no ball.

In the event that either innings is reduced below 45 overs, then figure of 13 overs shall also be reduced for that innings so that it is 30% of the reduced number of overs for that innings, ignoring portions of an over i.e. if innings is reduced to 43 overs the number of overs for that innings to which this regulation applies, is 12 ($43 \times 30\% = 12.9$ therefore reduced to 12).

- 14.2 At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fieldsmen on the leg side.

15 No-Balls and Free Hits.

A No-Ball called for a front foot fault shall be followed by a "free hit", i.e. a ball off which the batsman cannot be out in the same way as if such ball itself was a No-Ball. The free hit ball shall count as a delivery in the over. The fielding side may amend the field for the free hit subject to the rules regarding field placing applicable to this Competition. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (i.e. any kind of No Ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit and shall be subject to the conditions of this clause.