

# WHITNEY MOORE

## Leinster Senior League 2007

The Senior clubs (with the exception of Dublin University), together with Munster Reds, will take part in a league which will be known as the Whitney Moore Leinster Senior League.

### General Regulations

- 1 The League is divided into two sections A and B, with each Section consisting of seven teams. The teams in each section will be scheduled to play each other team on a home and away basis
- 2 The top two teams in Section B shall be promoted to Section A and the bottom two teams in Section A relegated to Section B.
- 3 Where two teams are level on points scored, all placings, including title winners, promotion and relegation will be decided in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) Where two teams are level then the team which has gained the most points in the section matches between these.
  - (b) If there are more than two teams level, the team which has gained most points in the matches involving direct competition with all of the other teams tied with them.
  - (c) If neither of the above breaks the tie, the team with the highest average net run rate ("NRR") over the section matches played. Net Run Rate 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.
  - (d) An abandoned match in which some play took place shall not be taken into account in determining Net Run Rate.
- 4 The team winning the Senior II League shall be entitled to promotion to Section B of the Senior League provided the team in question is not a junior team of an existing Senior club and provided it meets the necessary criteria for promotion laid down in these regulations. In the event of the team being promoted to Section B of the Senior League the team finishing last in Section B shall be relegated to Senior II status in the following season unless as decided otherwise by the Union Executive Committee.
- 5 Any club seeking promotion to the Senior League should not have less than three men's and two schoolboys teams participating in Union competitions.
- 6 The Grounds Committee shall review the reports of the Umpires on the quality of the entire playing surfaces of clubs competing in the Senior and Senior II Leagues. In the event of a junior

club winning the Senior II league in any season that club shall not be entitled to promotion unless the Ground's Committee confirms that it is satisfied the ground and ancillary facilities of the club in question are suitable for Senior cricket.

## **Playing Regulations**

- 1 Matches shall be one innings each. Each innings will be a maximum of 50 overs. The Bowling side must complete its 50 overs in a period of three hours and ten minutes which shall, for the purposes of this Competition, be the Permitted Time Allocation . No bowler may bowl more than a maximum of 10 overs. In the event that a match, before it has actually commenced, is reduced to one of less than 50 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.

### **Fielding Restrictions:**

General Regulation 10 of the Senior Competition Regulations shall apply to this competition.

In addition to the restrictions contained in General Regulation 10, for the first 15 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 50 overs, then the figure of 15 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.

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

### **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.

## **2 Tea Interval**

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.

**3** 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.

**4 Determination of Match result**

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.

**5** 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 4 decimal places, where the number of overs bowled in each innings is unequal) the match shall be a tie.

**6 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 7.3 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.

**7 Interrupted Matches**

**7.1** 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.

**7.2** 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 20 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 20 overs of the second innings. The target score will be that calculated using the Duckworth/Lewis method.

**7.3** (i) Note that the number of overs may not be reduced below 20. If 20 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 20 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.

## 8 Points

- (a) Win 20 points
- (b) Tie as defined in playing regulation 5. 10 points each.
- (c) Abandoned match in which weather prevented a positive result being achieved. 8 points each side.

### Bonus Points

Bonus Points will be awarded in respect of each match where there is a result, on the following basis:

- (a) There will be an allocation of 5 Bonus Points to each Match.
- (b) These points will be allocated between the two sides, depending on the margin of victory in the match. This allocation will operate as follows:

### Margin of Victory

| Runs                               | Wickets      | Run Rate      | Winner | Loser |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------|-------|
| 100 +                              | 9/10 Wickets | 1.0 +         | 5      | 0     |
| 80/99 Runs                         | 7/8 Wickets  | 0.8-0.999     | 4      | 1     |
| 60/79 Runs                         | 5/6 Wickets  | 0.6-0.799     | 3      | 2     |
| 40/59 Runs                         | 3/4 Wickets  | 0.4-0.599     | 2      | 3     |
| 20/39 Runs                         | 2 Wickets    | 0.2-0.399     | 1      | 4     |
| Less than 20 Runs 1 Wkt/Least Wkts |              | Less than 0.2 | 0      | 5     |

Run rate is the difference in the respective sides run rate in a match where the result is determined on this basis.

- (c) No Bonus Points will be allocated in a match where there is no result.

## 9 Overs Penalty

The following provisions shall apply only to an innings which is not interrupted by weather except as in 7a above. 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 50 overs within 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 50 overs within the Permitted Time Allocation, the fielding side shall be penalised by

- (a) Continuing to bowl until the side batting first has completed its full 50 overs (or has been bowled out); and
- (b) Subtracting the number of overs remaining to be bowled after the expiry of the Permitted Time Allocation from the actual number bowled at the expiry of that time to determine the number of

overs available to them when batting. This regulation to apply only when the side batting first is not bowled out by the expiry of the Permitted Time Allocation.

#### **Applicable to side fielding second**

Where the fielding side fails to complete its 50 overs within the Permitted Time Allocation, the fielding side shall be penalised by

- (a) Continuing to bowl until the side batting second has completed its full 50 overs, or has passed the total of the side batting first or has been bowled out; and
- (b) 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 that period. 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 is not bowled out by the expiration of the Permitted Time Allocation.

Example: If the side bowling second has only bowled 48 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 rule) or has been dismissed. The score of the team batting first is recalculated based on its actual score at the end of the 46th 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.**

- (a) 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 allotted time for bowling the overs by the team bowling first.
- (b) 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.
- (c) In the event that the number of overs for the side batting second would, but for any penalties, be 20 or more, then this shall constitute adherence to regulation 7.3 (i) notwithstanding that deduction of the penalty shall reduce such teams available number of over to below 20.

#### **Note**

If the side bowling first does not bowl its full allotment of overs by the expiry of 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 180 runs in 50 overs, of which only 48 overs have been bowled within the time allotted. The number of overs available to Side B is therefore 46 and the run-rate shall be  $180/46 = 3.91$  and any further calculations of the target, score shall be based on this rate, adjusted if necessary as specified in Regulation 7.2 for Penalty Runs.

However, for the purposes of determining overall run rate for the purposes General Regulation 3, that side shall have been deemed to have received 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.

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 deemed 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 period 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 of the above provisions. Thus, for example, if Team A, batting first, are awarded 5 penalty runs in the 50th 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 48 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.

## **10 Refixtures**

Matches where there has been no result obtainable under the regulations governing this competition shall not be re-fixed.

The final date for Senior League matches is Sunday 16th September. Matches which were postponed must be re-fixed within 14 days of the necessity to postpone becoming known. This period may be shortened if necessary to comply with the latest date for playing of such matches specified in these regulations. All postponed matches must be played on or before Sunday 16th September.