

THE RULES

Heavy Woollen Cup (2012)

HW1 Title and Constitution

- A.** The competition shall be called the Heavy Woollen District Challenge Cup (the competition) and be an annual knockout event open to the First Elevens of cricket clubs at the discretion of the Management Committee,
- B.** The competition shall be restricted to a maximum of 32 clubs within an 18-mile radius of Batley Town Hall.
- C.** All clubs entering the competition MUST enter a team in the Crowther Cup.

HW2 General Committee, Officers and Management Committee

- A.** The competition shall be governed by the General Committee consisting of a representative from each club together with a President, secretary, treasurer, and umpires secretary (the officers). Each club shall notify the secretary in writing by January 28 each year of the details of its main contact for the competition.
- B.** A Management Committee (management) shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the competition including all questions of eligibility, qualification of clubs and players and interpretation of the rules. It shall also act on matters of dispute, the selection of final venues and any other matters referred to it by the General Committee. It shall consist of three club representatives, elected annually in accordance with rule HW3(a), and the officers together with any co-opted members up to a maximum of three.
- C.** Where required in a dispute, the members of the Management Committee shall make a decision that shall be deemed final and binding. This meeting is to take place at the first suitable date.
- D.** All elected officers are expected to attend all Management Committee meetings.
- E.** The General Committee may appoint Vice-Presidents, who shall be persons considered to have rendered outstanding service to the competition.

HW3 Meetings

- A.** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held on November 1, 2011. The business of the meeting shall include the election of officers and the Management Committee for the ensuing year, the receipt and adoption if approved, of the secretary's report and the financial statement for the year ending September 30. Voting shall take place on any proposed new rule(s) and rule amendment(s).
- B.** General Committee and Management meetings shall be held from time to time, as required, on giving of due notice by the secretary. Decisions made by the Management shall be subject to the approval of the General Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

HW3 Meetings (continued)

C. At all meetings votes shall be given personally by the club representatives, indicated by a show of hands and the result of the voting shall be determined by a straight majority of the votes cast.

D. Minutes of all meetings shall be circulated to club contacts.

E. Deputy representatives may attend meetings of the General Committee, but in the event of a club not being represented it shall be fined £25 (agm) or £10 for all other meetings.

HW4 Membership and subscriptions

A. All clubs entering the competition shall pay an annual subscription of £25 to be sent to reach the Treasurer by March 31, each year (see rule CC2). Any club which fails to pay by the due date shall be fined £5, and failure to pay by the date of the first round shall result in expulsion from the competition.

B. Written notice of any withdrawal from the competition, and any application for entry from a prospective side, shall be sent to reach the secretary by September 21, in respect of the following season.

C. Any club withdrawing without proper notice shall be fined £30, and be required to make application for re-admission. A sum of £25 plus the umpires fees shall also be payable by the offending club to its opponents by way of compensation, if such a withdrawal has taken place after the initial draws have been made.

HW5 Draws, Ties and Match Finances

A. The dates for the rounds for the following season shall be fixed by the Management and advised to all clubs at the AGM.

B. The draws for all rounds shall be made by the Management and advised to all clubs.

C. All 32 members numbers shall be used in the first round draw. All first round Crowther Cup ties shall be a reverse of the Heavy Woollen Cup draw.

Ties shall be played on the ground of the club drawn first from the pairing. ALL matches in both competitions should be played on the main ground of the club drawn at home. The "main grounds" is defined as the one named in the Heavy Woollen handbook and that only one named ground be allowed in the handbook.

All ties shall be played on Sunday dates, arranged by the Management, except where a competing club has an arranged league or domestic cup fixture. In such instances the match shall be played on a date designated by the Management Committee.

Play in all rounds shall commence at 1pm. Weather permitting ties shall be played as scheduled.

League and cup matches of the leagues that the competing clubs are affiliated to take priority over Heavy Woollen matches.

If no suitable Sunday date can be agreed between the two competing clubs then a midweek limited over match MUST be agreed between the two clubs prior to the date of the next round.

HW5 Draws, Ties and Match Finances (continued)

The match must be a minimum of 15 overs per side depending on weather conditions. The match will start no later than 6.30pm irrespective of any club commitments. In rounds one and two the following rules apply.

In all rounds a reduced overs game can take place if the scheduled start time is delayed but there must be a minimum of 20 overs a side. Where both sides have had the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs the side scoring most runs will be declared the winner. If scores are level, then the side losing fewer wickets are declared the winning side. If a winner still cannot be determined, a comparison of scores going back one over at a time will be made until a result is obtained.

Where weather prevents the second batting side receiving the same number of overs as the side batting first, a minimum of 15 overs must be bowled in the second innings. The winning side will be the side with the greater number of runs in the equivalent number of overs for each side down to a minimum of 15 overs.

If 20 overs per side is not possible (weather only) and no other available date is available to play the game, a bowl out will take place.

The Umpires will arrange a suitable site for this to take place & oversee the "bowl out".

Five bowlers from each team will bowl alternatively one ball each at three stumps. The wicketkeeper must stand back at least 5 yards. Each delivery must be a fair over arm delivery and pitch in front of the popping crease to be counted as a legitimate delivery. If the scores are level after the first set of five bowlers have bowled then a "sudden death" system comes into operation using the same five bowlers in the same order until a result is obtained.

D. In all other rounds, except the final or an emergency situation, ties shall be played on the ground of the first club in each pairing. The 32 clubs shall be elected by the Management Committee.

E. In the event of the ground on which the tie is due to be played is so unfit that play is unlikely in the foreseeable future the secretary shall be contacted and the Management shall decide upon the playing of the tie.

F. The home side shall be entirely responsible for payment of umpires' expenses and retain any profit made from the tie in the first round. The costs are shared in subsequent rounds.

HW6 Player Qualification

A. Only bona fide members of the club within its designated Saturday League, and registered as a player with that league prior to the club's participation in the competition during the current season, shall qualify. Club contacts shall send to the secretary a list of players to arrive not later than the Tuesday prior to the scheduled date of the first round.

B. Subsequent registrations may be made, in writing to the secretary. All players should have represented their club under the control of their designated league a minimum of three times in the current season before the semi-final stage.

C. Only player who is designated a Non Eu player, under current ECB regulations, shall be submitted in the club's list of players. The current player qualifications criteria for this rule is shown in the Appendix to these rules.

D. No player shall play in the competition for more than one club in the same season.

E. Without prior permission of the Management no player shall play for his club in the same round of this competitions and the Crowther Cup.

F. Junior players aged 15 or under shall be entitled to play for a club without playing in the qualifying number of matches. Such players are not required to register as per rule HW6a but the results sheet, see HW 7(n) must be endorsed stating the player is aged 15 or under..

G. Any player not registered shall be ineligible to play in the competition. Should any part of the rule be contravened the club concerned shall forfeit the tie, which shall be awarded to its opponents.

Appendix

Player qualification criteria - country of origin

A. In all cases of qualification the burden of proof lies with a member club and specifically the player. The Management reserves the right to apply rule HW6 (h) should there be any doubts about such proof.

B. EU Player - no registration restriction - see rule HW6(a). To qualify to play as an EU player the person must meet one of the following four criteria. He must:-

1 Hold a birth certificate stating that his place of birth is within the EU or

2 Have a father or mother born within the EU and have himself been permanently resident in an EU country for the preceding four consecutive years or

3 Be aged 15 years or under and have been permanently resident within the EU for the preceding four consecutive years or

4 Have been permanently resident in an EU country for the preceding seven consecutive years and hold documentary proof from the Home Office or an EU country equivalent, that he may remain in the EU without any time restriction.

C. Non EU Player -registration restriction - see rule HW6(c)

To qualify as a non EU player one of the following three criteria shall be met:-

1. Work permit:

Persons wishing to enter the UK to play as a professional player must obtain a Work Permit which is issued by Work Permits (UK) on behalf of the Home Office. Permits, which are non transferable, are issued to the applying club and are valid for six months and relate to specific employment. This does not guarantee the issue of a visa. Within the previous 18 months

Player qualification criteria - country of origin (continued)

A Work Permit player must have played for his country in at least one five-day Test match or three one day international or has played in at least five first class matches. Former Test match players, who do not meet the criteria above, must have played at least five matches in the previous 10 years. For a player to qualify for a position at a club that includes an element of coaching in his job description he must hold at least a Level 2 ECB coaching qualification. The minimum remuneration is set annually and is currently £210 a week plus accommodation, but any other payments ie air fares are discretionary and in addition to the remuneration figure. The contract with any player must include specific duties and detailed remuneration package plus copies of club and league disciplinary procedure.

2. Working Holidaymaker: Requires a permit which is granted to citizens of the Commonwealth who are under the age of 27. Permits are granted for two years and allow casual work but not as a professional cricketer. The person must intend to return to his country of origin to take up his normal occupation and the prime purpose of the visit shall be as a holiday.

3. EU Resident of between two to seven years standing: A person who is not qualified to play as an EU player (see above) but who is ordinarily resident in the EU who may play as a Non EU Player if he meets the following criteria.

i) Has been resident in this country for a period of 24 consecutive months before the date of the registration and

ii) Has not been out of the country for longer than 28 consecutive days or a total of 56 days during the previous 24 months and

iii) Any remuneration he received from playing cricket is not the main source of his income

D. All enquiries regarding the interpretation of the Appendix shall be directed to the secretary.

HW7 Match procedures and results

A. All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, except as otherwise provided in these rules. The umpires will be in sole charge prior to the toss.

B. In all ties up to and including the semi-final the home club shall have a choice of taking a collection or charging the following admission fees, Adults £2, senior citizens and children £1.

C. No pitch shall be artificially watered, or in any way tampered with during the period commencing forty eight hours before the scheduled starting time of the match, nor after play has commenced.

D. Except where it is necessary to consult the Management under Rule HW5(G), all matters concerning the fitness of the ground or conditions of play shall be the sole charge of the umpires.

E. A new ball stamped HWDCC shall be used in all cup games

F. From the moment that either nominated umpire arrives on the ground they will be in charge of the game.

HW7 Match procedures and results (continued)

G. The umpires have the power to order a shorter game, but not less than 20 overs per side, if they feel the conditions are more appropriate on the day.

H. If at the scheduled start time the umpires consider the conditions unfit for play, overs will be deducted at the rate of one every three minutes. When play is possible the remaining overs will be divided equally, minimum 20 per side.

I. Team captains shall exchange written lists of players on ECB approved forms and signed by the captains) nominated to take part in the match, before the toss takes place. Copies to be given to the umpires.

J. Umpires shall report any late starts and the offending team(s) shall be fined £5.

K. All matches shall be of 50 overs per side and the team scoring the most runs will be the winners except where rule HW5(d) applies in respect of weather affected games or re-arranged midweek fixtures. No bowler shall bowl more than 10 overs in any innings. In the event of a reduced overs game being played the following table indicates the revised limitations for bowlers.

Innings length	Bowler Maximum	Innings length	Bowler Maximum
15	3	31-35	7
16-20	4	36-40	8
21-25	5	41-45	9
26-30	6	46-50	10

L. A team declaring its innings closed before the completion of its allotted overs shall be deemed to have lost all its wickets. Any over unused by the team batting first either by being all out or declaring, shall not be added to those of the side batting second.

M. There shall be an interval of not more than 30 minutes at the end of the first innings. The captain of the team batting second may require the pitch to be swept and/or rolled with a roller of his choice, for not more than seven minutes between the innings.

N. Where covers are available these may be used at any times to protect the pitch.

O. In the event of a match resulting in a tie the side losing the least wickets will be the winner. If they are identical a bowl out will take place.

P. In all rounds except the final the home club contact, or a deputy, shall notify the Results Secretary firstly by telephone on its immediate completion and in addition then email a results sheet to the Secretary within 48 hours. Failure to comply with the rule shall result in a £5 fine.

O. Wide ball. Any delivery that passes the batsman down the legside in the normal batting stance shall be called a wide regardless of where the ball pitches. If the ball touches the player's bat or person, it shall not be called wide.

P. Fielding restrictions will apply for the first 15 over of each innings. Only two fielders will be allowed to be outside the 30 yard circle while the restriction applies. For the remainder of the innings four fielders plus the bowler and wicketkeeper must be inside the circle at the point of

HW7 Match procedures and results (continued)

delivery. No more than five fielders will be allowed on the legside at any time. For any breaches of the regulations either umpire may call and signal no ball.

Innings length	Fielding restrictions	Innings length	Fielding restrictions
15	5	33	10
16	5	34	10
17	5	35	10
18	5	36	11
19	6	37	11
20	6	38	11
21	6	39	12
22	7	40	12
23	7	41	12
24	7	42	13
25	7	43	13
26	8	44	13
27	8	45	13
28	8	46	14
29	9	47	14
30	9	48	14
31	9	49	15
32	9	50	15

HW8 Umpires

A. The Umpires Secretary shall appoint umpires for all matches. They shall be paid a fee of £35y preferably at the tea interval.

B. When an umpire travels and the game does not take place they are entitle to half their fee £17.50.

C. Apart from the first round when the home side is wholly responsible for the payment of both umpires fees. the away side shall contribute their part of the above fees and expenses, at the conclusion of the tie.

HW9 Complaints, Objections and Disciplinary Matters

A. Any complain or objection shall be notified to the secretary, with copies to the contact of the club and / or individuals concerned within 48 hours of the completion of the match. A deposit of £10 shall be sent with the notice to the secretary and shall be forfeited if the Management considers the matter to be frivolous.

B. Any disciplinary matter shall be referred for consideration and any action to a Competition Disciplinary Panel, consisting of a minimum of five Management members and conducted under YCB rules.

HW10 Final Tie

- A.** The sponsor to provide 13 shirts for each side (to be returned or purchased from the sponsor afterwards).
- B.** Clubs are requested to nominate venues from which the Management shall select a ground on which the final tie is to be played. It shall be neutral unless the Management determine otherwise.
- C.** The committee of the host club shall grant the use of the ground until the completion of the tie and the Management shall not be held responsible for any monetary loss arising to such a club and its members.
- D.** The Management shall fix the admission fees for the final tie and shall be handed the gross receipts. Ten per cent of the total, or £25, whichever is the greater, shall be paid to the host club for incidental expenses with the balance being paid into the competition account. The Management shall be responsible for all major expenses including the provision of teas, trophies for the the finalists and umpires etc.

HW11 Trophies

- A.** The winning club in any year, having given a satisfactory guarantee for the safe custody and return of any annual trophies shall be entitled to hold them until July 21 when they shall be returned to the secretary.

HW12 Rules and Alteration

- A.** The Management shall have the power to decide any queries arising on the construction of these rules, or any matter which is not provided for, including penalties.
- B.** Any disciplinary decisions shall only be arrived at after a full and fair hearing. All interested parties shall have the opportunity to present their case and hear the evidence presented. Such hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice.
- C.** All decision shall be final and binding on all parties subject to rule HW3(b).
- D.** Each competing club shall be provided each season with six yearbooks and club contacts and captains, in particular, should be aware of the contents, especially these rules.
- E.** Any rule may be altered or deleted and/or a new rule included at the AGM provided that at least two thirds of the clubs present vote in favour. Written notice of any proposed alteration or deletion of a rule or any proposed new rule shall be sent to the secretary by June 30. A written list of all proposals, including those submitted by the Management, shall be made available to all clubs at the July meeting, at which they may be discussed.
- F.** Written notice of any amendment to a proposal shall be sent to reach the secretary by August 31.
- G.** A list of all proposals, including amendments, shall be circulated on the agenda to all clubs at least seven days prior to the AGM.