

TRADITIONAL MATCH RULES

(For Divisions 1 to 6 only)

T1. HOURS AND DURATION OF PLAY

T1.1 Starting Time:

Traditional TVCL Matches shall take place in Rounds 6 to 14 and are expected to start at 1:00pm. Member Clubs are expected to ensure they start promptly.

Matches in **Divisions 4 - 6 only** – should both Home Team and Away Team be in agreement, they may start the Match at 12:30pm. However, this must be agreed before Wednesday 10:00pm prior to that fixture. Additionally, if on the day weather interferes to delay the start time, the Match timings may not be returned to a 1:00pm start.

T1.2 Duration of Play:

The normal Duration of play shall be a maximum of 100 overs.

The Team batting first shall occupy not more than 52 overs. The Team batting second shall occupy the balance of the 100 overs (where any incomplete over in the first innings will be counted as a completed over).

T1.3 The Ball:

One new TVCL Ball shall be used from the start of each innings.

The ball used in the 1st innings may not be used in the 2nd innings (unless used as a spare ball).

T1.4 The Over Rate:

Teams shall maintain an over rate of 17 overs per hour (one over = 3.5 minutes).

It is the responsibility of both Captains, whether batting or bowling, to maintain this over rate (not the Umpires). Umpires may assist the Captains with monitoring.

T2. OVER RATE PENALTIES (Divisions 1 & 2 only)

Whether or not the TVCL Match is officiated by Panel or Club Umpires, the following penalties will apply for slow over rates on an individual match basis:

| Overs Not Bowled (at the expiry of the allowable time) | Point Deduction |
|---|----------------------------|
| 0.1 Overs to 2 Overs | 1 |
| 2.1 Overs to 4 Overs | 2 |
| 4.1 Overs and greater | 5 |

These Point Deductions shall not apply if the innings is completed in less than 40 overs.

An additional 10 minutes per innings shall be allowed for normal stoppages (e.g., 1 drinks break, dismissals, and normal ball searches). Should a second drinks break be agreed at the Toss, the Umpires shall allow a further 3 minutes for that innings.

Only in exceptional circumstances (e.g., on field injuries, protective equipment requests, or prolonged ball searches) will the Umpires have the discretion to increase the time allowed for stoppages.

The Umpires will agree the total time to complete an innings taking into account any time for exceptional circumstances. The whole numbers of overs in that innings shall be determined by rounding up and this whole number shall determine the allowable time. Any excess time of the total innings time compared to the allowable time will be divided by 3.5 to determine the numbers of overs not bowled. Points will be deducted according to the table above. The Umpires calculation shall be final and not subject to appeal.

At the conclusion of every TVCL Match, the Umpires shall provide the calculation and confirm to both Captains whether any Points Deduction are to be applied. The Home Captain shall then include the Penalty Point Deductions when submitting the Match Result Form.

The table below shows the allowable time to bowl the number of Overs, inclusive of the additional 10 minutes allowance per innings.

Duration of normal allowable time expressed in Minutes:

| Overs | Mins | Overs | Mins | Overs | Mins | Overs | Mins | Overs | Mins |
|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| 17 | 69 | 34 | 129 | 40 | 150 | 41 | 153 | 42 | 157 |
| 43 | 160 | 44 | 164 | 45 | 167 | 46 | 171 | 47 | 174 |
| 48 | 178 | 49 | 181 | 50 | 185 | 51 | 188 | 52 | 192 |

(Half minutes have been rounded down on the odd overs)

T3. DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED TRADITIONAL MATCHES

T3.1 In all cases the TVCL Match shall only start or continue if both the Umpires decide that the conditions are fit for play in accordance with the Laws of Cricket. In a TVCL Match in which an ECB ACO Umpire (whose membership is current and is also qualified to minimum level 1) is standing with an Umpire who is not, then the ECB ACO Umpire will have the final decision on all aspects of safety including Ground, Weather and Light. In TVCL Matches where there are no Umpires appointed, both Captains must agree conditions are fit to play.

T3.2 In the First Innings

In a TVCL Match where there is a delayed start or an interruption in the first innings only, the first cumulative 30 minutes of the time lost shall be ignored.

Thereafter, overs shall be deducted from the maximum Duration on the basis of two overs for every completed seven minutes of time lost (one over deducted from each innings to maintain the 4 over difference).

The first innings shall not be reduced below 37 overs, otherwise the Match Result shall be declared as “Abandoned”.

T3.3 In the Second Innings

Except when the first innings has been completed due to dismissal or declaration prior to the full use of the maximum overs permissible - then in all other cases the second innings shall always be entitled to **4 overs less** than the completed number of whole overs which were bowled in the first innings.

Even if further time is lost during the second innings, no further reduction to the “entitled” number of overs in the second innings can be made.

Any incomplete over will not be considered, and in all cases the Team batting second will be “entitled” to receive an exact number of overs as shown in the table below:

| 1 st Innings (Overs Bowled at point of final GWL interruption) | 2 nd Innings Overs “Entitlement” | Match Duration | Effective Match Duration | Split |
|---|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 52 | 48 | 100 | 100 | 4 |
| 51.5 | 47 | | 98.5 | 4.5 |
| 51.4 | 47 | | 98.4 | 4.4 |
| 51.3 | 47 | | 98.3 | 4.3 |
| 51.2 | 47 | | 98.2 | 4.2 |
| 51.1 | 47 | | 98.1 | 4.1 |
| 51 | 47 | 98 | 98 | 4 |
| 50.5 | 46 | | 96.5 | 4.5 |
| 50.4 | 46 | | 96.4 | 4.4 |
| 50.3 | 46 | | 96.3 | 4.3 |
| 50.2 | 46 | | 96.2 | 4.2 |
| 50.1 | 46 | | 96.1 | 4.1 |
| 50 | 46 | 96 | 96 | 4 |
| ... repeated until... | | | | |
| 38 | 34 | 72 | 72 | 4 |
| 37.5 | 33 | | 70.5 | 4.5 |
| 37.4 | 33 | | 70.4 | 4.4 |
| 37.3 | 33 | | 70.3 | 4.3 |
| 37.2 | 33 | | 70.2 | 4.2 |
| 37.1 | 33 | | 70.1 | 4.1 |
| 37 | 33 | 70 | 70 | 4 |
| 36.5 | Match Abandoned! | | | |

T3.4 If during the second innings play cannot be resumed due to prevailing GWL conditions (with reference to Match Rule T3.1) and only once no further play is at all possible, then at this stage the result shall be declared as **“Abandoned”** (not as a “Draw” as the Team batting second was unable to receive the remaining ‘entitled’ overs of the Duration).

If play has been suspended for more than 30 minutes, and has not been able to resume by 7:45pm, then from this time the Match shall be declared as Abandoned.

This includes any suspension of play of more than 30 minutes which ends beyond 7:45pm.

T3.5 In Divisions 3 to 6, if play is still in progress at or after 7:45pm (for a 1:00 pm start), then should **both** Captains be in agreement, the Match Result can be confirmed immediately as “Abandoned”. However, if either Captain wishes to continue (subject to prevailing Ground, Weather and Light conditions allowing) then the remaining overs of the Duration shall be bowled as normal.

T4. Bowler Restrictions

T4.1 In all Divisions, a bowler may bowl a maximum of 15 overs. In the event of a reduction in overs, there will be no change to this number of maximum overs permitted.

T4.2 In the event of a bowler being incapacitated or suspended and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler providing that bowler did not bowl the previous over or part thereof. Such part of an over shall count as a full over for each bowler’s limit.