

The Frizzell County Championship

A ADMINISTRATION

A1 Definition of Championship

Throughout these rules, "Championship" shall be taken to include the "Emerging Counties Competition", as well as the main Championship matches, unless either "main Championship" or "Emerging Counties Competition" is specified.

A2 Umpires & Scorers

The ECB shall be responsible for appointing Umpires and Scorers for all matches and for supplying them with copies of the rules.

A3 General Arrangements

- 1 For the main Championship, the ECB shall be responsible for details of grounds, meal arrangements, costs, etc
- 2 For Emerging Counties matches, the ECB shall be responsible for seeing that equivalent arrangements are made.
- 3 Counties will be notified of all relevant details by 16th May

A4 Balls & Scoresheets

- 1 The ECB will supply balls and scoresheets for each match. These will be distributed at the Championship.
- 2 At the main Championship, the Scorers at each game shall be responsible for ensuring that completed scoresheets are handed in that day, as soon as possible after the close of play, at the Queens College ground pavilion. At the "Emerging Counties Competition", the ECB Representative will collect the scoresheets at the end of the match.

A5 Nomination of Squads

- 1 Each participating County must nominate a squad of not fewer than 12 players for each Team entered in the Championship. Each player must be a registered playing member of a Club and must have a playing qualification for the County for which she plays in the Competition.
- 2 The Registration Form, supplied by the ECB, is to be completed and forwarded to the ECB by 20th July 2003 or at least two days before the first Emerging County Championship matches, if any of these are before 20th July 2003.

B PLAYING CONDITIONS

B1 Nominated Players

- 1 Before the toss for innings, when each Captain gives her written list of nominated players for the match to the Umpires, it must include the age group category, actual age on the date of the match and birthday of every player under 20 on the date of the match.
- 2 This list must include the names of players under 18 who have permission from their parents or guardian to play without a helmet.

B2 Scoreboard

In all Championship matches, it shall be the responsibility of the batting side to ascertain the details of the score, wickets and overs from the Scorers and to see that the scoreboard is brought up-to-date with this information at least at the end of every over.

B3 Duration

- 1 Unless there is prior agreement to the contrary, between Captains, Umpires, Ground Authority and, at the main Championship, the Championship Organiser, matches will start at 11.00 am unless delayed by adverse conditions of ground, weather or light.
- 2 Each match will consist of one innings by each side of not more than 50 overs.
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 - a The playing time allowed for the first innings shall be three hours.
 - b No drinks interval is to count as playing time.
 - c If the full 50 overs are not bowled within the three hours playing time, the innings shall continue until the side batting first have received 50 overs. However, the maximum number of overs for the side batting second shall be reduced to the number

received by the side batting first within the three hour limit, rounded up to the next whole number, except as detailed in B3.3d.

- d If the Umpires consider that the slowness of play in the first innings was due to matters beyond the control of the side fielding first, they shall be empowered to waive some or all of the penalty in B3.3c.
- 4 If adverse conditions of ground, weather or light interfere with the progress of play, the Umpires shall be empowered to re-arrange the number of overs to be bowled by each side so that, as far as possible, each Team shall have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 10 overs). As a rough guide for re-arrangements, a rate equivalent to 3 overs in 10 minutes should be expected. For calculation purposes in interrupted matches only, a finishing time of 6.20 pm should be taken.
 - 5 If the number of overs for the first innings has to be thus reduced, Umpires shall calculate the new time limit for that innings on the basis of 18 overs per hour, rounded up to the next five minutes.
 - 6 If the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than originally allotted, due to suspension of play after the start of the match, then a revised target score (to win) should be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing. The target set will always be a whole number and one run less will constitute a Tie. The method of calculating the target score in delayed or interrupted matches will be the Duckworth Lewis method
 - 7 The number of overs for the Team batting second shall not be reduced merely because the Team batting first has been dismissed in less than the agreed number of overs.

B4 Ground, Weather & Light

Law 3, sections 8 and 9 shall apply, that is it is for the Umpires to decide on the fitness of ground, weather or light for play. If they decide that conditions are unreasonable or dangerous, then they will not allow play to take place. If, however, they agree that ground or weather conditions are unsuitable but not dangerous, then the Captains have the right to agree to continue (or commence) play or, in unsuitable light conditions, the batting Captain has the right to decide to continue or commence play. In unsuitable light conditions, the batsmen at the wicket may deputise for the Captain. Appeals against conditions shall be allowed as in Law 3 section 9 (c).

B5 Covering the Pitch

If ground facilities permit, the pitch should be completely covered in the event of rain at any time during the match.

B6 Boundaries

At the main Championship, as far as is possible, the boundaries will be of similar size on all pitches. Other than in exceptional circumstances, this size shall be not less than 55 metres and not greater than 70 metres with the distances measured from the centre of the pitch to be used. The ECB will be responsible for agreeing boundaries with the Ground Authorities before the start of the Championship.

B7 Wicket-Keeping Gloves

Compliance with Law 40.2, the new regulations on wicket-keeping gloves, is not required in season 2003.

B8 Helmets

Any player under the age of 18 playing in this Competition must wear a helmet when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket unless a parent or guardian has given prior written consent.

B9 Fielding Restrictions

- 1 The ECB Directives on fielding restrictions for Junior Age Groups will be observed.
- 2 At the instant of delivery, there may be not more than 5 fielders on the leg side, not more than 2 of who may be behind the line of the popping crease at the striker's end.
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 - a Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play with a radius of 23 metres from the middle stump . at either end of the pitch. The end of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field, on the same side of the pitch (see attached diagram).
 - b For the first 15 overs of each innings in an uninterrupted match, only 2 fielders shall be permitted to be outside the field restriction marking detailed at B9.3a, at the instant of delivery. For the remaining overs, no more than 5 fielders shall be permitted to be outside the field restriction marking, at the instant of delivery.
 - c For the first 15 overs of each innings, there must be at least 2 stationary fielders (excluding the wicket keeper) within 15 metres of the striker at the instant of delivery.
 - d In the event of an infringement of Rules B9.1, B9.2, B9.3b or B9.3c, either Umpire shall immediately call and signal No Ball.
 - e Where the total number of overs is reduced under Rule B3.3 or B3.4, the number of overs for which the initial field restrictions apply shall be reduced from "the first 15 overs" to the number given by the formula "0.3 x scheduled number of overs" rounded down to the next whole number if necessary.

B10 Intervals

- 1 In an uninterrupted match :

- a Lunch shall be taken between innings, except as in B10.1b. below, and shall be of 50 minutes duration.
 - b Lunch shall not be taken earlier than 1.00 pm. If the first innings finishes before 1.00 pm, a 10 minute interval shall apply and lunch will be taken at 2.10 pm.
- 2 If conditions of ground, weather or light delay the start or interfere with the progress of play before lunch, the Umpires shall adjust the timing of lunch as follows:
 - a Lunch shall not be taken earlier than 1.00 pm nor later than 2.10 pm and shall be of 40 minutes duration.
 - b Lunch shall be taken between innings if this is possible within the limits set in B10.2a. Otherwise there will be a 10 minute interval between innings.
 - c In making these adjustments, Umpires must take into account the need of due notice for the Ground Authority.

B11 Drinks

- 1 Drinks intervals will be arranged and taken on the field of play in accordance with Law 15, except as in B11.2 and B11.3 below.
- 2 Drinks may be taken on the field of play after not less than 60 minutes without interruption since the last resumption of play, providing that,
 - a Such drinks intervals have been agreed prior to the start of play
 - b At least 10 overs of an innings remain to be bowled and, before lunch, at least 25 minutes remain before the interval.
- 3 If weather conditions warrant it, the Umpires and Captains are permitted to agree that more frequent drinks breaks be taken providing this agreement is made before the start of the match.

B12 Balls

- 1 The balls shall be as specified in Law 5.6(i).
- 2 There shall be one new ball for each innings.
- 3 Law 5.2 shall apply, that is all balls used in the match shall be approved by the Captains and Umpires before the toss.
- 4 The balls, once approved, shall remain in the possession of the Umpires until brought into use.

B13 Limitation of Overs by Any One Bowler

- 1 The ECB Directives on fast bowling for Junior Age Groups will be observed. The five days of the Tournament will count as all within the same week for this purpose.
- 2 In an uninterrupted match, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the agreed number of overs for the innings.
- 3 If, after revision of the number of overs, the new limit for each bowler is not a whole number then, for the minimum number of bowlers only, it shall be interpreted as the next whole number above.
- 4 If a bowler is incapacitated or suspended during an over, another bowler will complete the over, subject to the provision of Law 22.8. The two part overs shall each count as a full over insofar as each bowler's limit is concerned but not otherwise.
- 5 If the number of overs has to be revised after the start of the match, then:
 - 1 For the first such revision
 - a If the first innings is completed before the revision, all bowlers thereafter, in the second innings shall be limited to one-fifth of the revised total interpreted as in B13.3.
 - b If the revision occurs before the completion of the

first innings, or if the first innings has to be prematurely terminated at this point, then all subsequent bowlers, if any, in the first innings shall be limited to one-fifth of the revised total, interpreted as in B13.3 and

- i If the number of overs agreed for the second innings is the number actually bowled in the first innings, the limit for each bowler in the second innings will be one-fifth of the revised total, interpreted as in B13.3. If, however, one or more of the bowlers in the first innings exceed this new limit then a maximum of two bowlers in the second innings may also exceed the limit, matching each to each, two bowlers in the first innings. The second side may not then use fewer than four bowlers unless the first side used less than four. In each case, the second side may use as few bowlers as the first side insofar as is consistent with the other provisions of this paragraph.
 - ii If the number of overs agreed for the second innings is fewer than the number actually bowled in the first innings, then the minimum number of bowlers for the second side shall be five or the number actually used in the first innings, whichever is fewer. Each shall be limited to one-fifth, one-quarter, one-third or one-half of the total, depending on whether the minimum number of bowlers is five, four, three or two. In each case, a fractional limit shall be interpreted as in B13.3. Once the minimum number of bowlers for the second innings has been set it shall not be changed, even if there are further interruptions.
- 2 For any further revision
- All subsequent bowlers shall be limited to one-fifth of the revised total, interpreted as in B13.3 or, if a reduced minimum of bowlers is already in operation, to the appropriate fraction thereof, as set

out in B13.5.1b.ii.

B14 Wide Ball

The wide ball is defined as laid out in Law 25. However, for guidance purposes, if a ball passes outside the pads of the batsmen in a normal guard position, a leg side wide should be called.

B15 Slowness of Play

Laws 42.9 and 42.10 replace the regulations on "slowness of play" included in previous years and are to be strictly applied.

B16 Result of a Match

- 1 A result can be achieved only if both Teams have batted for at least 10 overs, unless one Team has been all out in less than 10 overs or, unless the Team batting second passes its opponents score in less than 10 overs. A match in which one or both Teams has not had the opportunity of batting for a minimum of 10 overs shall be declared a 'No Result' match.
- 2 In a match where both Teams have had the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 10) and where the scores are unequal, the Team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.
- 3 In a main Championship match, or in the Emerging Counties Competition where points are being awarded, if both Teams have had the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 10) and the scores are equal, the result shall be a 'Tie'. No account shall be taken of the number of wickets that have fallen except for the purpose of awarding bowling bonus points.
- 4 In the Emerging Counties Competition, where points are not being awarded, if both Teams have had the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 10) and the scores are equal, the winner shall be determined by applying the following criteria in the order stated:
 - a The Team losing the fewer number of wickets shall

- be the winner.
- b If both scores and number of wickets are equal, the Team with the higher rate of runs per over shall be the winner.
 - c If scores, number of wickets and run rates are equal then comparisons shall be made first of scores, then, if necessary, of number of wickets lost, then, if necessary, of rates of runs per over at the end of the 40th over, if both Teams batted for 40 overs.
 - d If in B16.4.c. both Teams have not batted for 40 overs, then the comparisons, again in the same order, shall be made as far as is necessary to determine a winner for the end of the last completed over of the shorter innings and the end of the same number of overs of the other innings.
 - e If B16.4a. to B16.4d. fail to determine a winner, the comparisons, in the same order, shall be made successively at the end of 10 fewer overs for each side than at the previous set of comparisons.
 - f In applying B16.4e, the sequence shall cease as soon as a winner is determined. If it is necessary to proceed that far, the final set of comparisons shall be at the end of 10 overs each, whether this is 10 fewer overs than for the previous set or not.
- 5 If the number of overs for the Team batting second has to be curtailed to fewer than that allocated to the Team batting first then their target score shall be reduced in the same ratio as the number of overs has been reduced, calculated to any number of decimal places.
- a Any part over at the end of either innings shall be included in the calculation
 - b For the side batting first, the number of overs shall be the number allocated, even though they may have been dismissed in fewer overs. For the side batting second, the number of overs shall be the

number actually received.

Note: This does not affect the calculation of the batting points awarded to a Team, which shall be based on the actual number of overs, including any part overs, they have faced. See Rule C3.1.

- 6 If the number of overs for the Team batting second has to be curtailed in a single preliminary/play-off and B16.5 does not determine the winner, the criteria of B16.4a. to B16.4f. shall be applied.
- 7 If a single match, in the Emerging Counties Competition in which no points are being awarded, is a 'No Result' match or, in the very unlikely event of B16.4a. to B16.4f. failing to determine a winner or, if ranking fails to determine the necessary top placing(s), the ECB shall arrange for the match(es) to be replayed or make what other arrangements it thinks fit to determine which Team(s) shall go through to the main Championship.

B17 Result of the Competition

- 1 At the end of the main Championship, the Teams in each Division will be placed in rank order within that Division according to the points awarded for all matches during the main Championship. If it is necessary to distinguish between Teams with the same number of points, the criteria set out in B17.2 will be applied.
- 2 If two or more Teams within the same Division have equal points, then the following criteria will be applied in the order stated. In the calculations, part overs at the end of either innings will be included in correct decimal form. 'No Result' matches are to be excluded.
 - a In the case of only two Teams with equal points, then if the main Championship match between those two Teams resulted in a win to one side, that Team shall take the higher position.
 - b For any number of equal Teams, a Team with a higher average of runs per over, from all games

- played during the main Championship, will take a higher position than one in the same Division with a lower average.
- c If there are still equal Teams, a Team that has taken more wickets per overs bowled, over all their main Championship matches, will take a higher position than one in the same Division which has taken fewer wickets.
 - d If there are still equal Teams, a Team that has lost fewer wickets per overs faced, over all their matches, will take a higher position than one in the same Division that has lost more wickets.
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- a The Team with the most points in Division 1 or with the highest position in Division 1, after the application of criteria in B17.2, shall be the winner of the County Championship for 2003.
 - b If after applying the criteria of B17.2, the Teams at the top of Division 1 are still level, they will be joint winners of the County Championship.
 - c For other Teams, if two or more Teams are still level after applying the criteria of B17.2 then, except as in B18.3 and B18.4, they will have the same ranking.

B18 Promotion & Relagation

- 1
 - a One Team will be promoted from each Division, except for Division 1.
 - b The Team to be promoted from any Division will be the one with the highest ranking.
- 2
 - a One Team will be relegated from each Division. The Team relegated from Division 3 will play in the Emerging Counties Competition in 2004.
 - b The Team to be relegated from each Division will be the one with the lowest ranking in that Division.
- 3
 - a The Emerging Counties Competition will be played to decide which Team will be promoted into

Division 3 in 2004. This competition will be organised by the ECB.

- 4 If the ranking criteria as set out in B17.2 fail to determine a lowest Team in any Division or a highest Team in any Division, other than Division 1, then the following extra criteria shall be applied.
 - a For equal lowest Teams in a Division or for equal highest Teams in a Division, then for those Teams a rate of 'number of runs scored per wickets lost' in all of their main Championship matches will be calculated. The Team with a higher rate will be placed above one in the same Division with a lower rate.
 - b If there are still equal lowest or equal highest Teams within the relevant Division, then for those teams a rate of 'number of runs conceded per wickets taken' in all of their main Championship matches will be calculated. The Team with a lower rate will be placed above one in the same Division with a higher rate.
- 5 If these criteria still fail to determine the lowest or highest Teams, as required, there shall be preliminary/play-off matches in the following year to determine Division placings for the Teams concerned.

B19 Special Conditions

- 1 A Captain may not declare her innings closed.
- 2 The Umpires have the discretion to consider a stoppage for exceptional circumstances on the same basis as one for conditions of ground, weather or light (Law 3 section 10).
- 3 In this Competition, Law 42 section 11 (b), the protected area will be as defined except that it will only extend 4ft/1.22 m in front of each popping crease.

B20 Other Conditions of Play

Except as specified in Rules B1 to B19 above, the matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket current in 2003, namely the MCC 2000 Code, except that in Law 2.2, if the wicket-keeper is injured, a substitute shall be allowed to act as wicket-keeper providing the opposing Captain consents.

B21 Disputes

Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of these rules shall be referred to the Championship Organiser within 30 minutes of the completion of the relevant match. The dispute will be referred to the Rules Arbitration Panel appointed for the purpose by the ECB. Any decision of this panel shall be final and binding on the parties concerned.

C POINTS SYSTEM

C1 Preliminary/Play-Off Matches

- 1 The points system shall apply to preliminary/play-off matches only if it is necessary to rank Teams in order to determine entry to the main Championship. It shall not apply if there is only one preliminary/play-off match.
- 2 If ranking is necessary in the Emerging Counties Competition, then it shall be determined by the same criteria, applied to all the Emerging Counties Championship matches, as for ranking within a Division in the main Championship under Rules B16.2 and B17.3.
- 3 Points awarded in the Emerging Counties Competition shall not affect points in the main Championship, except as in Rule B16.

C2 Match Points

- 1 For a Win12 points
For a Tie6 points to each Team
For a Loss 0 points
- 2 For a 'No Result' match, the two Teams shall have 11 points each and no bonus points will be awarded.

C3 Bonus Points

- 1 Batting Points
 - a Except as in C2.2, the number of batting points awarded will be equal to the run rate (runs per over),rounded to the nearest half point
- i.e 4 runs per over = 4 points
4.5 runs per over = 4.5 points

Run rates involving decimal places will be rounded to the nearest half point

- i.e. 4 runs per over to 4.24 runs per over = 4 points
 4 runs per over to 4.49 runs per over = 4 points
 4 runs per over to 4.74 runs per over = 4 points
 4 runs per over to 4.99 runs per over = 5 points
- b It is possible that a Team may be bowled out in less than 50 overs or reach their target in less than 50 overs and the number of overs faced is not a whole number. In this case, the total runs scored should be divided by the following factors to give the run rate as shown in C2.1.a. (where x is the total number of whole overs faced);
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|------------------------|------|
| x overs + 1 ball..... | x.17 |
| x overs + 2 balls..... | x.33 |
| x overs + 3 balls..... | x.5 |
| x overs + 4 balls..... | x.67 |
| x overs + 5 balls..... | x.83 |
- i.e. 171 runs scored in 41.2 overs = 171 divided by 41.33 = 4.13 which is rounded to 4
- 87 runs scored in 17.5 overs = 87 divided by 17.83 = 4.88 which is rounded to 5
- c Maximum batting points shall be 7, even if the run-rate exceeds 7 runs per over.

2 Bowling Points

One half point will be awarded for each wicket taken (see C4).

C4 Fewer than 11 Players

- 1 If a player is unable to bat because of illness or injury, sustained during the match, or a batsman is 'Retired Not Out', this shall not count as the fall of a wicket for the award of bonus bowling points, although 'Retired Out' will count. This regulation does not invalidate the provisions of Law 2.9.

- 2 If a Team has fewer than 11 batsmen, otherwise than as set out in C4.1, then the opposing Team will be awarded 5 points if they dismiss all the batsmen in fewer than the allotted number of overs, but will not otherwise gain extra bowling points.