



RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION (APRIL 4th, 2021– Aug 1st, 2021)

Game rules T20:

- All games will be 20 overs and will be played using the ICC 20/20 rules.
- International Cricket Council Twenty 20 rules will be followed.
- The umpires will be given standard rules regarding wide balls, boundaries, no-balls, and other rules.
- There will be 11 teams in the 2021 MCCL T20 league –teams will play with all opponents in a round robin manner. Playing 10 regular season games per team.
- At the end of the 1st round, the top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs. Teams will be ranked based on the points and net run rate for seeding.
- Playoffs will be conducted with the below format for Quarter finals
 - 1 vs 8
 - 2 vs 7
 - 3 vs 6
 - 4 vs 5
- Semifinals1 - Highest Seed from QF vs Lowest Seed from QF
- Semifinals 2 - Second Highest Seed from QF vs Third Highest Seed from QF

- The final will be played between the winners of the two semifinals.

Specific rules:

- It is mandatory for all players 18 and under to wear a helmet at all times. Every other player playing in the league is encouraged to wear a helmet for their own safety.
- A maximum of two fielders can be outside the 30-yard circle in the first 6 overs. Thereafter only 5 fielders can be allowed outside the 30-yard circle
- All games shall be played using both ends of the pitch. Only exception is when umpire feel that pitch/field is not safe to play from both ends,
- **Timed out** - After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batsman, the incoming batsman must, unless Time has been called, be in position to take guard or for the other batsman to be ready to receive the next ball within 1 minute 30 seconds of the dismissal or retirement. If this requirement is not met, the incoming batsman will be out, Timed out.
- **Fielder / player absent or leaving the field of play** - A player who is off the field for non-injury (external) reasons for more than 8 minutes, have to take the field for the same amount of time as he was off, before he can bowl in the game. If the player is off the field and his team starts batting after the break, the time is calculated from the moment the second innings begins. Also, if the chasing team has more than 5 wickets, the player can bat any time after.
- **Batsman retiring:** - A batsman may retire at any time during his innings when the ball is not in play. The umpires, before allowing play to proceed, shall be informed of the reason for a batsman retiring.

(a) If a batsman retires because of illness, injury, or any other unavoidable cause, he is

entitled to resume his innings subject to (c) below. If for any reason he does not do so, his innings is to be recorded as 'Retired – not out'.

(b) If a batsman retires for any reason other than as in (a) above, he may resume his innings only with the consent of the opposing captain. If for any reason he does not resume his innings it is to be recorded as 'Retired – out'.

(c) If after retiring a batsman resumes his innings, it shall be only at the fall of a wicket or the retirement of another batsman.

- No By runners are allowed.
- It is not mandatory for the bowler to announce the guard even if it is the very first ball of his innings. The guard is just informational and is meant for the batsman and the runner. Hence a no-ball cannot be called by the umpire for a bowler not announcing the guard. However, it is highly encouraged that the umpire asks the guard so he can inform the batsman and the runner.

Free Hit:

- If the bowler bowls a no-ball because of overstepping, more than one bouncer per over, talking while the bowler is bowling – including the run up, breaking stumps during delivery, waist high full toss, ball bouncing more than once before reaching popping crease, rolls along the ground or any kind of no ball, the next ball shall be a Free Hit. For this ball, the batsman is not given out by any means in the cricket rules apart from being run out, hitting the ball twice intentionally, obstructing the field or handling the ball. Stumping is not a dismissal option on a free hit. As mentioned, the batsman can be run out - by the keeper included.
- Free Hit dismissals – handling the ball, obstructing the field and run out.

- Wide dismissals – handling the ball, hit wicket, obstructing the field, run out and stumped.
- The captain cannot change field setting if it is the same batsman on strike that faced the no ball. If the batsman changes on the no-ball, then the field set up can be changed as per the field restrictions allowed during that point of game.

Super Over for League and Playoff games:

- If a match ends in a tie, the outcome is decided by a concept called Super Over.
 - The team batting second in the main match will bat first in the super over.
 - Each team will receive one over and the batting team will choose three batsmen.
 - Loss of two wickets ends the super over.
 - The bowling team chooses a bowler to complete the one over.
 - In the event of the scores being level in the Super Over, the first satisfied of the following
 - criteria will determine the winner
 - The winner will be the team with most runs scored in the 6 balls faced.
1. If the regular match utilized the Duckworth–Lewis method, criterion 4 immediately applies.
 2. The team with the greatest number of boundaries combined from the main match and the Super Over is the winner.
 3. The team with the greatest number of boundaries from the main match (that is, not
 4. including the Super Over) is the winner.
A count-back from the final ball of the Super Over shall be conducted. The team with the higher scoring delivery is the winner. Runs scored from illegal deliveries count towards the following legal delivery.

Ground Set up / Start Time Rules: -

- For morning matches, the two teams must be on the ground at no later than 9:30 am. The toss will be at 9:45 am. The match will start at 10:00 am.
- Every game will have a home team and away team. Home team will set up the ground before the games. Away team will make sure all the ground equipment is stored at the appropriate location.
- If there are afternoon games, then both teams playing the afternoon game will make sure, all the ground equipment is stored at the appropriate location.
- For afternoon matches, the two teams must be on the ground at 1:30 PM. The toss will be at 1:45 pm and the match will start at 2:00 PM sharp
- Each innings will be played in no more than 90 minutes for 20 overs. Only one drinks break of 5 minutes will be allowed after 10 overs of each innings. During the break, the teams cannot leave the ground.
- There will be a break of 10 minutes between innings.
- One over will be reduced for every five minutes of tardiness by a single team or both teams. If one single team delaying the game, then the team delaying the game will have reduced overs to bat.
- The teams must have at least eight players by official toss time. If a team does not have the minimum number of players, it must either wait to get their eighth player or forfeit the match. This applies to both batting and fielding teams.
- A match will start only if both teams have a minimum of eight players.
- Teams will be penalized \$100 for every forfeited game in the season. They will be eligible to register their team for a new season only after clearing any pending forfeit dues from the past seasons.
- If at match start time, both teams have less than 8 players then for every five-minute wait, the team waiting will have one over reduced.
- If After 15 minutes of scheduled start time both teams have less than eight players match will be abandoned by the umpire and both teams will get zero points and the match will be counted as completed.
- If the captain of the team with the fewer number of players feels that he needs his players and would want to wait, then one over will be deducted for every 5-minute wait. For example, if one team has all its 11 players and is ready to play but the second team waits till 9:05 am, one over will be reduced

Rain Rules for 20-20:

- A minimum of 6 overs played by both teams would constitute a completed match and the result would be considered with the winning team getting 2 points.
- Power play rules stay the same. 2 fielders outside the 30-yard circle.
- AM games should start by 12.00 noon and end by 1.30 pm. The game will be a 6 over affair.
- PM games should start by 4.00 pm and end by 5.30 pm. The game will be a 6 over affair.
- If a match starts at 12 noon, then it would be a 6 over game. If at 12 noon the umpires decide that the ground is not fit for play, then the match will be washed out.
- No match will start after 12 noon for a morning game. If rain intervenes after a match has started, then the time lost due to rain delay will be considered for the deduction in overs. For every 10 minutes lost 1 over will be deducted from each side.
- If 1 over is deducted for every 5 minutes lost from one innings, then power play will be calculated by $6 * n / 20$, where "n" is the number of overs that will be played per innings.
- Example: - If 10 minutes lost then 2 overs will be deducted from each innings.
 $6 * 10 / 20 = 3$, decimals will be ignored, and it will be rounded to 3 overs.
- MCCL will follow Duckworth Lewis method to calculate target for games which might be affected by rain / low visibility / wet ground conditions games. This is the link we will use to calculate the target - <http://www.boltoncricket.co.uk/DLcalc.html>
 - o [TABS2002.XLS \(icc-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)
 - o [DuckworthLewis-Methodology.pdf \(icc-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)
- No bonus point system this year.

Rain Reserve Day:

- There will be two reserve weekends for all washed out league games.
- All rain rescheduled games will be played ONLY during those reserved weekends and all games will be of equal number of overs.
- If reserved weekend is washed out, then points will be split.

- Playoff games have a rain reserve day.
- Only the umpires have the right to decide whether the ground is ready for play or not.
- The captains or any person in the field do not have any say to start or end a game or shift to a reserve day. It is completely an umpire's call.
- If 10 overs of the team batting first are completed when rain interrupts, then the playoff game will be restarted on the rain reserved day, not resumed from where it was stopped.
- If it is a wash out on the rain reserve day for playoffs, then higher-ranking team playing the game will be declared as the winners.
- No refunds for any washed-out games.

Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct:

- Umpire's decision is FINAL. Argument with the umpire or improper behavior of the team will be taken as an offence.
- Only the captain and/or vice-captain can politely talk to the umpire if needed.
- In case of protest/arguments/misbehavior by the team members the captain will be issued a warning by the umpire to get the team under control. If such behavior by the team continues further the umpire will contact the MCCL Board and they reserve the right to disqualify the team from the tournament.
- Intolerable behavior by players towards umpires and opposition players will not be tolerated.
- Any team / player found guilty of un-sportsman like conduct which includes verbal abuse or taunting of an opponent by the on-field neutral umpire will be given warning as first offence.
- 1 point will be deducted from the team's point table as second offence; player/ team will be disqualified to participate in the tournament on third offence.
- In the case of a dispute, only the captain and/or vice-captain of any team can talk to the umpire. Hence all communications must be channeled through the captain or vice-captain.
- 1 point will be deducted from the team's point table (Captain, Vice-Captain, player or supporters) that resorts to running on to the field of play without the consent of the on field umpires.

General Information:

- We recommend that all captains, vice-captains, scorers, and umpires read this document closely. It is the responsibility of the team leadership to ensure that every member of the team is aware of all the rules of the tournament.
- Every participating team should make sure necessary safety precautions are taken to
- Ensure player safety (ex: protective equipment, medical kit). Individual safety of the players is not MCCL Board's responsibility.
- Metal cleats are NOT allowed.
- Every team MUST have uniforms in solid colored clothing with collars to participate in this tournament. No player will be allowed to play in Shorts.
- No cheering/clapping/talking by players on the field or change of fielder position is permitted after the bowler has started his run-up and until the ball is completed.
- Umpire can declare a NO BALL if this happens after a warning. If the umpire declares a no ball, this will not be a free hit.
- Every team is responsible for cleaning their trash (food, water bottles). No trash should be left behind after the conclusion of games. Every team MUST carry their own trash bags and must clean up and put their trash in their own trash bags and dispose them.
- This is NOT the leagues or the ground maintenance staff's responsibility. Each team needs to clean up on their own.
- Trash rules for each ground are as follows:

Ted Rhodes (TRCF): Trash will need to be put in your own trash bags and dumped at the dumpster, and NOT in the trash cans by the ground.

Owens Field : Trash will need to be put in your own trash bags and taken back with you.

Whites Creek: No trash should be left anywhere in the ground. Trash will need to be put in your trash bags and dumped in trash containers in the ground.

- **Trash penalties:** The umpires, after EVERY GAME will inspect the surroundings and will take pictures and inform the MCCL executive team if any trash left behind.
- If any trash was left behind, BOTH teams that have played the match that the umpire adjudicated will be fined \$75 each. There will be NO exceptions to this policy as Metro has now strictly warned the league not just about levying fines, but also about possibly losing the grounds.
- As mentioned, and for clarity, being mentioned again, BOTH teams will be fined \$75 each and no excuses will be encouraged. If the teams do not pay the fines before their next game, points will be awarded as a win to the opposition the teams will

be playing in the next game. If however, the 2 teams are facing again, they both will be awarded 0 points, with no reschedule. Please note that there is no exceptions to this rule.

- **Drinks Rules:** No players will be allowed to carry ANY drinks onto the field.
- The umpires and the umpires alone will carry 2 bottles with them for both teams, one from each team. If they run out of drinks, the umpire will call for someone to bring the drinks, ONLY to be handed over to the umpire.
- No fielder, or batsman or even the leg umpire is NOT allowed to carry drinks with them. No exceptions to this rule. This will also help the teams maintain their trash and make it easy on them to clean up.
- If Metro closes their grounds (TRCF, WCHS) due to continuous rains or any natural causes, then scheduled games will be a washout.
- Even on days that MetroParks decides to close their parks, due to heavy rains as mentioned in the point above, OWEN field will be inspected by the umpires, who will take a call based on the conditions at the ground and if the conditions are playable, the games will be played.
- After Week-2 of MCCL 2021 T20, the umpires will be the sole decision makers on whether to allow players without proper uniform to play or not. The on field captains or any other players do not have any say in this regard.
- **Back up umpires** - The league will try its best to provide an umpire, but if for any unforeseen reason, there is a shortage of umpires, teams listed on Cricclubs for each game as the backup umpires (umpire 2) WILL need to send an umpire, failing which, 1 point will be deducted from the team's total points. So, every team listed on CricClubs as the umpire for games, will need to be prepared to send an umpire, should the league require it. The requirement will be confirmed no later than a day before the game.
- Based on ground conditions – MCCL ground standards – the straight boundaries will be set up to a minimum of 70 yards and a maximum of 75 yards and the side boundaries will be set to a minimum of 65 yards and up to a maximum of 70 yards.
- Every team is encouraged to bring a scoring book with them, so they can manually score when the CricClubs app is down.

New ICC rules:-

- No Ball will be called if the ball pitches twice before reaching popping crease or pitches outside the pitch

- Fielders' absence substitute can now even WK
- Batsman not out if they make the ground and the bat pops up
- Batsman can be declared caught, run out if the ball rebounds from the helmet of the fielder or WK
- Mock fielding – At the discretion of umpires if a fielder deliberately tries any distraction, deception and/or obstruction of batsman. Dead ball will be called and 5 penalty runs will be awarded to the batting team.
- Non-striker leaving his ground early before the bowler is expected to deliver the bowl. No warning is required.

Team Rosters:

- Each team could submit a roster of up to 15 players before the start of the league. MCCL Organizers must approve additional players.
- During the league phase, team Captains can make changes to their roster of 15 by logging in to cricclubs.com/mccl on or before Friday of every week. Rosters will be automatically locked every Friday at 11:59 p.m.
- Players not listed in their current team rosters before deadline every Friday are ineligible to participate in league games that weekend.
- Teams playing with players not registered on cricclubs.com/MCCL roster will be penalized by forfeiting the game and awarding the game to opposing team.
- All players must have their profile pictures uploaded on CricClubs. Umpires will check the rosters against profile pictures to make sure registered players are playing in the league.
- Rosters will be locked once the playoffs begin. No changes will be allowed to be made to the roster.
- If a player wants to transfer to another club mid-season, he can do so, but cannot play the league that season for the new club if he has played at least one match with the previous club.
- If a player has not played even one match and wishes to transfer to another club, he can do so and play the league matches for the club which he transferred to.

Player Restrictions – MCCL Playoffs

- A player should have played a minimum of 1 game in the league to be eligible to play in the playoffs and must be included in the registered list of players. This promotes players who have dedicated their time to this league the chance to play the finals. It also makes teams to not bring in players for just one game thereby defeating the purpose of promotion of MCCL.
- Rain affected league games will be considered as an eligible game if the players name are listed in the playing eleven. Wash out games will not be considered as an eligible game.

Scores:

- CricClubs scoring app must be used for scoring.
- Winning teams should enter scorecard on CricClubs by Wednesday after the weekend games have been played. Also, it is the winning team's responsibility to update the scorecard with any corrections needed.
- Each team should provide a scorer on the game day. If a team fails to provide a scorer, the scores scored from the opponent team will be considered as the official scores of the game.
- The team captains and umpire will decide on the Man of the match. The Man of the match will be selected from the winning team.

Points:

- The winner of a match will be awarded 2 points. The loser will not get any points. If the match is abandoned due to rain, the teams will share one point each.
- Net Run Rate (NRR) Calculation: A team's run rate will be calculated as the number of runs scored divided by the number of overs/balls faced. Where a side is all out, the number of overs to be used is the maximum number of overs that side was otherwise eligible to

face. CricClubs will be responsible for calculating the NRR.

- A normal win will fetch the winning team 2 points. As mentioned earlier, no bonus point for MCCL T20 2021.
- If at the end of the League games, teams who are with the same points the qualifiers will be decided as follows:
- Net Run rate in the League matches (Run rate rounded to two decimal points)
- If two teams are equal on run rate, then:
- The team which had more wins of the head-to-head match played between them in the league phase will be placed in the higher position.
- Playoff games (Semi- finals / finals) will have reserved days.

Insurance:

- Club insurance is not part of the league fee. Liability insurance is provided to players who paid for USA Cricket Registration.

Fees:

- Each team must submit tournament fee to the league at the start of the season. This fee will be used toward ground lease and maintenance fees paid to Metro Parks and Owens Field
- The fees will also be used to pay to purchase trophies, awards, and cricket balls and umpiring fee. The total fee for the entire league T20 season 2020 is \$750/team including USA Cricket Registration (till 12/31/2021)

Balls:

- The balls for the matches will be provided by MCCL Board. At the end of the games, Teams are responsible to hand over the balls to main umpire. Main umpire will note the number of overs that ball has been used on the ball before turning it over to the board. These balls will be used as replacement balls if balls are lost during the game.

Umpires:

- The list of umpires can be looked up on the Cricclubs website. The teams will have to pay the umpires BEFORE the game begins and failure shall be reported to the organizers.
- Each game will be officiated by one neutral main umpire from the above panel and one leg umpire from the batting team.
- Main umpires are required to complete match report after conclusion of the game and submit to the board.
- Match report document will be provided to all the umpires by the board.
- If the umpire spends a minimum of 1.5 hour of his time on a rain affected game, then the umpire will be paid the complete amount. This is irrespective of the status of the game.
- The leg umpire provided by the batting team is not allowed to talk to their batsmen or give advice. His role inside the field is to be an official umpire. Fielding team captain can report such incidents to the umpire. The umpire will then talk to the leg umpire not to repeat such instances. If the leg umpire continues talking or giving advice, then 1 point will be deducted by the MCCL board based on the match report provided by the main umpire.
- If official umpires can't make it to the ground, then back up umpires assigned as per the schedule will officiate.
- Umpires are required to inform the board by Wednesday before the weekend games if they are not going to be available to officiate.
- Umpiring panel and MCCL board will vote to recognize the team with highest level of professionalism and sportsmanship at the end of the season.
- Umpiring panel and MCCL board reserve the right to come up with approaches to resolve issues and unforeseen circumstances and deal with them at their discretion.

Individual Award and Recognition:

CricClubs will be MCCL official partner to maintain league statistics.

Awards

- Winner's Trophy.
- Runners-Up Trophy
- Man of the match awards for league games
- Man of the match awards for Quarter finals, Semifinals and Finals.
- Best batsman of the tournament.
- Best bowler of the tournament.
- Best player of the tournament.