

Cricket

As well as the BUCS Outdoor Cricket regulations having been updated for the 2018-19 season, please be aware that the MCC have also made some updates to the Laws of Cricket. Institutions should make sure to review both the new BUCS and MCC publications ahead of their first fixtures.

CRI i The BUCS Cricket Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the MCC Laws of Cricket, together with any permanent or experimental conditions approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board for the recreational game.

CRI ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

CRI iii In the event that these regulations contradict those of the MCC Laws of Cricket or any permanent or experimental conditions approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board for the recreational game, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

CRI 1 Women playing in men's teams

CRI 1.1 Female players may play for either men's or women's teams, however if a female player selects to play in a specific gender competition they must remain in that competition for the remainder of the season.

CRI 1.2 Up to a maximum of 4 female players are permitted in a team of 11.

CRI 2 MCC Universities

CRI 2.1 The Marylebone Cricket Club Universities (MCCU) scheme is an initiative of the Marylebone Cricket Club. There are 6 MCCUs of which 4 include more than 1 institution in membership of BUCS. BUCS's (formerly BUSA) General Council agreed in June 2000 that the MCCUs would compete in the BUCS Men's/Women's Team Championships as joint teams, i.e. a single team would represent the MCCU regardless that players within that team may come from different institutions in membership of BUCS.

CRI 2.2 Individual institutions that form part of a joint MCCU will be permitted, should they so wish, to enter other men's/women's teams to represent one or more of the constituent institutions of the MCCU. These teams may only comprise players eligible under BUCS regulations to represent that individual institution. These additional teams will always play at a level of the Championships below that of their joint MCCU team. The fixtures of the MCCU will always take priority.

CRI 2.3 Subject to BUCS General Regulations concerning the selection of teams (note REG 7.1), the selection of teams within institutions that are constituent parts of an MCCU shall be a matter for those institutions with the following exception. Each of the MCCUs must supply BUCS with 3 named players) who, as their better players, would not be permitted to play at a level below that of the joint MCCU team regardless of circumstance. This form must be

submitted and received by BUCS no later than the date published in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations document.

CRI 2.4 The above will also apply to any non-MCCU institution that has been granted permission by the BUCS Cricket Sports Advisory Group to field a joint team at its highest level and who then chooses to enter other teams within the Men's/Women's Team Championships.

CRI 3 Format

CRI 3.1 Men's National/North A/South A/Tier 1 league, Men's Championship/Trophy knockout, Women's Premier North/Premier South league, and Women's Championship knockout fixtures All matches shall consist of 1 innings of 50 overs per side.

CRI 3.2 Men's Tier 2 and below league fixtures The competition format with regard to duration of play must be the same across the whole league. Which format is used must be a majority decision between all teams in that league, choosing one of CRI 3.2.1 - CRI 3.2.4, and must be communicated to the BUCS office in writing. If a majority decision cannot be reached the match must be as outlined in CRI 3.2.4:

CRI 3.2.1 1 innings of 20 overs per side.

CRI 3.2.2 1 innings of 30 overs per side.

CRI 3.2.3 1 innings of 40 overs per side.

CRI 3.2.4 1 innings of 50 overs per side.

CRI 3.3 Women's Tier 1 league fixtures All matches shall consist of 1 innings of 30 overs per side.

CRI 4 Hours of play

CRI 4.1 Men's National/North A/South A/Tier 1 league, Men's Championship/Trophy knockout, Women's Premier North/Premier South league, and Women's Championship knockout fixtures The normal hours of play shall be as follows: Start – 12:30, Finish – 19:30. Tea: 30 minutes' duration, taken between innings. Matches may begin earlier and/or have a 45 minute interval between innings, provided there is written consent of both institutions and the Umpires/ECB Regional Appointment Officer are notified at least 14 days before the match, with BUCScore and Who's the Umpire (where applicable) being updated accordingly. The closing time for any such matches and all other timings in these regulations shall be adjusted accordingly. The BUCS office reserves the right to set the timings for the Championship/Trophy Final matches without requiring consent from the teams involved.

CRI 4.2 Men's Tier 2 and below league fixtures Matches may not begin earlier than 12:30 unless there is written consent of both institutions and the Umpires are notified, and should not be scheduled to finish later than 19:30, with times selected made to fit the chosen league format. Tea: 30 minutes' duration, taken between innings.

CRI 4.3 Women's Tier 1 league fixtures Matches may not begin earlier than 12:30 unless there is written consent of both institutions and the Umpires are notified, and should not be scheduled to finish later than 19:30 Tea: 30 minutes' duration, taken between innings.

CRI 4.4 Altering the hours of play In a delayed or interrupted match, the umpires shall have the discretion to alter the timing of or abandon the interval.

CRI 5 Altering the number of overs The number of overs shall not be changed once a match has started, except in the event of an interruption in play during the first team to bat's innings. In such a circumstance, the object shall be to rearrange the overs so that, where possible, both sides have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs. The calculation of overs to be bowled shall be based on one over for every full 3.75 minutes remaining before the notional close of 19:30.

CRI 6 Minimum number of overs and extension of play If the full number of overs cannot be bowled, the winner shall be calculated using the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (D/L/S) method, provided that at least 20 overs (or 10 overs in the case of 30 and 20 over formats) of the second innings have been bowled (or the innings has concluded in fewer than 20 overs (or 10 overs in the case of 30 and 20 over formats)). Play shall continue beyond 19:30 if conditions permit and that is necessary in order to complete the number of overs allowed by CRI 4 or CRI 5.

CRI 6.1 An exception to the above, is that if a team arrives late and this leads to the fixture not being able to be properly completed, then they shall concede a walkover.

CRI 7 Delayed start Should the start of the match be delayed, the number of overs to be played shall be determined by calculating the playing time remaining until the notional close of 19:30 and allowing 1 over for every 3.75 minutes, rounded down to allow an equal number of overs per side.

CRI 7.1 Late arrival of a team Should the start be delayed on account of one team's not being ready at the appointed time, that team shall be deemed to have lost the toss. The umpires' decision as to the team at fault shall be final.

CRI 8 Conditions of play All matters of fitness of ground, weather and light are entirely for the umpires to determine.

CRI 9 Pitch

CRI 9.1 For all Women's Premier North/South, Women's Tier 1 and Men's Tier 1 and below league matches, a grass pitch shall be used. Should no grass pitch be available, artificial pitches may be used.

CRI 9.2 For the Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final, the Women's Championship Semi Finals and Final, and any other matches designated by BUCS, artificial pitches may be used if available but only if the umpires and both captains agree that, as a result of inclement weather, no grass pitch would be playable but that conditions are otherwise acceptable.

CRI 10 Covers Should covers be available the pitch shall be completely covered during any interval or interruption of play. In the Men's National League, Men's North A and Men's South A it is a requirement that covers be available.

CRI 11 Balls The home institution shall provide 2 new identical balls for all matches. The requirements of these balls are as follows:

CRI 11.1 Men's National league and Championship knockout fixtures The Kookaburra Pink Turf Ball shall be used.

CRI 11.2 Men's North A/South A, Tier 1 and below league fixtures, and Men's Trophy knockout fixtures Grade A standard and English manufactured balls shall be used. BUCS recommends the Oxbridge Windsor Ball.

CRI 11.3 Women's Premier North/Premier South and Tier 1 league fixtures, and Women's Championship knockout fixtures Grade A standard and English manufactured balls shall be used. BUCS recommends the Oxbridge Kensington Ball.

CRI 12 Wearing of helmets by young players No player aged under 18 on the day of the match shall be permitted to bat or to stand up whilst keeping wicket unless wearing a helmet. Please note: General regulation REG 6.1.2 must be complied with.

CRI 13 Officials

CRI 13.1 For all Men's National League and Men's North A/South A matches, umpires will be appointed by the ECB Regional Appointment Officers and all appointments detailed on www.whotheumpire.com (WTU). Institutions must ensure that they are signed up to WTU in order to access appointments details and to communicate with officials.

CRI 13.1.1 Payment of officials is the responsibility of the home team and follows the below procedure:

1. Host teams communicate directly with the appointed umpires to confirm fixture details and provide the umpires with the reimbursement pro forma, available from the BUCS website Outdoor Cricket pages.
2. Umpires complete the reimbursement pro forma and present it to the host team for payment before the fixture commences.
3. To enable teams to budget, the rate for umpires will be a set rate with no additional travel allowance.

Men's National League – £50.00 per match per umpire

Men's North A/South A – £40.00 per match per umpire*

**This is based on the standard flat rate plus the average travel costs incurred over previous BUCS seasons.*

CANCELLED/POSTPONED FIXTURES: In accordance with ECB guidelines – In the event a game is not completed and an umpire has either commenced or completed their journey to the ground, the umpire will be reimbursed as above.

CRI 13.2 In Women's Premier North/South, Women's Tier 1, and Men's Tier 1 and below league matches, the home side is responsible for the appointment of both umpires. For Women's Premier North/South and Men's and Women's Tier 1 league matches both umpires must be qualified members of an officials' association recognised by the England and Wales Cricket Board Ltd. For Tier 2 and below league matches it is a requirement that at least 1 umpire be a qualified member of an officials' association recognised by the England and Wales Cricket Board Ltd.

CRI 13.3 Umpires for the Championship Semi Finals and Final, Trophy Final, Men's North A/South A Playoff match and Men's National League Playoff match shall be appointed by the ECB/MCC. BUCS/ECB will also appoint a match referee for all these games. In Trophy knockout rounds (other than the Final) the home team is responsible for supplying both umpires and it is a requirement that both umpires be qualified members of an officials' association recognised by the England and Wales Cricket Board Ltd.

CRI 13.4 In all matches, each side shall be responsible for supplying its own scorer. In the Men's National League, Men's North A and Men's South A, any side not supplying a scorer, who shall not be a player in the match, will be fined £30.

CRI 14 Hospitality For the Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final, the Women's Championship Semi Finals and Final, and any other matches designated by BUCS, the home institution is required to provide hospitality (cricket teas) for its opponents and officials (minimum 12 opposition players plus manager/coach, 2 umpires and 2 scorers) free of charge. The home team should notify its opponents in writing prior to the match if hospitality will not be made available. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary proceedings.

CRI 15 Wide Ball

CRI 15.1 Men's Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to Law 22 in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. As a guide, if the ball passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a normal cricket stroke both from where they are standing and from where they should normally be standing at the crease, the Umpire shall call and signal Wide Ball.

CRI 15.2 Women's In Premier North/South league matches and Championship knockout round matches, umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to Law 22 in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any offside or legside delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batter a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. For guidance purposes, a legside wide should be called if a ball passes on the legside outside the pads of the batter standing in a normal guard position. In all other matches, umpires are instructed to use their discretion over the interpretation of the Wide Ball rule in keeping with the normal Laws.

CRI 16 No Ball

CRI 16.1 The bowler shall be limited to 1 short-pitched ball per over. A short pitched ball is defined as one that passed or would have passed above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease. The umpire at the bowler's end shall indicate clearly when such a short pitched ball is bowled. Should the 1 short-pitched ball be exceeded in any over, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball and implement the procedures of Law 41.6.

CRI 16.2 Bowling of high full pitched ball. Law 41.7 shall apply.

CRI 16.3 For the Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final, and any other matches designated by BUCS, all no balls shall incur a penalty of 2 runs which shall be scored as no balls. For all other fixtures, all no balls shall incur a penalty of 1 run which shall be scored as a no ball. These penalties shall stand in addition to any other runs which may be scored or awarded.

CRI 16.4 For the Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final, and any other matches designated by BUCS, the delivery following a foot fault no ball, shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker.

CRI 17 Penalty for slow over rate In an uninterrupted match, each side shall complete its 50 overs in no more than three and a quarter hours (195 minutes). If they fail to do this, play will continue until the end of the 50 overs, but the fielding side shall be penalised 6 runs for each over of their allocation that has not started within 195 minutes. These runs shall be added to the score of their opponents as penalty runs on the first occasion the ball is dead once the 195 minutes have elapsed. The umpires shall make allowance for any delays beyond the control of the fielding side, and shall advise the fielding captain of the amount of time to be allowed for and at the time of each incident. In reduced or interrupted matches, a cessation time shall be calculated for each innings based on 3.75 minutes per over and that time shall be substituted for references to 195 minutes above. In addition, 1 over's leeway shall be allowed in all shortened and/or interrupted matches.

CRI 17.1 For 20, 30 or 40 over matches the timings of CRI 17 should be adjusted accordingly.

CRI 18 Bowling restrictions

CRI 18.1 Men's No bowler shall bowl more than 10 overs or, if the duration of the match is reduced before the start, more than one fifth of the total number of overs to be bowled, except that where the number does not divide by 5, as many bowlers as necessary may bowl an extra over to make up the total (e.g. in a 37 over match, 2 bowlers may bowl a maximum of 8 overs and others no more than 7 overs). If a bowler has inadvertently exceeded the allocation following an adjustment they shall be permitted to complete any over in progress but not to bowl any further.

CRI 18.2 Women's No bowler shall bowl more than 10 overs in North A/South A league matches or Championship knockout matches, or more than 6 overs in Tier 1 league matches. In matches where the number of overs is reduced from the start, these numbers shall be adjusted proportionately. If a bowler has inadvertently exceeded the allocation following an adjustment they shall be permitted to complete any over in progress but not to bowl any further.

CRI 18.3 The ECB fast bowling directive shall apply in all matches (irrespective of where played).

CRI 19 Fielding restrictions

CRI 19.1 Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final, and any other matches designated by BUCS The following fielding restrictions shall apply:

CRI 19.1.1 At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fielders on the leg side.

CRI 19.1.2 In addition to the restriction contained in CRI 19.1.1 above, further fielding restrictions shall apply to certain overs in each innings. The nature of such fielding restrictions and the overs during which they shall apply are set out in CRI 19.1.3.

CRI 19.1.3 The following fielding restrictions shall apply: 2 semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semicircles shall be 30 yards (27.43 metres). The semi-circles shall be linked by 2 parallel straight lines drawn on the field. (Refer appendix 4 of ODI playing conditions). The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at 5 yard (4.57 metres) intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches (18 cm) in diameter. At the instant of delivery:

a) Powerplay 1 – no more than 2 fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 1 to 10 inclusive.

b) Powerplay 2 – no more than 4 fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 11 to 40 inclusive.

c) Powerplay 3 – no more than 5 fielders shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 41 to 50 inclusive.

In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of overs within each phase of the innings shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.

Innings	Powerplay 1	Powerplay 2	Powerplay 3
10	2	6	2
11	2	7	2
12	3	7	2
13	3	8	2
14	3	8	3
15	3	9	3
16	3	10	3
17	4	10	3
18	4	11	3
19	4	11	4
20	4	12	4
21	4	13	4
22	5	13	4
23	5	14	4
24	5	14	5
25	5	15	5
26	5	16	5
27	6	16	5
28	6	17	5
29	6	17	6
30	6	18	6
31	6	19	6
32	7	19	6
33	7	20	6
34	7	20	7
35	7	21	7
36	7	22	7

37	8	22	7
38	8	23	7
39	8	23	8
40	8	24	8
41	8	25	8
42	9	25	8
43	9	26	8
44	9	26	9
45	9	27	9
46	9	28	9
47	10	28	9
48	10	29	9
49	10	29	10

CRI 19.1.4 If play is interrupted during an innings and the table above applies, the Powerplay takes immediate effect. For the avoidance of doubt this applies even if the interruption has occurred mid-over.

CRI 19.1.5 Illustrations of CRI 19.1.4 A 50 over inning is interrupted after 8.3 overs and reduced to 32 overs. The new phases are 7+19+6. Therefore the middle phase fielding restrictions take immediate effect when play resumes and last for a further 17.3 overs. The final phase begins after 26 overs have been bowled. A 40 over innings is interrupted after 18.5 overs and reduced to 22 overs. The new phases are 5+13+4. When play resumes, the final phase fielding restrictions apply for the remaining 3.1 overs.

CRI 19.1.6 At the commencement of the middle and final phases of an innings, the umpire shall signal such commencement to the scorers by rotating his arm in a large circle.

CRI 19.1.7 The scoreboard shall indicate the current Powerplay in progress.

CRI 19.1.8 In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, the square leg umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'.

CRI 19.1.9 In the event of the striker's end Umpire failing to call and signal 'No Ball' when the fielding restrictions in this playing condition have been breached, or, when at the point of delivery, more than 2 fielders other than the wicketkeeper are behind the popping crease on the on side, immediately the ball becomes dead and the striker may draw the matter to that Umpire's attention. If the striker's end Umpire is able to verify the breach he shall call and signal No Ball. If the striker's end Umpire is unable to verify the breach then he shall confirm that the events of the delivery shall be unchanged.

CRI 19.2 Men's Tier 1 and below league fixtures The following fielding restrictions shall apply:

CRI 19.2.1 At the instant of delivery there shall be no more than 5 fielders on the leg side. In the event of infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal no ball.

CRI 19.2.2 For the first 15 overs of each innings (or, if the match or either innings is reduced, for the first 30% of each innings), at the instant of delivery no more than 2 fielders may be outside a fielding circle. This fielding circle shall comprise an area

bounded by 2 semi-circles, 1 centred on each middle stump and each with a radius of 30 yards, joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at 5 yard intervals, each dot to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches in diameter. For the remaining overs of each innings, a minimum of 4 fielders (plus the bowler and wicket-keeper) must be within the fielding circle. In the event of infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal no ball.

CRI 19.3 Women's Premier North/South league and Championship knockout fixtures

There must be a minimum of 4 fielders, not including the wicket keeper or bowler, within the fielding circle at all times. This fielding circle shall comprise an area bounded by 2 semi-circles, 1 centred on each middle stump and each with a radius of 25 yards, joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at 5 yard intervals, each dot to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter.

CRI 19.4 Women's Tier 1 league fixtures No fielding circle or fielding restrictions shall apply (other than provided by the Laws).

CRI 20 Bowl Out procedure

CRI 20.1 For the Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final, and any other matches designated by BUCS, the procedure for a Bowl Out will be as follows:

CRI 20.1.1 The umpires will determine the location of the bowl out which may take place on a grass pitch, artificial pitch or indoors.

CRI 20.1.2 The captains will nominate 5 players who will each bowl twice (alternatively with the opposition) at a wicket (comprising of 3 stumps and 2 bails) from a distance of 22 yards.

CRI 20.1.3 The teams shall toss for the order of bowling and then 1 player from each side shall bowl 1 ball alternately.

CRI 20.1.4 Where a bowl out is held in 2 separate venues under CRI 22.2, CRI 20.1.3 will not apply and BUCS will issue separate instructions on the conduct of the bowl out.

CRI 20.1.5 The wicket shall not be obstructed by any person or item; however teams may decide to nominate a wicket keeper who shall stand well back from the wicket.

CRI 20.1.6 The umpire shall officiate at the bowler's end.

CRI 20.1.7 If a player scores a hit from a no ball, that hit shall not count, nor shall he retake the attempt.

CRI 20.1.8 The winner shall be the team with the higher number of hits from their 10 attempts. Should the scores be equal, then the bowl off shall continue using the same 5 players, in the same order, until such time as an equal number of balls have been bowled and one team has hit the wickets more times than the other.

CRI 20.2 For all other fixtures the procedure for a Bowl Out will follow the ECB guidelines.

CRI 21 Wet weather situation for league fixtures

CRI 21.1 Men's National league fixtures In the event that a match is called off up to and including the day of the match, before a ball is bowled, due to bad weather, both teams will be awarded 1 league point each. Similarly, in the event that a match which has started is abandoned due to bad weather before the minimum number of overs are bowled (20 overs in the second team to bat's innings) to obtain a result via Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (D/L/S) method then each team shall be awarded 1 league point.

CRI 21.2 All other Men's and Women's league fixtures

CRI 21.2.1 In the event that a match is called off up to and including the day of the match, before a ball is bowled, due to bad weather, then institutions should rearrange fixtures according to REG 12. If a match does not start, is not rearranged, and no walkover is claimed/conceded, then the match will be deemed void and both teams shall receive 0 points.

CRI 21.2.2 In the event that a match which has started is abandoned due to bad weather before the minimum number of overs are bowled (20 overs in the second team to bat's innings) to obtain a result via Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (D/L/S) method, and cannot be rearranged, then each team shall be awarded 1 league point.

CRI 22 Wet weather situation for knockout fixtures

CRI 22.1 For all fixtures a wet weather reserve day will be scheduled. If the match cannot be played on the scheduled date due to adverse weather conditions then it must be played on the advertised wet weather reserve day unless both institutions agree with the BUCS office that an alternate date for the rain delayed match is suitable. Should a result not be achieved from the rearranged match a bowl out shall be undertaken (see CRI 20).

CRI 22.2 Where it is absolutely certain on a wet weather reserve day that there will be no play, or insufficient play to obtain a result under these regulations and that a bowl out will be required, if the home side advises the visiting side in sufficient time to prevent travel and if the visiting side accepts that there is no prospect of sufficient play, then the visiting side may opt not to travel. In these circumstances, both teams would be required to have a qualified umpire present to oversee the bowl out in two separate locations with the 2 institutions concerned.

CRI 23 Failure to fulfil a fixture Any team failing to fulfil more than 1 fixture, for reasons deemed to be within its control, will not qualify for the knockout stages. In addition, any institution failing to fulfil more than 1 fixture in the Men's National League, Men's North A/South A or Women's Premier North/South shall normally be relegated for the following season.

CRI 24 Determining the winner The winner shall be the side scoring the higher number of runs, irrespective of the number of wickets lost. In a league match, should the teams score an equal number of runs, the match shall be tied, irrespective of the number of wickets lost. In a knockout match, should the teams score an equal number of runs, the result shall be determined as follows:

CRI 24.1 The side losing the fewer wickets shall be the winner.

CRI 24.2 If the teams are still level, if both sides have been dismissed in under their full quota of overs, the side with the higher overall scoring rate shall be the winner.

CRI 24.3 If still level, the winner shall be the side with the higher scoring rate after:

CRI 24.3.1 40 overs; or, if still equal

CRI 24.3.2 30 overs; or, if still equal

CRI 24.3.3 20 overs. And then 19 overs etc.

CRI 24.3.4 If no decision is possible in any final, that title shall be shared for the year.

CRI 25 League points 3 points shall be awarded for a win, 1.5 for a tie, 1 for an abandoned game (note CRI 21.2) and no points for a loss or void game.

CRI 25.1 Tie on points in a league When calculating a final league table, any ties on points within that league will be split by the following sequential systems;

CRI 25.1.1 A team tied on points in a league who has voluntarily conceded walkovers shall automatically be placed below other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers in the relevant season.

CRI 25.1.2 Walkovers deemed involuntary may be disregarded in the above calculations on a case by case basis.

CRI 25.1.3 Tie between 2 teams

CRI 25.1.3.1 The result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where this is not possible, e.g. That match was not played, was abandoned with no result able to be taken, or in the case of Women's Premier North/Premier South each team won 1 fixture (as they play both home and away in these leagues), then CRI 25.1.3.2 shall be used.

CRI 25.1.3.2 Where CRI 25.1.3.1 cannot be used to separate the teams, for whatever position in the league, the final standings for these teams shall be determined on Net Run Rate (NRR). Where a tie on points has been affected by any walkovers conceded to them or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the NRR comparison calculation for the purpose of determining league positions.

CRI 25.1.3.3 Where NRR is used, the winner is the side with the higher or highest net run rate as determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Total runs scored}}{\text{Total overs faced}} \text{ MINUS } \frac{\text{Total runs conceded}}{\text{Total overs bowled}}$$

An exception to this is that where a team is all out in less than its allotted number of overs (either the original number or revised number) it shall be deemed to have received its full allocation rather than the number it actually received. Where

fractions of overs are involved, each legitimate ball bowled shall count as one sixth of an over.

CRI 25.1.4 Tie between 3 or more teams CRI 25.1.3.2 and CRI 25.1.3.3 shall be used.

CRI 26 Additional specific requirements/variations for the Men's National League, the Men's Championship Semi Finals and Final, the Men's North A/South A Playoff match, the Men's National League Playoff match, the Men's Trophy Final and any other matches designated by BUCS

CRI 26.1 Clothing It is expected that all teams participating in the BUCS Men's National League matches and the Championship Semi Finals and Final will be wearing coloured match clothing.

CRI 26.2 General conditions

CRI 26.2.1 Teams (both home and away) should arrive at the ground in plenty of time to allow for warming up and a prompt start. There are no extenuating circumstances for late arrival which, if the umpires deem to have affected the start time of the match, will result in the offending team forfeiting the toss.

CRI 26.2.2 Home teams must provide their opposition with match information in writing (start time/directions) at least 7 days (not working days) prior to the fixture.

CRI 26.2.3 The BUCS office must be provided with the precise location of all Men's National and North A/South A league matches entered onto BUCScore. Matches can only be altered with the agreement of the BUCS office as they will, by this stage, have been incorporated into the ECB's Fixture Schedule.

CRI 26.3 Ground and match conditions

CRI 26.3.1 Pitches must be of good quality. Umpires are to complete pitch and outfield reports after each game, with grades ranging from excellent, good, average, below average, poor and unfit. Any pitch marked poor or unfit will be investigated by BUCS who reserve the right to request reversed venues in further rounds should pitches receive 2 or more marks of this low level.

CRI 26.3.2 Sufficient ground staff (or equivalent) must be available on match days to provide the following duties; a) operate covers, b) roll between innings (if requested) and c) brush and remark pitch between innings.

CRI 26.3.3 Suitable sightscreens should be available.

CRI 26.3.4 There should be provision of sawdust.

CRI 26.3.5 In matches between MCCUs in the National League, where the same pitch is going to be used for all 4 days of the BUCS fixture and Inter-MCCU Championship match, then the BUCS match must take place on the first day.

CRI 26.4 Matches in the Men's National League shall be played under the most current Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (D/L/S) regulations for weather affected matches. Teams should have access to the latest D/L software and the appropriate G50 coefficient for the competition

(BUCS will supply the G50 coefficient). The home team is responsible for having a working computer or laptop available to use the D/L/S system should it become necessary. This should be in a location that is easily viewable by the coaches of both teams. The home team management will be responsible for advising the umpires on any D/L/S calculations as requested.

CRI 26.5 Special conditions for Championship Semi Finals and Final, Trophy Final, North A/South A Playoff and National League Playoff A reserve day for wet weather will be allowed for these matches. BUCS will issue dates for these reserve dates along with the other fixture and knockout dates at the beginning of the season.

CRI 26.5.1 In the event of the scores being tied in a semi-final or final when the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (D/L/S) method has been used, no account shall be taken of wickets lost. The teams shall compete in a Super Over to determine the winner. The following procedure will apply should the provision for a Super Over be adopted in any match.

CRI 26.5.2 Subject to weather conditions the Super Over will take place at a time to be determined by the umpires. In normal circumstances it shall commence 10 minutes after the conclusion of the match.

CRI 26.5.3 The Super Over will take place on the pitch allocated for the match (the designated pitch) unless otherwise determined by the umpires in consultation with the ground authority and the umpires.

CRI 26.5.3.1 The umpires shall stand at the same end as that in which they finished the match.

CRI 26.5.3.2 In both innings of the Super Over, the fielding side shall choose from which end to bowl.

CRI 26.5.3.3 Only nominated players in the main match may participate in the Super Over. Should any player (including the batters and bowler) be unable to continue to participate in the Super Over due to injury, illness or other wholly acceptable reason, the relevant Laws and Playing Conditions as they apply in the main match shall also apply in the Super Over.

CRI 26.5.3.4 Any Penalty time or a suspension under Law 42.4 being served in the main match shall be carried forward to the Super Over.

CRI 26.5.3.5 Each team's over is played with the same fielding restrictions as apply for Powerplay 3 in a normal Royal London One Day Cup Match.

CRI 26.5.3.6 The team batting second in the match will bat first in the Super Over.

CRI 26.5.3.7 The umpires shall select a ball from the box of spare balls which shall be used for both overs of the Super Over. The ball to be used shall not be a new ball and should have the apparent wear characteristics of a ball that has had between 5 and 20 overs of usage. For the avoidance of doubt, a ball used in the main match shall not be used in the Super Over. If the ball needs to be changed, then playing conditions as stated for the main match shall apply.

CRI 26.5.3.8 The loss of 2 wickets in the over ends the team's 1 over innings.

CRI 26.5.3.9 In the event of the teams having the same score after the Super Over has been completed, a count-back from the final ball of the Super Over shall be conducted. The team with the higher scoring delivery shall be the winner. If a team loses 2 wickets during its over, then any unbowled deliveries will be counted as dot balls.

Note that for this purpose, the runs scored from a delivery is defined as the total team runs scored since the completion of the previous legitimate ball, i.e. including any runs resulting from wides, no ball or penalty runs.

Example:

Runs scored from:	Team 1	Team 2
Ball 6	1	1
Ball 5	4	4
Ball 4	2	1
Ball 3	6	2
Ball 2	0	1
Ball 1	2	6

In this example both teams scored an equal number of runs from the sixth and fifth ball of their innings. However team 1 scored 2 runs from its fourth ball while team 2 scored a single so team 1 is the winner.

CRI 26.5.3.10 If still equal, then another Super Over shall be played in accordance with CRI 26.5.3.