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Re: **Mersey Cup U15 T20 Competition 2021**

Dear Players, Parents & Coaches,

I am writing with further details of the Mersey Cup T20 tournament on the Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th July 2021. This year's competition is being hosted by Neston Cricket Club. Neston is one of the best sporting venues in the Northwest of England and has produced a former England Captain Ken Cranston. We are also pleased to announce that we will be live streaming the matches played on the front pitch on all three days. So you're Headmaster, parents and those who may be unable to attend due to work or family commitments can watch online. A café will be open throughout the day and the club has Wifi available for those that are able to work remotely.

This tournament comprises of six T20 matches two on each day. All players will be issued with coloured clothing and we will use pink balls so the players get exposed to them. There will be a cost of £175 per player associated with this tournament to cover (ground hire, refreshments, lunch & evening meal, umpires, scorers, balls, trophies and coloured clothing which includes:

- 1 x Training top
- 1 x Training shorts
- 1 x Playing trouser
- 2 x Playing shirts (1 x long and 1 x short sleeve)
- 1 x Cap

We have secured two major sponsors **Carpenters Group** and **Sustainable Group (UK) LTD** **so shirts must be worn at all times by players and coaches to give our sponsors maximum exposure please.**

Players are required to arrive at:

9am - Monday – Coloured clothing will be issued at 9am to each team.

9am - Tuesday

8am - Wednesday. *Please note we are starting early on the Wednesday as some of the sides have considerable distance to travel.

Teams involved this year are:

- **Wellington School u.15's – Sunrisers** – (Coached by Paul Lawrence Somerset CB u17/u19 @ EPP coach & Stefan Jones (Rajasthan Royals IPL fast bowling coach 2019).
- **Pro Cricket Academies u.15's XI – Warriors** – (Coached by Brad Donelan former Sussex & Somerset CCC player).
- **I have also had interest from a number of schools as well as sides from India and one from UAE.**

Game Format:

Please note this is a T20 tournament and we have allocated a time frame of 1hr 15min to bowl 20 overs. Can Captains and coaches please be mindful of this? The competition will run on a league basis with the team achieving most points will be the winners of the competition. In the event of a tie the tournament will be decided by a six ball super over. One over with no limitations on the number of batsmen that can bat. The winner of the Super Over shall be declared the winners.

3pts for win, 2 points for a Tie 0 points for lose.

Bonus points can be gained by:

1pt - Bowling out the opposition in the allotted 20 overs. This does include the last ball of the innings (on the last ball of the innings if the batting team were nine wickets down and lost their last wicket to the last ball of the innings this constitutes being bowled out and therefore the bowling team can claim an extra bonus point).

175 – Any team scoring one hundred and seventy five runs or more in the allotted 20 overs gets an additional bonus point.

Match Day Itinerary:

Monday 5th July:

Game 1 – Front Pitch - 10am start approx. finish 12.45am **Sunrisers vs Warriors**
Game 2 – Back pitch 10am start approx. finish 12.45am **Outlaws vs Super Kings**
Lunch 12.45 - 1.40pm - for teams & officials only.
Game 3 – Front Pitch - 1.45pm start approx. finish 4.30pm **Outlaws vs Warriors**
Game 4 – Back pitch 1.45pm start approx. finish 4.30pm **Sunrisers vs Superkings**

5pm – BBQ for all teams, managers and officials. A great opportunity for all players & Coaches to mix and get to know each other. 4 x Man of the match awards handed out during the meal. Coaches of both teams to decide man of the match. A slip will be given to the coaches to record their choices and why. This slip must be handed into the tournament organiser at the end of each game.

Tuesday 6th July:

Game 3 – Front Pitch - 10am start approx. finish 12.45am **Sunrisers vs Outlaws**
Game 4 – Back pitch 10am start approx. finish 12.45am **Warriors vs Superkings**
Lunch 12.45 - 1.40pm - for teams & officials only.
Game 5 – Front Pitch - 1.45pm start approx. finish 4.30pm **Outlaws vs Superkings**
Game 6 – Back pitch 1.45pm start approx. finish 4.30pm **Warriors vs Sunrisers**

5pm – Evening meal served for players, coaches, officials. 4 x Man of the match awards handed out during the meal. Coaches of both teams to decide man of the match. A slip will be given to the coaches to record their choices and why. This slip must be handed into the tournament organiser at the end of each game.

Wednesday 7th July

Game 7 – Front Pitch - 9am start approx. finish 11.45am **Sunrisers vs Superkings**
Game 8 – Back pitch 9am start approx. finish 11.45am **Outlaws vs Warriors**
Lunch 11.45 - 12.40pm for teams & officials only.
Game 9 – Front Pitch - 12.45pm start approx. finish 3.30pm **Superkings vs Warriors**
Game 10 – Back pitch 12.45pm start approx. finish 3.30pm **Sunrisers vs Outlaws**

3.45pm - Awards Ceremony

There will be a short presentation after the last matches on Wednesday to announce the winners of the tournament.

4 x Man of the match awards – Tournament organiser to announce.

4 x Batter of the tournament one for each team - Respective coaches to announce.

4 x Bowler of the tournament for each team - Respective coaches to announce.

“Please note the coaches of each team will select the batter and bowler of the tournament for their respective teams.

4pm – Evening meal *Please note as teams are departing and have long journeys we have asked the caterers to make burger and chips served in takeaway containers.

Refreshments:

The club will have a bar and café open all day. The café serves hot and cold food and the bar serves teas and coffees or alcoholic drinks. Please notify all your parents.

Tournament venue address

Neston Cricket Club,
Station Road,
Parkgate
CH64 6QJ
0151 336 4199

Accommodation near Neston Cricket Club

The Ship

The Parade,
Parkgate,
Wirral CH64 6SA
0151 336 3931

Premiere Inn

2A Chester Rd,
Heswall,
Wirral
CH60 3SD

If you have any further enquires then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Sport

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*Please see the picture gallery below.

Neston Cricket Club Gallery



The Neston Club



Club House view



SOCIALLY DISTANCED
SUNDAY ROAST
EVERY SUNDAY FROM MIDDAY TO 4PM



ALL OF OUR TABLES ARE 2M APART. STAFF ARE MASKED AND FULLY COMPLIANT WITH DUBLIN RIGOROUS COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT, REGULAR CLEANING AND SAFETY PROCEDURES.

Cafe & Bar open



View from the balcony



Parkgate - Two minute walk from the ground

Has Ice cream shop, Café, Pub, Fish & Chip shop, Tea rooms, Indian & Chinese restaurant.