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Re: **Mersey Cup U15 T20 Competition 2023**

Dear Players, Coaches & Parents

I am writing with further details of the Mersey Cup T20 tournament on the Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th July 2023.

This tournament comprises of six T20 matches two on each day with lunch taken between matches. It's a T20 tournament played in coloured clothing. This year's venue is Warrington Cricket Club which has two grounds side by side.

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 per player associated with this tournament to cover (ground hire, refreshments, lunch & evening meal, League panel umpires, League panel 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 are in the process of securing two major sponsors for the tournament **so shirts must be worn at all times by players and coaches to give our sponsors maximum exposure please**. An added bonus is that we are offering a Masterclasses for the u15 age range this year. The

Masterclass is not to be missed and will give the players a real insight into Power Hitting. Power Hitting is delivered by a former professional cricketer Brad Donelan (Sussex & Somerset CCC & Head Coach Pro Cricket Academies) an experienced ECB Level 3 coach.

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 & U19's – Sunrisers** – (Coached by Stefan Jones Rajasthan Royals IPL fast bowling coach 2019 & Paul Lawrence Head of Cricket Wellington School).

- **Pro Cricket Academies U.15's & U19's – Warriors** – (Coached by Brad Donelan former Sussex & Somerset CCC player).
- **Bradford Grammar U.15's & U19's – Superkings** – (Coached by Simon Kellett the former Yorkshire opening batter).
- **Leeds Grammar School U.15's & U19's – Outlaws** – Managed by Martin Knowles.

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. Due to time constraints the side batting last in the game will bat first in the super over. 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.

Provisional arrangements

Monday 3rd 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 4th 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**

6.15pm – 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 5th 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 open all day. The bar serves teas and coffees or alcoholic drinks. Please notify all your parents.

Tournament venue address:

Warrington Sports Club

THE CLUB HOUSE

Walton Lea Road

Higher Walton

Warrington

Cheshire

WA4 6SJ

Telephone: 01925 263210

Accommodation near Warrington Sports Club

The Park Royal Hotel & Spa (Four star)

Pentahotel Warrington (four star)

Waterside by Greene King Inn

My suggestion would be to stay in the Roman City of Chester as it has a large number of restaurants, bars and activities to do. It's only a 31 minute drive to the Warrington ground from Chester. **Booking.com** has a whole host of options for differing budgets.

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.

Warrington Sports Club



Playing arena view from the Club House.



Warrington Sports Club afternoon tea – Please contact the club direct.



Tea, coffee, soft and alcoholic drinks are also available from the bar.