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Re: **Mersey Cup U19 T20 Competition 2021**

Dear Players, Coaches & Parents

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 Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club. Chester Boughton Hall is one of the best sporting venues in the Northwest of England and has hosted a number of Minor County, Second XI and Kia Super League fixtures. England and Lancashire also trained there this summer. We are also pleased to announce that we will be live streaming the matches played on the front pitch on all three days. So if you are unable to attend due to work or family commitments you can watch online. Alternatively Wifi is available in the club house should you want to work from the ground.

This tournament comprises of six T20 matches two on each day. An added bonus is that we offer three Masterclasses.

1. Strength & Conditioning
2. Power Hitting
3. Spin Bowling.

The S&C session is delivered by Steffan Jones who is the Rajasthan Royals S&C coach. The Power Hitting session is delivered by Brad Donelan (Sussex CCC) and the spin bowling by Paul Lawrence Somerset CB u17/u19 @ EPP coach. Please click the link to see the highlights of the tournament from 2019 ([Mersey Cup highlights 2019](#)) There was no tournament in 2020 due to Covid-19. 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 of £225 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 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 Stefan Jones Rajasthan Royals IPL fast bowling coach 2019 & Paul Lawrence Somerset CB u17/u19 @ EPP coach).
- **Pro Cricket Academies U.15's XI – Warriors** – (Coached by Brad Donelan former Sussex & Somerset CCC player).
- **Bradford Grammar U.15's – Superkings** – (Coached by Simon Kellett the former Yorkshire Player)
- **I have also had interest from other schools and sides in India and one from UAE.** But given the current situation would appreciate you mentioning it to other schools and coaches who you have contact with.

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.

Provisional arrangements

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**

Masterclasses

*Please note the Masterclasses will take place on Monday and the groups will split into three. Timings TBC.

6.15pm – 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:

Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club,
38 Boughton Hall Avenue
Chester
CH3 5EL

Accommodation near Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club

This club is situated on the outskirts of the Roman city of Chester. You can walk into town from the ground in 10 minutes along the canal. Booking.com has a whole host of options for you.

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.

Chester Boughton Hall CC



Playing arena with clubhouse in the back ground.



Lunch & Tea is available each day. Tea, coffee, soft and alcoholic drinks are also available



The Bar is open each day & has two big screens and Wifi.



The net facility