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Re: **Mersey Cup U15 T20 Competition 2025 & Power Hitting Masterclass**

Dear Players, Coaches & Parents

I am writing with further details of the Mersey Cup T20 tournament on the Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025. The tournament this year is located at Timperley CC and comprises of six T20 matches two on each day. An added bonus is that we offer a Masterclasses for the u15 age range. The Masterclass is not to be missed and will give the players a real insight into important areas of the game. it is delivered by an experienced ECB Level 3 coach and former first class cricketer Brad Donelan.

1. Power Hitting - The Power Hitting session is delivered by Brad Donelan (Sussex & Somerset CCC & Head Coach Pro Cricket Academies).

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.

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:

- **Pro Cricket Academies U.15's – Warriors** – (Coached by Yusuf Ravat & Ben Donelan assistant coach).
- **Bradford Grammar U.15's – Superkings** (Coached by Simon Kellett the former Yorkshire opening batter).
- **Grammar School at Leeds U.15's - Outlaws** – (Coached by Martin Knowles).
- **TBC - Sunrisers** –

### **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).

**150** – Any team scoring one hundred and fifty runs or more in the allotted 20 overs gets an additional bonus point. (U15 age group)

### **Provisional arrangements**

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 1.20pm for teams & officials only.  
Game 3 – Front Pitch - 1.30pm start approx. finish 4.15pm **Outlaws vs Warriors**  
Game 4 – Back pitch 1.30pm start approx. finish 4.15pm **Sunrisers vs Superkings**

**4.45 – 5pm** – In the dining area 4 x Man of the match awards handed out before 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.

5pm – BBQ for all teams, managers and officials. A great opportunity for all players & Coaches to mix and get to know each other.

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:**

Game 5 – Front Pitch - 10am start approx. finish 12.45am **Sunrisers vs Outlaws**  
Game 6 – Back pitch 10am start approx. finish 12.45am **Warriors vs Superkings**  
Lunch 12.45 - 1.20pm - for teams & officials only.  
1.30 – 2.20pm – **POWER HITTING MATERCLASS for OUTLAWS & SUPER KINGS**  
Game 7 – Front Pitch - 2.30pm start approx. finish 5.15pm **Outlaws vs Superkings**  
Game 8 – Back pitch 1.30pm start approx. finish 4.15pm **Warriors vs Sunrisers**  
4.30 – 5.20pm – **POWER HITTING MATERCLASS for WARRIORS & SUNRISERS**

5.30 – 5.45pm - In the dining room 4 x Man of the match awards handed out. 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.

6pm – Evening meal served for players, coaches & officials.

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Game 9 – Front Pitch - 9am start approx. finish 11.45am     **Sunrisers vs Superkings**  
Game 10 – Back pitch 9am start approx. finish 11.45am     **Outlaws vs Warriors**  
Lunch 11.45 - 12.20pm for teams & officials only.  
Game 11 – Front Pitch - 12.30pm start approx. finish 3.15pm     **Superkings vs Warriors**  
Game 12 – Back pitch 12.30pm start approx. finish 3.15pm     **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 so they can be eaten on route.**

### **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:**

Timperley Sports Club  
Stockport Road  
Altrincham  
Greater Manchester  
WA15 7LU

[0161 980 4397](tel:01619804397)

### **Accommodation near Timperley Sports Club**

Manchester Altrincham – Premier Inn  
Altrincham Centre – Travelodge

**Booking.com** also 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.

## Timperley Sports Club



Playing arena



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



## **Mersey Cup - U15 & U19 Rules**

### **1. Title**

The title of the competition shall be the Pro Cricket Academies Mersey Cup U15 & U19 School / Club / County / international T20 Competition.

### **2. Management**

These rules apply to this T20 competition only and all decisions by Pro Cricket Academies organiser Brad Donelan are final.

### **3. Entry**

Entry into the Mersey Cup tournament shall be open to all schools / clubs / counties / International teams.

### **4. Pitch length**

22yds is the pitch length.

### **5. Fielding restrictions**

The fielding team must have four players plus the wicket keeper and bowler inside the circle at all times. Maximum 5 fielders on the leg side at any one time.

### **6. No balls**

All no balls to constitute a free hit

### **7. Bouncer**

Maximum 1 bouncer per bowler per over.

### **8. Power Play overs**

The first six overs in every innings shall be Power Play overs. The fielding team are only allowed to have two players outside the circle.

### **9. Eligibility and Age Group Definition**

Any school / club /county / international team that fields an ineligible player shall be penalised and the result of the match overturned in the favour of the opposition.

### **10. Age**

U15 - A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the competition if they are 15 or under at midnight on the 31st August in the year preceding the current season. Although there is no minimum age, it is recommended that where possible, players 13 and over should be selected.

**(We allow four U16 to play in a team at any one time. This is to raise the standard of the competition. They need to be 16 or under at midnight on the 31st August in the year preceding the current season. Girls in the u17 age range are also able to play).**

U19 - A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the competition if they are 19 or under at midnight on the 31st August in the year preceding the current season. Although there is no minimum age, it is recommended that where possible, players 15 and over should be selected.

## **11. Balls**

5 1/2oz is the size and weight of ball. It is recommended that the matches should be played with a pink ball. The balls are supplied by the organisers Pro Cricket Academies. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings. If a pink ball is lost during an innings then every effort should be made to play with a similar type of pink ball but red balls may also be used as a spare if needed.

## **12. Clothing**

Coloured kit is supplied by the tournament organiser Pro Cricket Academies. This must be worn at all times as we have secured sponsors and need to give them maximum exposure.

## **13. Umpires**

The Umpires have been appointed by Pro Cricket Academies and are league panel umpires.

## **14. Scorers and Match Result**

Scorers are supplied by Pro Cricket Academies. If possible, scorers should endeavour to score the match electronically. Pro Cricket Academies recommends the use of Play-Cricket Scorer ([www.play-cricket.com/updates](http://www.play-cricket.com/updates)) as the easiest way to digitally score.

## **15. Fixtures**

Fixtures have been allocated by Pro Cricket Academies as per the schedule.

## **16. Team Sheets**

Each side must provide the umpires and the scorers with a team sheet including players name, age and shirt number before the match.

## **17. Helmets and/or Faceguards**

Any players playing in the competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive (see section 19 of the current Non First Class Regulations and Playing Conditions).

## **18. Code of Conduct**

All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.

## **19. Mersey Cup Points & Bonus points**

3pts – Win

2pts – Tie (Each team)

0pts – Lose

## **20. Bonus points**

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. This will include any batters that are injured and unable to bat).

(U19's) 175 – Any team scoring one hundred and seventy five runs or more in the allotted 20 overs gets an additional bonus point.

(U15's) 150 – Any team scoring one hundred and fifty runs or more in the allotted 20 overs gets an additional bonus point.

## **21. Rain effected match**

- The first 5 overs will constitute a match and the team with the highest score will win the game.

- In the event of a no result each team will get 1 point each.

- In a 5 over match the first two overs of the five are power play overs. Only two players outside the ring for the first two overs. Four players plus the wicket keeper and bowler inside the ring for the remaining overs.