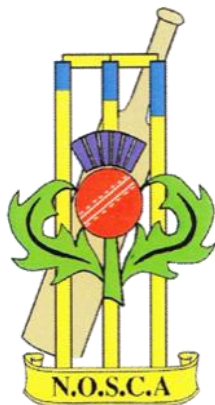


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2021 HANDBOOK

WELCOME

It is nearing that time of the year where, under normal circumstances, all of us within NoSCA would be looking forward to the start of a new cricket season; clubs would be opening the pavilion shutters, cleaning, tidying and putting a lick of paint where needed. Nets and training sessions might even have been already under way and players both old and new would be digging out the kit bag and preparing to renew rivalries and meet old friends. The NoSCA executive would know when the season was going to start, the duration and the number of games to be played. A fixture list would be in place.

But these, as we know, are uncertain times and we are still waiting for the Scottish Government's decision as to when restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to return to playing cricket. Like last year it will likely be a phased return, but the advantage that we have this year is that we have an idea of the kind of guidelines we will need to follow.

This online/cutdown version of the handbook has kindly been put together by Chris Blake; being an online version it will allow us to update and re-release as the plan for the up and coming season progresses. When the time comes it will be a challenge. We will all need to come together to get cricket back up and running.

I would like to thank everybody for their support and understanding over the last year, and fingers crossed, wish you all the best for the coming season.

Yours in cricket,

Nigel Gerrard

NoSCA President

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A person elected at an AGM in recognition of outstanding service to the game of cricket, and to NoSCA in particular.

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Elgin

James Green

Keith

Brian Haslam

Fochabers

Bill Hope

Ian Laidlaw

Nairn County

Ken Ross

Graham Watson

Ross County

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Umpires Contact List

In 2021 the appointment of umpires for NoSCA matches will be organised by the [Cricket Scotland Match Officials Association](#) (CSMOA), using a panel of umpires including the following people.

If you are interested in joining the panel of local umpires OR you need to advise of a match cancellation or rearrangement then please contact **Munro Ross** via email or telephone as per the details below.

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NoSCA Disciplinary Committee

As per the NoSCA constitution, the Senior Match Secretary is the chair of the Disciplinary Committee with the following members being elected at the first Executive meeting following the AGM.

Name	Club	Position
James Lean	Northern Counties	<i>ex officio</i>
Allan Duncan	Elgin	Elected
Jim Lodge	Huntly	Elected

THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

A PREAMBLE TO THE MCC LAWS

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, **but also within the Spirit of the Game.**

Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself.

The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the team captains.

1. There are two Laws which place responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

- **Responsibility of captains** - the captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.
- **Player's conduct** - in the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play.

- According to the Laws **the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.**
- The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves respect for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - i) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - ii) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - iii) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

- There is no place for acts of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

- Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. **Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.**

ECB GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS IN OPEN AGE GROUP CRICKET

- Making the step up from junior to open age group cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket experience. Ensure the player's safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are considered.
- **Clubs, squad coaches and managers must take into account the requirements on age detailed in this guidance.**
- Each case is to be determined on an individual basis, depending on the player's ability and stage of cognitive and emotional maturity to take part at this level – however, the minimum age guidance provided below must be adhered to.

Boys and girls who are **area squad players** are able to play open age group cricket if they were at least **11 years old on 1st September of the year preceding the season**.

Players who are **NOT in an area squad** must be a **minimum of 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year** before being able to play in any open age group cricket.

n.b. written parental consent is required for these players.

- Juniors should be involved in all aspects of the game wherever possible i.e. socialising, team talks, practice, decision making and so on, so that they feel part of the team
- Children will often feel more comfortable and able to perform if they have a family member or friend also playing in the side.
- Provide an opportunity for players to show their talents in an appropriate way. Children who are just used as fielders will not fully experience the game.
- Be supportive, at all times, for all forms of effort even when children are not successful. Try and put them in situations where they will experience some success (however small) and ensure plenty of praise and encouragement.

See www.ecb.co.uk for the full guidance on Junior Players in open age group cricket. See next page for bowling and fielding restrictions.

RESTRICTIONS ON JUNIOR PLAYERS

PROTECTION

- Helmets with a faceguard or grille **MUST** be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in all matches and practice sessions.
- Young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box).
- Young wicket keepers must wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps.

FIELDING

- No young player in the U15 age group, or younger, shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- For players in the U13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet)
- Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire **MUST** stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back
- In addition, any young player in the U16 to U18 age groups who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector when fielding within 6 yards of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side (players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk).

FAST BOWLING

- To ensure that young fast bowlers do not place undue stress on their bodies, every attempt must be made to keep the amount of bowling within reasonable limits, as follows (*for the purpose of these directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would, in normal circumstances, stand back to take the ball*).

Age *	Maximum per spell	Maximum per day
Up to 13	5 overs	10 overs
U14, U15	6 overs	12 overs
U16, U17	7 overs	18 overs
U18, U19	7 overs	18 overs

* Age as at 1st September 2020

Captains must inform their opposite number and the umpires of the ages of all Junior players in their team before the toss is made.

NoSCA Senior League Fixtures 2021

05-Jun

Cup

 Elgin v Nairn County
 Buckie v Northern Counties

12-Jun

League 1

 Elgin v Nairn County
 Northern Counties v Ross County
Forres St Lawrence free
13-Jun
NoSCA Select v MCC (at Gordonstoun)
19-Jun

T20 Groups

Ross County host Northern Counties & Nairn County
Forres St Lawrence host Elgin & Buckie
26-Jun

League 2

 Ross County v Forres St Lawrence
 Northern Counties v Elgin
Nairn County free
3-Jul

Cup

 Forres St Lawrence v Elgin or Nairn County
 Ross County v Buckie or Northern Counties

10-Jul

League 3

 Nairn County v Northern Counties
 Elgin v Forres St Lawrence
Ross County free
17-Jul

League 4

 Ross County v Elgin
 Forres St Lawrence v Nairn County
Northern Counties free
24-Jul

T20 Finals

Senior T20 Blast Finals
(venue TBC when finalist are known)

 Visit www.nosca.net for the latest scores, league tables, cup draws and fixture venues for cup finals

NoSCA Senior League Fixtures 2021

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31-Jul	Northern Counties	v	Forres St Lawrence
League 5	Nairn County	v	Ross County
	<i>Elgin</i>		<i>free</i>

7-Aug	Nairn County	v	Elgin
League 6	Ross County	v	Northern Counties
	<i>Forres St Lawrence</i>		<i>free</i>

14-Aug	Senior Knockout Cup Final
Cup	<i>(venue to be confirmed when finalists are known)</i>

21-Aug	Forres St Lawrence	v	Ross County
League 7	Elgin	v	Northern Counties
	<i>Nairn County</i>		<i>free</i>

28-Aug	Northern Counties	v	Nairn County
League 8	Forres St Lawrence	v	Elgin
	<i>Ross County</i>		<i>free</i>

4-Sep	Elgin	v	Ross County
League 9	Nairn County	v	Forres St Lawrence
	<i>Northern Counties</i>		<i>free</i>

11-Sep	Forres St Lawrence	v	Northern Counties
League 10	Ross County	v	Nairn County
	<i>Elgin</i>		<i>free</i>

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NoSCA Reserve League Fixtures 2021

06-Jun	Highland	v	Nairn County
League 1	Forres St Lawrence	v	Northern Counties
	Fochabers	v	
	Elgin	v	Buckie
	Ross County	v	Fort Augustus

13-Jun	Northern Counties	v	Highland
League 2		v	Nairn County
	Buckie	v	Forres St Lawrence
	Ross County	v	Fochabers
	Fort Augustus	v	Elgin

20-Jun	Huntly host Fochabers & Buckie		
T20 Groups	Forres SL host Nairn County & Elgin		
	Skye & Lochalsh host Fort Augustus & Ross County		
	Northern Counties host Highland		

27-Jun	Highland	v	
League 3	Northern Counties	v	Buckie
	Nairn County	v	Ross County
	Forres St Lawrence	v	Fort Augustus
	Fochabers	v	Elgin

04-Jul	Fochabers	v	Highland
Cup	Huntly	v	Buckie
	Nairn County	v	Fort Augustus

11-Jul	Buckie	v	Highland
League 4		v	Ross County
	Fort Augustus	v	Northern Counties
	Elgin	v	Nairn County
	Fochabers	v	Forres St Lawrence

NoSCA Reserve League Fixtures 2021

R**18-Jul**

T20

Reserve T20 Finals*(venue TBC when finalist are known)***25-Jul**

Cup

Fochabers or Highland	v	Skye & Lochalsh	A
Huntly or Buckie	v	Ross County	B
Nairn C. or Fort Augustus	v	Forres St Lawrence	C
Northern Counties	v	Elgin	D

01-Aug

League 5

Highland	v	Ross County
Buckie	v	Fort Augustus
	v	Elgin
Northern Counties	v	Fochabers
Nairn County	v	Forres St Lawrence

08-Aug

Cup

Winner A	v	Winner B
Winner C	v	Winner D

15-Aug

League 6

Fort Augustus	v	Highland
Elgin	v	Ross County
Forres St Lawrence	v	
Buckie	v	Fochabers
Nairn County	v	Northern Counties

22-Aug

Cup

Reserve Knockout Cup Final*(venue TBC when finalist are known)***29-Aug**

League 7

Highland	v	Elgin
Fort Augustus	v	Fochabers
Ross County	v	Forres St Lawrence
Buckie	v	Nairn County
	v	Northern Counties

NoSCA Reserve League Fixtures 2021

05-Sep	Fochabers	v	Highland
League 8	Forres St Lawrence	v	Elgin
	Nairn County	v	Fort Augustus
	Northern Counties	v	Ross County
		v	Buckie

12-Sep	Highland	v	Forres St Lawrence
League 9	Fochabers	v	Nairn County
	Elgin	v	Northern Counties
	Fort Augustus	v	
	Ross County	v	Buckie

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Clubs are reminded that the agreed aims of the Reserve competitions are to **provide recreational cricket** and to act as **a pathway for young players** into hardball cricket.

Every Club has a responsibility to uphold these aims

Download the full 2021 Reserve competitions playing conditions at
[**www.nosca.net/downloads.asp**](http://www.nosca.net/downloads.asp)

Playing Conditions - Senior Competitions - 2021

GENERAL

- 1) All games will be played using a standard ball as decided at the AGM.
- 2) Matches will be played on the date and at the venue published in the NoSCA handbook unless agreed in writing with the Match Secretary at least 24 hours before the scheduled date. In the event of any dispute the matter will be referred to the Executive whose decision will be final. Notwithstanding the above, teams can agree (by reason of the weather only and provided they have not already played each other) to 'reverse' the date and venue of their published fixtures. In so doing, each team must confirm their agreement by sending separate e-mail notice to the Match Secretary by 10.00am on the date of the fixture. Any Appointed Umpire for that match can choose not to stand.
- 3) The Cricket Scotland Match Officials Association (CSMOA) will appoint qualified / experienced umpires to NoSCA games wherever possible (Appointed Umpires). In the absence of any Appointed Umpires, each team may appoint one Independent umpire for the duration of the game, and, with the approval of the opposition captain, a team may appoint a second Independent umpire if available (Independent Umpires). If no Appointed or Independent umpires are available, then the captain of the batting side will ensure that suitably experienced players stand as required (Playing Umpires).
 - 3.1). When umpires are appointed to senior league, senior cup or senior T20 matches by NoSCA via the recognised umpire's association (currently CSMOA) each umpire is to be paid a fee of £30 by the teams participating in the match. The fee is to be paid to each appointed umpire, in cash, no later than tea on the match day. Both the home and away teams are responsible for the fee to be paid in full. The fee is applicable in all circumstances, including weather delayed, shortened, unfinished and abandoned matches. If the match does not start, and no play has taken place, the fee is not applicable. Failure to

pay the fee on the match day may result in disciplinary action taken against the non-fee paying club and will result in withdrawal of appointed umpires for that given team.

- 4) The toss will take place no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team captain not being available at that time, another member of the team should attend the toss. In the absence of any member of a team being available or willing to attend the toss, the team present may claim the toss.
- 5) In all competitions current ECB directives and guidance relating to young players MUST be adhered to (*e.g., fast bowling directive, guidance on the wearing of helmets and minimum ages for young players in adult cricket*).
- 6) On any occasion when the Home Ground Authority considers that weather conditions have made their ground unfit for play it must advise the Away Club (by 11.00 am at the latest - preferably earlier depending on travelling distances and/or scheduled start time). The Away Club then has the option of agreeing to the cancellation of the fixture or of travelling. If it decides to travel, both teams and any Appointed Umpires must appear at the ground (n.b. in the absence of Appointed Umpires, an impartial third party may be consulted to help adjudicate on fitness for play). In no event may the Home Club cancel a fixture without the agreement of the Away Club.
- 7) In the event of a delayed start due to weather, the Appointed Umpire (s) (if any) in conjunction with both team captains should agree to a reduced overs game as per Appendix 1 of these Playing Conditions.
- 8) In all competitions the MCC 2017 (2019 revision) Laws of Cricket will apply unless otherwise noted.
- 9) In all competitions after a game has started no further reduction in overs is permitted.
- 10) In all competitions a written team sheet must be exchanged with the Umpires before the toss is made (in the absence of at least one Appointed Umpire team sheets will be exchanged between the team captains). Failure to submit a team sheet will be reported to the NoSCA Secretary for possible sanctions by the Disciplinary

Committee. A copy of the team sheet must be left with the home team for ease of data entry into the cricketstats system.

- 11) In all League and Cup matches a minimum of 15 overs per hour MUST be maintained. Appointed Umpires are required to report any failure to maintain this rate to the NoSCA Secretary for possible sanctions by the Disciplinary Committee.

EXEMPTION TO LAWS

- 12) In the absence of at least one Appointed Umpire, 'Penalty Time' will be calculated in terms of elapsed overs NOT time (e.g., a player absent for one complete over (or part thereof) must wait for one over after they have returned to the field before they can bowl).
- 13) In the absence of at least one Appointed Umpire, the awarding of Penalty Runs under Laws 41 and 42 is NOT available. Similarly, the sanction of suspending players for Level 3 and Level 4 offences under Law 42 are NOT available. However, all instances of such events MUST be reported to the NoSCA Secretary for possible sanctions by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 14) In ALL NoSCA senior games (League, cup and T20) a no ball will be penalised with the award of 1 run to the batting side with the following ball being deemed a 'FREE HIT'. (n.b. no change to the field is allowed to a free hit unless the batsmen change ends). A batsman can only be given out 'run out' or 'obstructing the field' from a free hit.

FORFEITS

- 15) Failure to honour a fixture will automatically lead to forfeiture of the match.
- 16) With respect to a club not having a team available, a call-off must be made on or before 20.00 on the day preceding the scheduled fixture.
- 17) Failure to honour a fixture without notice will automatically be referred to the Executive for sanction.
- 18) Should a Senior Club forfeit 4 matches or more during a season, the

Executive has the right to request the team withdraw from the Senior League and other Senior competitions with effect from the following season and be entered into the Reserve League. Should they already have a Reserve side it would remain their only team.

RESULTS

- 19) The home team Captain is responsible for entering the result of each game on the NoSCA website before 8pm on the day of the game (or within 15 minutes of the end of the game if later than 8pm).
- 20) Club Secretaries are responsible for completing an electronic match return within seven days of the match being completed.
- 21) Failure to enter results and/or match returns in a timely manner may result in a fine and/or a points deduction to be decided by the Executive.

WEATHER INTERRUPTIONS

- 22) For a match abandoned as a result of the weather or light before the completion of 50% of the scheduled second innings overs, the game shall be declared null and void (e.g., a 45 over game is not 'live' until the 3rd legal delivery of the 23rd over has been completed).
 - 23.a) In the event of a match being abandoned as a result of the weather or light after the completion of 50% of the scheduled second innings overs, the game shall be decided by the Rain Calculator (Appendix 2 of the Playing Conditions).
 - 23.b) In the event of the submitted team sheet not having 11 players, the missing player/s will automatically count as OUT at the start of the match. Example - if you submit a team sheet with only 9 players you automatically start your batting innings at 2 wickets down.

ELIGIBILITY

- 24) Only bona fide members of a Club are eligible to play in NoSCA competitions. Players should be registered with NoSCA as per the guidelines in the NoSCA Player Registration Directive – 2020.
- 25) No player may play for more than one Club in NoSCA Senior

competitions in the same season unless a written transfer request has been agreed by the Executive as per the NoSCA Player Registration Directive - 2020 for details).

- 26) Only amateur cricketers who are normally resident within the UK are eligible to play in NoSCA competitions (i.e. no Professional or Overseas Amateur cricketers, as defined by Cricket Scotland). With the prior approval of the Executive this rule may be relaxed for amateur players who are in the UK to study or to work and where the primary purpose of their visit is not to play cricket. This decision will rest solely with the Executive.

COMPLAINTS

- 27) If a team is concerned as to the composition of the opposition team or their behaviour, they should inform the opposition that they will play on 'Under Protest' and will be forwarding a complaint to the Executive.
- 28) Complaints concerning the eligibility of a member of the opposing team, or the behaviour of the opposing team or an individual player must be made in writing to the Secretary by midnight three days after the game finishing (i.e., midnight on Tuesday for a game played on Saturday). The Disciplinary procedure as detailed in the NoSCA Constitution will then be followed.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

- 29) The normal playing day for NoSCA Senior League fixtures is Saturday.
- 30) The normal start time for League fixtures is 1:00 pm. This may be changed by agreement between the teams and the prior written consent of the Match Secretary and Umpire's co-ordinator at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match.

FORMAT

- 31) Teams are scheduled to play each other twice in the season, once at home, and once away.
- 32) In the event of any fixture being called off, a new fixture will be scheduled by the match secretary. (Note: priority will be given to

matches where both home and away fixtures are called off).

- 33) In the event that the rescheduled fixture is unplayed, it will be again rescheduled subject to a cut-off date of 30th September.
- 34) Scheduled games will be of 45 six ball overs per side (n.b. declarations are allowed but unused overs are not carried forward to the second innings).
- 35) No more than 9 overs will be bowled by any one bowler, unless a reduced overs game is played when this number will be adjusted accordingly (see Appendix 1).

POINTS SYSTEM

- 36) The team with the higher number of runs will be the winners and will receive 20 points.
- 37) The team with the lower number of runs will receive bonus points as follows;

When batting: 1 point for reaching 75 runs plus 1 point for each subsequent 25 runs, to a maximum of 5 batting points.

When bowling: 1 point for taking the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and 10th wickets to a maximum of 5 bowling points. However, if the opposition are all out, regardless of how many wickets have actually fallen, then the bowling side will receive 5 bonus points.

- 38) In the event of both teams having the same number of runs at the end of play, the game shall be declared a tie and each team will receive 5 points in addition to any bonus points accrued.
- 39) In the event of a team forfeiting a match, the result will be a win to the side forfeited against. The side forfeiting shall gain no points and the match will be deemed to have been played.

NO BALLS

- 40) A no ball will be penalised with the award of 1 run to the batting side with the following ball being deemed a 'free hit'. (n.b. no change to the field is allowed for a free hit unless the batsmen change ends). A batsman can only be given out 'run out' or 'obstructing the field' from a free hit.

LEAGUE WINNERS

- 41) The method of determining league positions shall be based on points obtained expressed as a percentage – calculated by dividing the total number of points gained by the total number of points available in games not deemed null and void.
- 42) To qualify as league winners a team must have played at least 60 % of the scheduled fixtures.
- 43) If two teams finish with the same percentage, the final position will be determined by;
 - 1 - the most wins, or if still equal
 - 2 - the most away wins, or if still equal
 - 3 - the highest run rate throughout the season calculated by dividing runs scored by wickets lost (where a team has scratched a match 10 wickets should be added to their total of wickets lost).
- 44) In the event of a team withdrawing/being banned after the start of any season all their previous matches will be declared null and void.

SENIOR KNOCKOUT CUP

- 45) Playing days for the Senior Knockout Cup (the 'Cup') will be decided by the Match Secretary.
- 46) The normal start time for Cup fixtures is 1:00 pm. This may be changed by agreement between the teams and the prior written consent of the Match Secretary and Umpire's coordinator at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match.

FORMAT

- 47) The Cup will be played by all Senior Clubs in a straight knock-out format. The draw will be made in full by the Executive at the start of the season.
- 48) Scheduled games will be of 30 six ball overs per side.
- 49) No more than 6 overs will be bowled by any one bowler unless a reduced overs game is played when this number will be adjusted accordingly (see Appendix 1).

- 50) Failure to fulfil a fixture will result in a loss, and progression to the opposing team in each round.
- 51) Uncompleted games are to be played at the same venue at a date to be decided by the Match Secretary.

WIDES AND NO BALLS

- 52) A delivery which passes behind the legs of a Batter standing in their normal position will be called a 'Wide Ball' with a one run penalty and an extra ball to be bowled (n.b. a Batter cannot 'make' a wide delivery by moving to the off-side after the ball has been delivered).
- 53) A no ball will be penalised with the award of 1 run to the batting side with the following ball being deemed a 'free hit'. (n.b. no change to the field is allowed for a free hit unless the batsmen change ends). A batsman can only be given out 'run out' or 'obstructing the field' from a free hit.

WINNERS

- 54) The winner will be the team who scores the most runs. In the event of the scores being level at the end of the match, irrespective of how many wickets have fallen the winners will be decided by a 'super over' of six balls to be conducted as per Appendix 3 of these Playing Conditions.

SENIOR T20 COMPETITION

- 55) The T20 competition will be played by all Senior teams in groups of 3 or 4 to be decided by the Executive. Group winners will qualify for the finals.
- 56) T20 days will normally consist of 3 games starting at 10:30, 1:30 and 4:30 respectively. The two nearest teams should play in the first game, with the loser 'staying-on' for the second game in a 3-team contest.
- 57) Scheduled games will be of 20 six-ball overs per side.
- 58) No more than 4 overs will be bowled by any one bowler unless a reduced overs game is played when this number will be adjusted accordingly (see Appendix 1).

- 59) A 25-metre circle will be marked with a maximum of 2 fielders allowed outside this circle in the first 6 overs, and a maximum of 5 fielders outside the circle in the remaining 14 overs (see Appendix 1 for reductions applicable to reduced overs games).

WIDES & NO BALLS

- 60) A delivery which passes behind the legs of a Batter standing in their normal position will be called a 'Wide Ball' with a one run penalty and an extra ball to be bowled (n.b. a Batter cannot 'make' a wide delivery by moving to the offside after the ball has been delivered).
- 61) A no ball will be penalised with the award of 1 run to the batting side with the following ball being deemed a 'free hit'. (n.b. no change to the field is allowed for a free hit unless the batsmen change ends or the no ball was called due to contravention of Clause 60 above). A batsman can only be given out 'run out' or 'obstructing the field' from a free hit.

WINNERS

- 62) The winner will be the team who scores the most runs. In the event of the scores being level at the end of the match, irrespective of how many wickets have fallen the winners will be decided by a 'super over' of six balls to be conducted as per Appendix 3 of these Playing Conditions.
- 63) For a 3 team T20 day the winners will be decided by;
- 1 - the team who wins most matches, or if still equal
 - 2 - the team with the highest run-rate (runs scored (excluding super overs) / overs faced (1)), or if still equal
 - 3 - the teams who took most wickets (excluding super overs), or if still equal
 - 4- by a bowl out between the 3 teams, conducted as per Appendix 4 of these Playing Conditions

(1) A team which is 'All Out' in an innings is deemed to have faced their full quota of overs

TIMINGS AND PENALTIES

- 64) At the fall of a wicket the incoming batsman has 90 seconds to make their way to the wicket and be ready for the next delivery. Failure to be ready will result in the batsman being 'Timed Out' on appeal.
- 65) There will be an allotted time of 75 minutes set aside for each innings of 20 overs (n.b. umpires will pay specific attention to time wasting).
- 66) If an over is started within the 75 minutes it will be completed without penalty.
- 67) The innings length will be adjusted for reduced overs games as per the details in Appendix 1.
- 68) A penalty of 10 runs per over will be awarded for any overs not bowled within the allotted time.

WEATHER DISRUPTIONS

- 69) If, in the opinion of the umpire(s) (in consultation with the team captains) the prevailing weather is likely to result in an unfinished game, they may decide to start a reduced overs game before the times outlined in Appendix 1. If no appointed umpire(s) are available, then the team captains may decide on this course of action if they both agree. If no appointed umpire(s) are available and agreement cannot be reached, then match timings as per Appendix 1 will prevail.
- 70) A game which has not started 2 hours after the scheduled start time OR which remains unfinished and play is not in progress 2½ hours after the scheduled start time, shall be declared void and replayed at a date and venue to be decided by the Match Secretary, UNLESS:-
- 71) In a 20 over game, 10 or more of the 2nd innings overs have been completed, in which case the result will be determined by the NoSCA Rain Calculator (Appendix 2) using the 'Cup' option. For the avoidance of doubt, T20 games reduced to less than 20 overs from the start may not use the Rain Calculator to determine the result.

For more information, download the full 2021 playing conditions at
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NoSCA PLAYING CONDITIONS – RESERVE LEAGUE

GENERAL

'General' clauses are identical to 1 – 11 of the Senior Playing Conditions (SPC).

EXEMPTION TO LAWS

*'Exemption to Laws' clauses are identical to 12 – 14 of the SPC **with the addition of:***

- 14.b) In all Reserve competitions, a delivery by a Junior Player (as defined in Clause 25.f below) will allowed two bounces before it reaches the Batter's popping crease before a No Ball is called under Law 21.7 (i.e. the Law previous to 2017 edition).

FORFEITS

'Forfeits' clauses are identical to 15 – 18 of the SPC.

RESULTS

'Results' clauses are identical to 19 – 21 of the SPC.

WEATHER INTERRUPTIONS

'Weather Interruptions' clauses are identical to 22 – 23 of the SPC.

ELIGIBILITY

*'Eligibility' clauses are identical to 24 – 26 of the SPC **with the addition of:***

- 25.a) Notwithstanding the above clause, members of an Affiliated Member club may apply to the NoSCA Committee to join and play for a full member club in other NoSCA competitions (*n.b. under this Clause a player may **NOT** represent two different clubs in the same NoSCA competition in the same season*).

LIMITED PARTICIPATION

- 25.b) See Appendix 5 for a list of players who are only allowed limited participation in NoSCA Reserve competition games.
- 25.c) A maximum of 3 players on the Limited Participation List (LPL) are permitted in any one team.
- 25.d) When batting, all players on the LPL must 'retire out' on reaching (or passing) 20 runs.
- 25.e) **No** player on the LPL may bowl in NoSCA Reserve competition matches.
- 25.f) Notwithstanding any of the above, players under the age of 16 on 1st September of the previous season are exempt from the LPL and may take full part in Reserve competition matches.
- 25.g) It is the responsibility of the team captain to inform his opposite number (and any appointed umpires) before the toss is made of the presence of all players in his team appearing on the LPL. **Failure to do so could result in the game being forfeited on appeal by the opposing team.**
- 25.h) Clubs may apply to the NoSCA Committee for an exemption from limited participation for a player who qualifies for the LPL but who wishes to retire from senior cricket and play in the reserves in the current season. The Committee will decide what restrictions (if any) will apply for the season.

COMPLAINTS

'Complaints' clauses are identical to 27 – 28 of the SPC.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

- 29) The normal playing day for NoSCA Reserve League fixtures is Sunday.
- 30) The normal start time for League fixtures is 1:00 pm. This may be changed by agreement between the teams **and** the prior written consent of the Match Secretary and Umpire's co-ordinator at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match.

FORMAT

- 31) In 2021 teams are scheduled to play each other **once** per season.
- 32) Not applicable.
- 33) In the event that a fixture is un-played due to weather it will be rescheduled by the match secretary, subject to a cut-off date of 30th September.
- 34) Scheduled games will be of 40 six ball overs per side (*see Appendix 1 for reduced overs following a late start*). Declarations are allowed but any unused overs are not carried forward.
- 35) No more than 8 overs will be bowled by any one bowler, unless a reduced overs game is played when this number will be adjusted accordingly (*see Appendix 1*).
- 36) A no ball will be penalised with the award of 1 run to the batting side with the following ball being deemed a 'free hit'. (n.b. no change to the field is allowed for a free hit unless the batsmen change ends). A batsman can only be given out 'run out' or 'obstructing the field' from a free hit."

POINTS SYSTEM

- 37) The team with the higher number of runs will be the winners and will receive 20 points.
- 38) The team with the lower number of runs will receive bonus points as follows;
When batting: 1 point for reaching 50 runs plus 1 point for each subsequent 25 runs, to a maximum of 5 batting points.
When bowling: 1 point for taking the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th wickets to a maximum of 5 bowling points. However, if the opposition are all out, regardless of how many wickets have actually fallen, then the bowling side will receive 5 bonus points.
- 39) In the event of both teams having the same number of runs at the end of play, the game shall be declared a tie and each team will receive 5 points in addition to any bonus points accrued.
- 40) In the event of a team forfeiting a match, the result will be a win to the side forfeited against. The side forfeiting shall gain no points and the match will be deemed to have been played.

LEAGUE WINNERS

'League Winners' clauses are identical to 40 – 44 of the SPC.

RESERVE CUP

- 45) The normal playing day for NoSCA Reserve Cup fixtures is Sunday.
- 46) The normal start time for Cup fixtures is 1:00 pm. This may be changed by agreement between the teams **and** the prior written consent of the Match Secretary and Umpire's co-ordinator at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match.

GENERAL GAME FORMAT

- 47) Scheduled games will be of 30 six ball overs per side (*see Appendix 1 for reduced overs following a late start*).
- 48) No more than **FIVE** overs will be bowled by any one bowler (i.e. a minimum of six bowlers per innings) unless a reduced overs game is played, when this number will be adjusted accordingly (*see Appendix 1*).
- 49) Batters not on the LPL will retire on reaching (or passing) 35 runs. Their final score will count but they will **NOT** be allowed to return to bat.
- 50) Failure to fulfil a fixture will result in a loss.
- 51) Uncompleted games are to be played at the same venue at a date to be decided by the Match Secretary.

WIDES & NO BALLS

- 52) A delivery which passes behind the legs of a Batter standing in their normal position will be called a 'Wide Ball' with a one run penalty and an extra ball to be bowled (*n.b. a Batter cannot 'make' a wide delivery by moving to the off-side after the ball has been delivered*).
- 53) A no ball will be penalised with the award of 1 run to the batting side with the following ball being deemed a 'free hit'. (n.b. no change to the field is allowed for a free hit unless the batsmen change ends). A batsman can only be given out 'run out' or 'obstructing the field' from a free hit.

WINNERS

- 54) The winner will be the team who scores the most runs. In the event of the scores being level at the end of the match, irrespective of how many wickets have fallen the winners will be decided by a 'super over' of six balls to be conducted as per *Appendix 3* of these Playing Conditions.

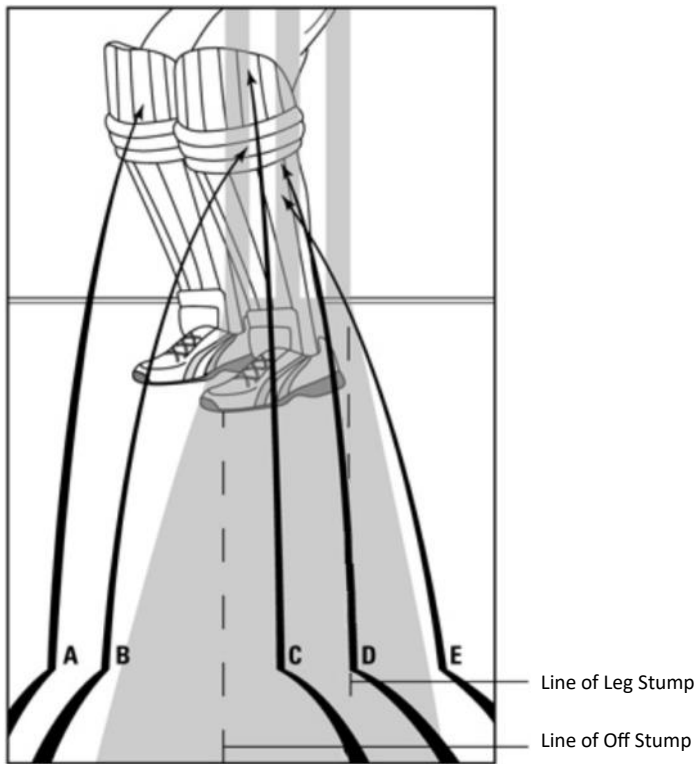
KNOCKOUT GAMES

- 55) In 2021 the Cup will be played in a straight knock-out format. The draw will be made in full by the Executive at the start of the season.
- 56) Games lost to weather will be rescheduled by the Reserve Match Secretary.
- 57) The winners of each semi-final will progress to the final, which will be played on a neutral ground with appointed umpires if possible.

RESERVE T20

Reserve T20 playing conditions are identical to 55 – 71 of the SPC.

A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF LBW (LAW 36)



- A - **Not Out.** The ball wouldn't have hit the stumps - end of story!
- B - **Out** (unless the impact with the pad is outside the line of off stump and the batsman is playing a shot).
- C - **Out.** So long as the umpire feels the ball would have hit the stumps and not missed the top.
- D - **Out.** The ball pitched on the line of leg stump and would have gone on to hit the stumps.
- E - **Not Out.** The ball pitched outside the line of leg stump.

LAW 41.7

No Ball for Height (aka 'Beamers')

As is already the case with short-pitched bowling, the **umpire will now decide** whether a full-pitched delivery is dangerous, based on various factors such as the speed or direction of the ball, repeated delivery of full tosses and the ability of the batsman.

There is no longer a 'catch-all' sanction, but **umpires are now required to use their best judgement to determine whether a delivery is dangerous**. If it is dangerous, it will lead to a first and final warning. If not, it will still be a No ball, but there will be no warning.

The Relevant Laws

- 41.7.1 Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, **above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease**, is unfair. When such a delivery is bowled, the umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'.
- 41.7.2 The bowling of a delivery as defined above is also dangerous if the bowler's end umpire considers that there is a risk of injury to the striker. In making that judgement the umpire shall:
- disregard any protective equipment worn by the striker*
 - be mindful of the speed, height and direction of the delivery*
 - be mindful of the skill of the striker*
 - be mindful of the repeated nature of such deliveries*
- 41.7.3 If the umpire considers a non-pitching delivery (or a series of no-pitching deliveries) to be dangerous, when the ball is dead, the umpire shall repeat the No ball signal to the scorers and then caution the bowler, indicating that this is a first and final warning. The umpire shall also inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings.
- 41.7.4 Should there be any further such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal No ball when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler from bowling and inform the other umpire for the reason for this action. The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings. If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.
- 41.7.6 If the umpire considers that a bowler deliberately bowled a non-pitching delivery as defined above, then the caution and warning in 41.7.3 shall be dispensed with. The umpires together shall report the incident as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending side

What is waist height?

Waist height is the point where your trousers sit when standing upright at the crease.

FREE HIT OFF NO BALLS

As previously agreed, **free hits** following a No Ball will apply in **all** NoSCA competitions in 2021.

All players (and particularly team captains) should note the following:

A batter cannot be given out off a No Ball, except:

- law 34 (hit the ball twice),
- law 37 (obstructing the field), or
- law 38 (run out).

Following the call of 'No Ball' the next delivery will be a **free hit**.

The umpire at the bowler's end signals that the next ball is a **free hit** by making circular movements in the air with one raised hand.

Fielders must remain in place for the **free hit**, except:

- If the No Ball is called for insufficient fielders inside a fielding circle (e.g. T20 competitions)
- If a RH/LH batting partnership change ends



If the **free hit** delivery is called Wide or a No Ball, then the free hit is carried over to the next ball; in this case the umpire is required to signal the **free hit** again.

For the avoidance of doubt, as with a No Ball, a batter cannot be given out off a **free hit**, except:

- law 34 (hit the ball twice),
- law 37 (obstructing the field) or
- law 38 (run out).

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LIMITED PARTICIPATION IN RESERVE GAMES

Clubs are reminded that the agreed aims of the Reserve competitions are to **provide recreational cricket** and to act as **a pathway for young players** into hardball cricket.

Every Club has a responsibility to uphold these aims

- In addition to those NoSCA Senior League players on the published, any player who played 2 or more games in the following leagues in 2019 is automatically included on the NoSCA Limited Participation List (LPL).
 - *CSL Eastern Premiership*
 - *East of Scotland CA - Championship*
 - *Western District CU - Premier & First Divisions*
 - *SPCU - North East Championship*
 - *Aberdeenshire Cricket Association - Grade 1*
- With the exception of those players on the LPL only for bowling performances in NoSCA games, **all players on the LPL must retire on reaching (or passing) 20 runs.**
- With the exception of those players on the LPL only for batting performances in NoSCA games, **no player on the LPL may bowl in NoSCA Reserve competition matches.**
- Notwithstanding any of the above, all players under the age of 16 on 1st September 2020 are exempt from the LPL and **do not have to retire when batting (applies to all competitions).**
- A maximum of 3 LPL players are permitted in any team in a Reserve competition game. It is the responsibility of the team captain to inform their opposite number (and any appointed umpires) before the toss is made of the presence of all players in his team appearing on the LPL.
- Clubs may apply to the NoSCA Executive for an exemption for any player on the LPL who wishes to retire from senior cricket and play in the reserves in the coming season. Each case will be considered on its individual merits.

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LIMITED PARTICIPATION LIST (LPL) - 2021

Player		Club	Runs	Wkts
J	Aziz	Buckie	189	
D	Fairgrieve	Elgin	153	
E	Fairgrieve	Elgin	191	
G	Farr	Forres St Lawrence	293	
P	Dhami	Forres St Lawrence	546	
E	Smith	Highland	280	
G	Singh	Highland		19
I	Hussain	Highland		20
J	Paul	Highland	221	17 ⁽¹⁾
K	Clement	Highland	334	25
R	Cameron	Highland		16
R	Francis	Highland	201	
S	Ullah	Highland	203	

(1) J. Paul successfully applied to be removed from LPL bowling restrictions for 2021

Qualification: 150 runs and/or 15 wickets in NoSCA Senior League in 2019

LIMITED PARTICIPATION LIST (LPL) - 2021

Player	Club	Runs	Wkts
A Green	Nairn County	248	
D Wolton	Nairn County	372	
M Bronkhorst	Nairn County		17
M Davies	Nairn County	196	
D Dugdale	Northern Counties	337	
J Rodgers	Northern Counties	181	
J Vee	Northern Counties	226	
R Smith	Northern Counties	189	
S Thomas	Northern Counties		17
W Ford	Northern Counties	259	
D Scott	Ross County	231	
G Carney	Ross County	578	
J Sugden	Ross County	226	

Qualification: 150 runs and/or 15 wickets in NoSCA Senior League in 2019

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Key to Cricket availability at Clubs



Compete in NoSCA Senior program (Saturdays)



Compete in NoSCA Reserve program (Sundays)



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Offer All Stars programme (5 - 8 years)

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