



Women's Division 2 PLAYING REGULATIONS 2026

Women's Division 2: 20 Over League

Teams shall play each other twice, usually home and away.

Matches shall be scheduled 20 overs per innings 1 innings per side. Matches after 1st August may be reduced to as few as 16 overs per side, reductions are to be agreed by captains/coaches, prior to the start of the match, if no umpires are present. Fading light being the primary factor in such a decision.

Games abandoned as a no result (on the first attempt) due to issues of ground, light or weather, or postponed as outlined in the NWCU Rules Handbook shall be rearranged by the clubs and the Tournament Director informed. Teams have **21** days with the number of days reduced on a sliding scale in August to ensure league completion by cut-off date to complete the match. If the game is still not played there will be no points awarded to any team.

If clubs cannot access a laptop and DLS print out, they can use the DLS Calculation link from CricHeroes below on a mobile device (minimum 5 overs each): -

[DLS Calculator | Duckworth Lewis Calculator for Accurate Cricket Scores- CricHeroes](#)

A minimum of four fielders, plus the wicketkeeper and bowler must be inside the 25 yard fielding circle at all times.

In all games the maximum number of fielders on the legside shall not exceed 5.

If a team fails to fulfil the fielding restrictions as detailed above then the Strikers End (Square Leg) Umpire shall call and signal No Ball.

A bowler may not bowl more than one fifth of their teams' overs (e.g., 20=4).

Any short-pitched ball which passes the striker above shoulder height (standing upright at the popping crease) shall be called and signalled No Ball by the Strikers End Umpire.

Any non-pitching ball which passes or would have passed the striker above waist height (standing upright at the popping crease) shall be called and signalled No Ball by the Strikers End Umpire.

Declarations or forfeiture of innings shall not be permitted.

Evening games shall be scheduled to start no later than 6.30pm.

Clubs may request umpires, if available these will be invoiced to the requesting team, umpires will only be provided should 2 umpires be available, clubs may not request only one umpire.

20 points shall be awarded for a win, 12.5 each for a tie and 0 points for a defeat and 0 for a no result.

There shall be bonus points awarded, these shall be awarded dependent on the size of the victory/defeat.

The winning side must either score live or input online a full scorecard of the game within 72 hours, failure to do so shall see no points awarded to the winning team, in the event of a tie the home team shall input the full scorecard within 72 hours, failure to do so shall see no points awarded to the home team.

No club may have more than one team in any division unless the number of divisions dictates otherwise. As such any promotions and relegations will be ratified by the Cricket Operations Committee.

Tramlines will be used for judging a wide.

Following a No-Ball there will be a free hit.

Games shall be played in coloured clothing with a white ball.

EXCEPTING THE ABOVE BYE LAWS AND ANY LAWS IN THE NWCU RULEBOOK THE MCC LAWS OF CRICKET (Most recent version) SHALL APPLY AT ALL TIMES

The above regulations shall apply for the Division 2 Cup/ Plate – with the following additions.

1. In case of an abandoned match, or where no play is possible, a replay shall be arranged by the NWCU
2. In case of a completed match resulting in a tie then a super over shall decide the winner.
 - a. If it is not possible to complete a super over a replay shall be arranged to be played at the original away venue.
 - b. If a replay is arranged in either 1 or 2.a and the 'home' venue is not available, then the match will be played at the venue of the other team.
 - c. Cup replays will take preference over league games at the same level and all games at lower level.
 - d. Where possible games will be rearranged to dates where it is not necessary to postpone other matches.
3. Where a team concedes a cup match that team may not be entered in any cup competitions the following season.