

NORTHERN CRICKET UNION OF IRELAND - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

NOTICES OF MOTION TO AMEND RULES

COMPETITION RULES

ARISING FROM REVIEW OF PLAYING CONDITIONS (EFFECTIVE FROM 2021 SEASON)

Serial 1 – Proposed by Board

Rules C6, D6 and E5 – Delete ‘where the aggregate time lost exceeds 30 minutes’ and/or equivalent wording. Amend or insert following sentence ‘In the final, no deduction shall be made until one hour has been lost.’

[This would remove the 30-minute grace period before overs are reduced for lost time in cup matches up to semi-finals but retain or introduce a 1-hour grace period in all finals.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 2 – Proposed by Board

Rules G20, G21, G23, G24, G31, G32, H9, H10, H18 & H19 – Delete ‘where the aggregate time lost exceeds 30 minutes’, ‘No deduction shall be made until the 30-minute allowance has been exhausted’ (and related references to early starts) wherever they appear.

[This would remove the 30-minute grace period before overs are reduced in all league matches.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 3 – Proposed by Board

Rule D11 – Delete.

Rule D12 – Renumber D11 and amend start of first sentence to read ‘In a rearranged match up to and including a semi-final, if 20 overs are not bowled in the second innings and a result ...’

[This would remove the provision for a second rearrangement in the Junior Cup.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

SECTION G – PREMIER AND SENIOR LEAGUES AND SECTION 1 OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Serial 4 – Proposed by Board

Rule G4 – Amend to read: Matches shall be rearranged as follows:

(a) Premier League:

(i) Match 1 (ie where G12(b) applies) – for a date no later than the fourth Sunday following the postponement.

(ii) Match 2 – for the Thursday following the postponement or abandonment or, with both clubs’ agreement, any other date within 8 days thereof.

(b) Other Sections:

(i) Match 1 (ie where G12(b) applies) – for a date no later than the fourth Sunday following the postponement.

(ii) Match 2 – for the second Thursday following the postponement or abandonment or, with both clubs’ agreement, any other date within 15 days thereof.

[This would introduce revised rearrangement dates.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 5 – Proposed by Board

Rule G10 – Delete ‘in a match in the Senior League’

Rule G11 – Delete and renumber subsequent rules.

[This would bring Junior League Section 1 within the scope of the D/L/S arrangements.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 6 – Proposed by Board

Rule G12 – Delete sub-section (c)

[This would eliminate the second Match 1 and move straight to a Match 2 where a match is postponed or abandoned because of ground or weather conditions.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 7 – Proposed by Board

Rule G13 – Amend to read: Play may start at any time agreed by both teams, but not later than:

(a) Premier League and Senior League Section 1 – 12 noon from April to August (in April, May and June, clubs may agree in advance to start at 1 pm) or 11.30 am in September.

(b) Senior League Sections 2 & 3 – 1 pm.

(c) Junior League Section 1 – 1 pm in April, May and June, 12 noon from July to September.

[This would introduce revised starting times for matches.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 8 – Proposed by Instonians CC

Rule G13(a) – Replace words in parentheses with ‘(in April, May and June, a club with two or more 1st XI players involved in schools’ cricket on the same day as a player, coach or teacher may elect to defer the start to 1 pm)’

[This would permit a club with two or more 1st XI players involved in schools’ cricket on a Saturday morning to defer the start of a Premier League or Senior League Section 1 match to 1 pm in order to allow them to participate. It is an amendment to Serial 7 and will apply only if that Serial is passed. It is however still necessary for members to vote on both.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 9 – Proposed by Board

Rule G14 – Delete Rule and renumber subsequent rules accordingly.

[This would remove the optional later starting time for weekday Match 1 rearrangements.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 10 – Proposed by Board

Rule G15 – Replace wording between ‘progress’ and ‘tea’ with ‘3 hours and 40 minutes after the scheduled starting time’.

[This would simplify the definition of when tea is to be taken when play has been suspended.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 11 – Proposed by Board

Rules G 18, 19 & 22 – Amend to read:

G18 – All matches shall be of one innings a side. The maximum duration of each innings shall be:

(a) Premier League and Senior League Section 1 – 50 overs.

(b) Senior League Sections 2 & 3 and Junior League Section 1 – 40 overs.

G19 – For a valid result, each team shall bowl at least 20 overs (15 overs in a 40-over match), unless either or both teams are bowled out or the team batting second scores enough runs to win in fewer overs.

G22 – The number of overs shall not be reduced below 20 overs in a 50-over match or 15 overs in a 40-over match. If this number of overs is not bowled in the second innings and a result is not otherwise obtained, a second match (Match 2) shall be arranged.

[This would clarify the maximum Match 1 innings length in each section and reduce the minimum number of overs required for a result in 40-over matches.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 12 – Proposed by Muckamore CC

Rule G18 – Amend sub-sections (a) and (b) to read:

(a) Premier League, Senior League Section 1 and Junior League Section 1 – 50 overs.

(b) Senior League Sections 2 & 3 – 40 overs.

[This would revert to 50 overs as the maximum innings length in Junior League Section 1 instead of 40 overs.]

DEFEATED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 13 – Proposed by Board

Rule G29 – Delete all detail after '20 overs'.

[This would ensure that every Match 2 is played as a 20-over match.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

SECTION H – JUNIOR LEAGUE SECTIONS 2 AND BELOW

Serial 14 – Proposed by Board

Rule H5 – Amend to read: Matches may start at any time agreed by both teams, but no later than:

(a) Section 2 – 1 pm in April, May and June; 12 noon in July, August and September.

(b) All other Sections – 1 pm

Rule H6 – Delete rule.

[This would introduce revised starting times and remove H6, which covered Senior League Section 3 – now moved to Section G.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 15 – Proposed by Board

Rule H7 – Amend indents to read:

- 40 overs in Section 2;
- 35 overs in Sections 3 & 4;
- 30 overs in all other Sections.

Rule H8 – Amend to read: ‘For a valid result, each team shall bowl at least 15 overs in a 40-over or 35-over match, 10 overs in a 30-over match or 5 overs in a match reduced to 20 overs in accordance with H9, unless either or both teams are bowled out or the team batting second scores enough runs to win in fewer overs.’

Rule H9 – Amend first sentence to read: ‘Teams may agree in advance to reduce the maximum duration of each innings by a maximum of 10 overs. Amend final sentence to read: ‘The number of overs shall not be reduced below that specified in H8.’

Rule H10 and H19– Delete

[This would introduce revised maximum innings lengths, allow matches to be reduced by agreement by up to 10 overs, reduce the minimum numbers of overs required for a result, and remove H10 and H19, which covered Senior League Section 3 - now moved to Section G.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 16 – Proposed by Board

Rule H12 – After ‘31st August’ add ‘for the second Thursday following the postponement or abandonment or, with both clubs’ agreement, any other date within 15 days thereof.’ and delete final sentence.

Rule H13 – Reword as follows: ‘The Match Secretary of the home team shall, within seven days of the date of the postponement or abandonment, inform the Honorary Section Secretary, in writing, of the rearrangement (or, if after 31st August, the agreement not to rearrange), copying the letter to the Match Secretary of the visiting team.

Rule H14 – Reword as follows: ‘If the Honorary Section Secretary has not been so informed of the rearrangement (or, where applicable, the agreement not to rearrange), he shall set a date, which shall be that prescribed by H12 above, and shall inform the Match Secretaries of both teams of the rearrangement.

[This would introduce revised rearrangement procedures.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

ARISING FROM LEAGUE RESTRUCTURING REVIEW (EFFECTIVE FROM 2022 SEASON)

Serial 17 – Proposed by Board

Rule F3 – At end of fourth sentence add ‘(ten from 2022)’

Rule F18 – After ‘Section 1 of the Senior League’ add (first and second in 2021) and delete ‘the team finishing first in Section 3 of the Senior League’

Rule F19 – After ‘Premier League’ delete ‘the team finishing bottom of Section 2 of the Senior League’ and add at end of Rule ‘There shall be no relegation from the Premier League or any section of the Senior League at the end of the 2021 season.’

[This would increase the size of the Premier League from eight to ten teams from 2022 and allow Sections 2 and 3 to be merged.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

MISCELLANEOUS

Serial 18 – Proposed by Board

General Rule 3(b) – In sub-sections (ii) and (iii) replace ‘three’ with ‘four’.

[This would increase from three to four the maximum numbers of club nominees and co-opted members allowed on each Directorate.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 19 – Proposed by Board

Competition Rule B2 – Delete ‘before the end of November’.

[This would remove the November deadline for setting dates for the rounds of cup competitions. This has become unrealistic because of the extra time now needed by Cricket Ireland to finalise the dates of international, interprovincial and Irish Senior/National Cup fixtures.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 20 – Proposed by Board

Competition Rules B11 & 12 – Replace with:

B11. Where a match is tied, the result shall be determined as follows:

(a) where official umpires have been appointed and ground and weather conditions permit, by the playing of one or two Super Overs in accordance with Bye-Law (w);

(b) where official umpires have not been appointed, or ground or weather conditions do not permit a Super Over, or both Super Overs are tied, on the basis of fewer wickets lost in the main match;

(c) in matches other than a final, where (b) applies and each team has lost the same number of wickets, the match shall be replayed on the reserve date, the visiting team having choice of ground.

B12. If a final is tied and a Super Over cannot be played, or both Super Overs are tied, the teams shall share the trophy.

[This would introduce up to two Super Overs as the initial tie-breaker in all cup matches to which official umpires have been appointed, including finals.]

PASSED AT 2020 AGM

Serial 21 – Proposed by Board

Competition Rule H4 – add new Rule as follows and renumber subsequent rules as necessary:

‘H4. A batsman who reaches or passes a personal score of 50 in a match of 25 or fewer overs a side shall retire immediately and may return only on the dismissal or retirement (under this Rule or because of illness, injury or any other unavoidable cause) of the last batsman. Retired batsman shall return in their order of retirement. A batsman who retires under this rule and is not subsequently dismissed shall be recorded as ‘Retired – not out’.

[This would, in order to increase participation by later batsmen, introduce mandatory retirement at 50 in matches of 25 overs or fewer a side in Junior League Sections 2 and below, the retired batsman being able to resume following the dismissal or retirement of the last batsman.]

DEFEATED AT 2020 AGM