

WOMEN'S TWENTY20 COMPETITION

Except as modified hereunder the NZC First Class and McDonalds Super Smash Playing Conditions for cricket in New Zealand shall apply to all Women's Twenty20 matches.

1. The competition

- 1.1 The Women's Twenty20 competition will comprise a series of five rounds of matches with the six competing teams playing each other once, followed by a final.
- 1.2 On completion of the series of five rounds all teams will be placed from one to six according to the points obtained.
- 1.3 The team which wins the final shall be the winner. In the event of a 'no result' being achieved in the final, the top qualifier will be declared the winner of the Twenty20 competition.
- 1.4 The final will be played at the home ground of the top qualifier, subject to confirmation by NZC.
- 1.5 The following rules shall apply to all competition matches.

2. Law 1.2 – Nomination of Players

As per Women's One Day Playing Condition 4 – Law 1.2 applies.

3. Hours of Play and Intervals

The scheduled start time must be agreed upon by both competing Associations and the host Association must notify NZC of the agreed time.

The scheduled commencement of Twenty20 matches must be no later than 5.00pm.

1 hour 15 minutes	Session 1
15 minutes	Interval
1 hour 15 minutes	Session 2

3.1 Extra time

Extra time of 30 minutes is allowed in any match where the start of play is delayed, or play is suspended. i.e. for over calculation purposes

E.g. play scheduled to start 5.00pm – normal close 7.45pm. If start was delayed until 5.30pm play could be extended to 8.15pm before any overs are lost. Play should not be rescheduled to finish more than 30

minutes beyond the original scheduled close time under any circumstances in any match.

Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs, and if the number of overs is an odd number, then the number of overs are to be rounded up.

4. Length of innings

Replace 15 overs per hour with 16 overs per hour

Replace four minutes per over with 3.75 minutes per over

5. Law 2 - Substitutes and Runners, Batter or Fielder Leaving the field, Batter Retiring, Batter Commencing Innings

Law 2 shall apply subject to the following:

2.1 Law 2.1 Substitutes and Runners

Law 2.1 (a) (ii), 2.7 and 2.8 shall not apply. A runner for a batter when batting is not permitted.

Law 2.1 (b) shall be amended as follows:

The umpires shall have discretion to allow, for other wholly acceptable reasons, a substitute fielder to act for a nominated player. at the start of the match, or at any subsequent time.

2.2 Law 2.5 - Fielder absent or leaving the field

Law 2.5 shall be replaced by the following:

If a fielder fails to take the field with her side at the start of the match or at any later time, or leaves the field during a session of play, the umpire shall be informed of the reason for her absence, and she shall not thereafter come on to the field during a session of play without the consent of the umpire. (See Law 2.6 as modified). The umpire shall give such consent as soon as practicable.

If the player is absent from the field for longer than 8 minutes, the following restrictions shall apply to their future participation in the match:

2.2.1 The player shall not be permitted to bowl in the match until she has either been able to field, or her team has subsequently been batting, for the total length of playing time for which she was absent (hereafter referred to as penalty time), subject to a maximum cumulative penalty time of 35 minutes. If any unexpired penalty time remains at the end of the first innings, it is carried forward to the second innings of the match.

2.2.2 The player shall not be permitted to bat in the match until her team's batting innings has been in progress for the length of playing time that is equal to the unexpired penalty time carried forward from the previous innings, subject to a maximum cumulative penalty time of 35 minutes. However, once her side has lost five wickets in its batting innings, she may bat immediately.

For the purposes of 2.2.1 and 2.2.2, playing time shall comprise the time play is in progress excluding lunch and tea intervals, intervals between innings and official drinks intervals.

However, in the event of a batter or a fieldsman already being off the field at the commencement of an interruption in play through ground, weather or light conditions or for other exceptional circumstances, she shall be allowed to count any such stoppage time as playing time, provided that she personally informs the umpires when she is fit enough to take the field had play been in progress.

Similarly, if at the commencement of an interruption in play through ground, weather or light conditions or for other exceptional circumstances, a player is on the field but still has some unexpired penalty time remaining from a previous absence, she shall automatically be allowed to count any such stoppage time as playing time, provided he returns to the field of play immediately after the interruption.

The restriction in clauses 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 above shall not apply if the player has suffered an external blow (as opposed to an internal injury such as a pulled muscle)

2.2.3 Substitute fielders shall only be permitted in cases of injury, illness or other wholly acceptable reasons. 'Wholly acceptable reasons' should be limited to extreme circumstances and should not include what is commonly referred to as a 'comfort break'.

6. Restrictions on the placement of fieldsmen

Replace 27.43m with 23 metres.

7. No Ball

Law 24 shall apply subject to the following:

7.1 Law 24.1 (b) - Mode of delivery

Law 24.1 (b) shall be replaced by the following:

The bowler may not deliver the ball underarm. If a bowler bowls a ball underarm the umpire shall call and signal No ball, and the ball is to be

re-bowled overarm.

7.2 Free Hit

In addition to the above, the delivery following a No ball called (all modes of No ball) shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.

For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a No ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

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Neither field changes nor the exchange of individuals between fielding positions are permitted for free hit deliveries unless:

a) There is a change of striker (the provisions of clause 41.2 shall apply),

or

b) The No Ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach in which case the field may be changed to the extent of correcting the breach.

For clarity, the bowler can change his mode of delivery for the free hit delivery. In such circumstances Law 24.1 a) shall apply.

The umpires will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.

7.3 Fair Delivery - the feet

Law 24.5 shall apply, subject to the final paragraph being replaced by the following:

If the bowler's end umpire is satisfied that any of these three conditions have not been met, he shall call and signal No ball.

8. Reports

As per Women's One Day Competition.

9. Over rate penalties

Teams are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last of their 20 overs within one hour and fifteen minutes playing time. In the event of a team failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed. This will apply to both innings of the match.

If the innings is terminated before the scheduled or rescheduled cut off time, no over rate penalty shall apply. If the innings is interrupted, the over rate penalty will apply based on the rescheduled cessation time for that innings.

The Umpires shall inform the fielding team Captain when taking the field for the first time and on every subsequent occasion if play is interrupted by the weather, the rescheduled cessation time for that innings.

The Umpires will record and inform the fielding Captain of any time allowances as and when they arise, and the scorers at the end of the innings. (This matter will not be subject to retrospective negotiation). In addition, in all reduced over matches, the fielding team will be given one over leeway.

Over rate penalties apply only to innings of ten overs or more duration.

Time Allowances

- 9.1 Actual time where treatment by authorised medical personnel is required on the ground, and also for any injured players leaving the field due to serious injury.
- 9.2 Interruptions caused by weather (including drying the ball) or light or other unforeseen delays beyond the reasonable control of the fielding team e.g. ball recovery from outside of the ground.
- 9.3 Time for third Umpire referrals and sightscreen changes if any.
- 9.4 Time wasting by the batting team.

In the event of any allowance being granted to the fielding team under 9.4 above then such time shall be deducted from the allowance granted to the batting team in the determination of its over rate.

In addition to the allowances as provided for above

- (a) In the case of an innings that has been reduced due to any delay or interruption in play, an additional allowance of one minute for every full three overs by which the innings is reduced will be granted;

- (b) An additional allowance of 1 minute will be given for each of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th wickets taken during an innings.

If a team is bowled out within the time determined for that innings pursuant to these Playing Conditions (taking into account all of the time allowances set out above), the fielding team will be deemed to have complied with the required minimum over rate.

Penalties

For each over not bowled inside the time allowed, a penalty deduction of 0.5 points will be imposed.

Should a team be penalised under this Playing Condition more than once during a competition then, in addition to the penalty imposed as above, NZC reserves the right (depending on the seriousness and context of the breach) to bring a charge against the Captain and/or any members of the fielding team under Clause 1.5 of the NZC Code of Conduct.

The following shall apply in addition to law 1.3(a):

The player who is nominated as the Captain in any match will be deemed to be the Captain should any penalties be imposed under this Playing Condition. Except that where a team's regular Captain is playing in any match but is not nominated as the Captain for that match (regardless of the reason), he or she may be deemed to be the Captain for the purposes of bringing any charge under the NZC Code of Conduct in relation to over rate penalties.

2016-17 Women's Twenty20

November 2016					
Fri 25	Central Hinds	v	Otago Sparks	Pukekura Park, New Plymouth	3.00pm
	Wellington Blaze	v	Canterbury Magicians	Basin Reserve, Wellington	3.00pm
	Auckland Hearts	v	Northern Spirit	Cobham Oval, Whanagrei	3.00pm
December 2016					
Fri 2	Otago Sparks	v	Canterbury Magicians	Molyneux Park, Alexandra	4.00pm
	Auckland Hearts	v	Central Hinds	Devonport Domain, Auckland	4.00pm
	Northern Spirit	v	Canterbury Magicians	Cobham Oval, Whanagrei	3.00pm
Tue 27	Northern Spirit	v	Canterbury Magicians	Bert Sutcliffe Oval	4.00pm
	Wellington Blaze	v	Central Hinds	Lincoln No. 3	4.00pm
	Otago Sparks	v	Auckland Hearts	Lincoln Green	4.00pm
January 2017					
Mon 2	Otago Sparks	v	Northern Spirit	University of Otago Oval, Dunedin	2.00pm
	Canterbury Magicians	v	Central Hinds	Hagley Oval, Christchurch	10.30am*
Tues 3	Auckland Hearts	v	Wellington Blaze	Eden Park no. 2, Auckland	10.30am^
February 2017					
Fri 3	Central Hinds	v	Northern Spirit	Cornwall Park, Hastings	3.00pm
	Wellington Blaze	v	Otago Sparks	Karori Park, Wellington	3.00pm
	Canterbury Magicians	v	Auckland Hearts	Hagley Oval, Christchurch	3.00pm
Sun 12	FINAL				

* Double header with Kings v Knights

^Double header with Aces v Stags