



Any breach of the regulations laid out in this document may be grounds for appeal by the opposition and sanctions, as laid out in the LUSL General Regulations, may be imposed.

LCRI i The LUSL Cricket Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following LUSL sport specific regulations, the LUSL general regulations, and the [MCC Laws of Cricket](#), together with any permanent or experimental conditions approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) for the recreational game.

LCRI ii In the event that these regulations contradict the LUSL general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

LCRI iii In the event that these regulations contradict those of the [MCC Laws of Cricket](#) or any permanent or experimental conditions approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) for the recreational game, these LUSL sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

LCRI iv – TEMPORARY ADDITION FOR 2020-21 SEASON ONLY It is not possible for BUCS to predict or account for all the ways in which COVID-19 may impact the 2020-21 season. BUCS has addressed some of the potential issues that may occur through additional regulations and amendments to existing regulations (both general and sport specific). However, it is possible that further changes will be required during the season. If regulation changes are required, they will be communicated to all institutions/Playing Entities with teams entered.

LCRI 0 Regulations relating to COVID-19 – TEMPORARY ADDITION FOR 2020-21 SEASON ONLY

LCRI 0.1 The Championships will be subject to any UK government, devolved administration, or local authority legislation and/or guidance in relation to COVID-19 in place at the time. Such legislation and/or guidance may change during the competition. These shall supersede any LUSL General or Sport Specific Regulations.

LCRI 0.2 The Championships will be subject to any National Governing Body protocols and guidance in relation to COVID-19 in place at the time. Such protocols and guidance may change during the competition. These shall supersede any LUSL General or Sport Specific Regulations.

LCRI 0.3 By participating in the LUSL Cricket Championships 2020-21, all institutions/Playing Entities are committing to the following:

- That they will have read, understood, and shall follow the NGB guidance in place at the time of each fixture. This shall include sharing this information with the relevant staff, students and any other individuals involved in any fixtures.
- That they will ensure that all their fixtures will take place in accordance with COVID-19 protocols.
- That they will have an individual identified as a COVID-19 Officer for each fixture to monitor that guidelines are being followed.
- That they will have a COVID-19 risk assessment in place for each sport and venue.
- That they have checked their insurance policies to ensure that they cover COVID-19.
- That they will communicate to their teams that their experience at each fixture will vary, in particular in relation to any site-specific COVID-19 protocols in place and that they must follow any such protocols as advised.
- That host institutions/Playing Entities share as much information on site-specific protocols in advance of each fixture.

LCRI 0.4 COVID-19 cancellation for fixtures

LCRI 0.4.1 In the event that a match is called off due to COVID-19, either before a ball is bowled (up to and including the day of the match), or before the minimum number of overs (as per LCRI 6) are bowled to obtain a result using the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method (DLS) (note LCRI 20 for the version to be used), and cannot be rearranged, then both teams shall be awarded one league point each.

LCRI 0.4.2 Matches which under LCRI 0.4.1 cannot be rearranged should be recorded on BUCS Play as 'Abandoned' and an email should be sent to appsupport@bucs.org.uk confirming why the fixture was 'Abandoned' and requesting the allocation of one league point to each team.

LCRI 1 There shall be separate Team Championships for Men and Women.

CRI 1.1 Women playing in men's teams

CRI 1.1.1 Female players may play for either men's or women's teams, however once a female player selects to play in a specific gender competition they must remain in that competition for the remainder of the season.

CRI 1.1.2 Up to a maximum of four female players are permitted in a team of 11.

LCRI 2 Format

All matches shall consist of one innings of 20 overs per side.

LCRI 3 Preferred fixture day

The preferred fixture day for all Cricket is Saturday. Fixtures will be scheduled as such on the BUCS Play. Teams are welcome to rearrange these matches to other days of the week as long as it is agreed in writing.

LCRI 4 Hours of play

The normal hours of play shall be as follows: Start – 12:30, Finish – 19:30. Tea: 30 minutes duration, taken between innings. Matches may begin earlier and/or different length of interval between innings via mutual consent. The closing time for any such matches and all other timings in these regulations shall be adjusted accordingly.

LCRI 4.1 Altering the hours of play in a delayed or interrupted match

The umpires shall have the discretion to alter the timing of or abandon the interval.

LCRI 5 Altering the number of overs The number of overs shall not be changed once a match has started, except in the event of an interruption in play during the first team to bat's innings. In such a circumstance, the object shall be to rearrange the overs so that, where possible, both sides have the opportunity to bat for the same number of overs. The calculation of overs to be bowled shall be based on one over for every full 3.75 minutes remaining before the notional close of 19:30.

LCRI 6 Minimum number of overs and extension of play Play shall continue beyond the scheduled finish time if conditions permit and that is necessary in order to complete the number of overs allowed by LCRI 2 or LCRI 5. However, if the full number of overs cannot be bowled, the winner shall be calculated using the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method (DLS) (note LCRI 20 for the version to be used), provided that at least 10 overs of the second innings have been bowled.

LCRI 7 Delayed start Should the start of the match be delayed, the number of overs to be played shall be determined by calculating the playing time remaining until the notional close of 19:30 and allowing one over for every 3.75 minutes, rounded down to allow an equal number of overs per side.

CRI 7.1 Late arrival of a team Both teams should arrive at the ground in plenty of time to allow for warming up and a prompt start. Should the start of the match be delayed on account of one team's not being ready at the appointed time, that team shall be deemed to have lost the toss. Where a team arrives too late for the minimum number of overs to be bowled (note LCRI 6), then they shall concede a walkover. There are no extenuating circumstances for late arrival and the umpires' decision as to the team at fault shall be final.

LCRI 8 Conditions of play All matters of fitness of ground, weather and light are entirely for the umpires to determine.

LCRI 9 Ground and pitch conditions Matches can be played on grass (turf) or artificial (non-turf) pitches. It is the responsibility of the first named (home) team when confirming the fixture to advise the opposition team and all match officials of the playing surface and on any footwear restrictions and the type of surface to be used.

LCRI 10 Officials and scorers

LCRI 10.1 Officials It is a requirement that at least one umpire be a qualified member of an officials' association recognised by the England and Wales Cricket Board Ltd.

LCRI 10.2 Scorers Each side shall be responsible for supplying its own scorer.

LCRI 11 Clothing Teams shall wear whites unless agreed in writing with the opposition to wear coloured clothing.

LCRI 12 Balls The home team shall provide two new identical balls for all matches. The requirements of these balls are as follows: Grade A standard and English manufactured red balls shall be used, unless agreed with the opposition to use pink balls. BUCS recommends the Oxbridge Windsor Ball.

LCRI 13 No Ball

LCRI 13.1 The bowler shall be limited to one short-pitched ball per over. A short pitched ball is defined as one that passed or would have passed above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease. The umpire at the bowler's end shall indicate clearly when such a short pitched ball is bowled. Should the one short-pitched ball be exceeded in any over, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball and implement the procedures of Law 41.6.

LCRI 13.2 Bowling of high full pitched ball. Law 41.7 shall apply.

LCRI 14 Bowling restrictions

LCRI 14.1 No bowler shall bowl more than four overs. In matches where the number of overs is reduced from the start, these numbers shall be adjusted proportionately. If a bowler has inadvertently exceeded the allocation following an adjustment, they shall be permitted to complete any over in progress but not to bowl any further.

LCRI 14.2 The ECB fast bowling directive shall apply in all matches (irrespective of where played).

LCRI 15 Fielding Restrictions

LCRI 15.1 Men's

LCRI 15.1.1 At the instant of delivery there shall be no more than five fielders on the leg side. In the event of infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal no ball.

LCRI 15.1.2 For the first 6 overs of each innings (or, if the match or either innings is reduced, for the first 30% of each innings), at the instant of delivery no more than two fielders may be outside a fielding circle. This fielding circle shall comprise an area bounded by two semi-circles, one centred on each middle stump and each with a radius of 30 yards, joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at five yard intervals, each dot to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter. For the remaining overs of each innings, a minimum of four fielders (plus the bowler and wicket-keeper) must be within the fielding circle. In the event of infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal no ball.

LCRI 15.2 Women's No fielding circle or fielding restrictions shall apply (other than provided by the Laws).

LCRI 16 Wet weather situation for fixtures

LCRI 16.1 In the event that a match is called off up to and including the day of the match, before a ball is bowled, due to bad weather, then institutions/Playing Entities should rearrange fixtures according to LUSL 10. If a match does not start, is not rearranged, and no walkover is claimed/conceded, then the match will be deemed void and both teams shall receive zero league points.

LCRI 16.2 In the event that a match which has started is abandoned due to bad weather before the minimum number of overs (as per LCRI 6) are bowled to obtain a result using the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method (DLS) (note LCRI 20 for the version to be used), and cannot be rearranged, then both teams shall be awarded one league point each.

LCRI 16.3 Matches which under LCRI 16.2 cannot be rearranged should be recorded on BUCS Play as 'Abandoned' and an email should be sent to lusl@bucs.org.uk confirming why the fixture was 'Abandoned' and requesting the allocation of one league point to each team.

LCRI 17 Determining the winner The winner shall be the side scoring the higher number of runs, irrespective of the number of wickets lost. Should the teams score an equal number of runs, the match shall be tied, irrespective of the number of wickets lost.

LCRI 18 League points

LCRI 18.1 Three points shall be awarded for a win, 1.5 points for a tie, one for an abandoned game (note LCRI 16) and no points for a loss.

LCRI 18.2 Where a walkover has been awarded/conceded (LUSL 7.8), three points shall be given to the non-offending team and three points deducted from the offending team.

LCRI 18.3 No points will be awarded to either team in the case of a void fixture.

LCRI 19 Calculating final league positions Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential systems;

LCRI 19.1 A team tied on points in a league who has voluntarily conceded walkovers shall automatically be placed below other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers.

LCRI 19.2 Walkovers deemed involuntary may be disregarded in the above calculations on a case by case basis.

LCRI 19.3 Tie between two teams

LCRI 19.3.1 The result between the two teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other. Where this is not possible, e.g. That match was not played, was abandoned with no result able to be taken, or in the case of Women's Premier North/Premier South each team won one fixture (as they play both home and away in these leagues), then LCRI 19.3.2 shall be used.

LCRI 19.3.2 Where LCRI 19.3.1 cannot be used to separate the teams, for whatever position in the league, the final standings for these teams shall be determined on Net Run Rate (NRR). Where a tie on points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to them or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the NRR comparison calculation for the purpose of determining league positions.

LCRI 19.3.3 Where NRR is used, the higher placed team is the side with the higher net run rate as determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Total runs scored}}{\text{Total overs faced}} \quad \text{MINUS} \quad \frac{\text{Total runs conceded}}{\text{Total overs bowled}}$$

An exception to this is that where a team is all out in less than its allotted number of overs (either the original number or revised number) it shall be deemed to have received its full allocation rather than the number it actually received. Where fractions of overs are involved, each legitimate ball bowled shall count as one sixth of an over.

LCRI 19.4 Tie between three or more teams LCRI 19.3.2 and LCRI 19.3.3 shall be used.

LCRI 20 Use of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method (DLS)

LCRI 20.1 The Standard Edition of the Duckworth-Lewis method (D/L) should be used and where applicable the G50 coefficient shall be 245. The Standard Edition of the Duckworth-Lewis method built in to the 'Result' section for each fixture on BUCS Play should be used. However, should this not be possible, then before the start of play the teams can agree on an alternative system to be used, such as Play-Cricket Scorer/PCS Pro, and inform the umpires of this and who will be responsible for any calculations. The home team is responsible for having a working computer/tablet/phone available to use for this purpose should it become necessary.

LCRI 20.2 If a match is abandoned before the Close of Play and the minimum number of overs of the second innings (note LCRI 6) have been bowled then the result shall be decided using the Standard Edition of the Duckworth-Lewis method (D/L).

LCRI 20.3 If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of either team had to be revised to a lesser number (note LCRI 6 for the minimum number of overs permitted) than that originally allotted, then a revised target score should be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing. This target score shall be calculated using the Standard Edition of the Duckworth-Lewis method (D/L). An integral target will be set for the team batting second with one run less resulting in a Tie. If after the restart of play it is discovered that the wrong target has been set, the faulty target shall stand.
