

## **GRAHAM CUP RULES (2017)**

1. The cup shall be competed for annually on a knock-out basis. The Competitions Directorate shall control the competition and shall appoint an Honorary Cup Secretary to organise it.
2. All club players shall be registered in writing with the General Secretary before playing in the competition. No player shall play in the competition for more than one club in the same season. A player whose normal club has not entered may be specially registered by another club for this competition only, but only one specially registered player may play for a side in any match. Teams shall ensure that all their players are under 15 (girls under 17) on 1st September in the year before competition. Any team using a player over the age limit shall be disqualified.
3. The pitch, wickets and ball used shall be the dimension specified in the laws of cricket for adult cricket (i.e. pitch 22 yards; ball 5.5 ozs; stumps 28 inches. The maximum boundary shall be 50 yards.
4. A fielding circle as described in bye-law (h) shall be marked on the field of play. The radius of the fielding circle shall be 30 yards. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the bowler and wicket-keeper) shall be within this area.
5. All matches shall be played on the dates published in the Fixture Book, the first-named team having choice of ground, except that:
  - (a) if both teams agree, a match may be played on an earlier date; and
  - (b) a match not started owing to rain or other unavoidable cause shall be played on the following Friday (or earlier if both teams agree), the visiting team if it has travelled having choice of ground.
  - (c) It is the responsibility of the Home team to arrange a fixture. If the clubs cannot agree a date the Competition Secretary will set a date.

Any match up to the semi-finals not started by the Friday following that published in the Fixture Book shall be decided by a bowl-out (Five players from each side shall bowl at a set of unguarded stumps. If the scores are still level the bowl-out will continue with the original bowlers bowling alternately until one side has scored more hits than the other from the same number of bowls).

Any team failing to fulfil a match, except for a reason beyond its control, shall be deemed to have lost the match.

6. All matches shall consist of one innings per side and each innings shall be a maximum of 30 overs. The maximum number of overs may be reduced if both clubs agree and no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the agreed number of overs. The team which scores the greater number of runs shall be the winner.
7. Where a match in the first and second rounds ends prematurely due to weather interruptions, the result will be calculated on the basis of the run rate per over achieved by each side, provided that each innings has reached a minimum of 10 overs. In the quarter-finals and later stages the match shall be replayed.
8. In a tied match, the winner shall be the team losing fewer wickets. If both teams have lost the same number of wickets a 'golden over' as per the knock-out stages of the league competitions shall be played'.
9. In the semi-finals the first named team shall have home advantage. A semi-final not played by reason of weather, or other reason by agreement of the Competition Secretary, shall be rearranged on a date set by the Competition Secretary. In the event of undue delay in completing a semi-final tie, the match shall be decided by lot carried out by the Competition Secretary.
10. If any match, other than the Final, starts but is not completed on the day(s) arranged it shall be continued on the next and each succeeding weekday (Saturday excepted) until a result is reached. In such cases play shall start no later than 6.30 p.m.

11. The Honorary Match Secretary of the winning team shall notify the Honorary Cup Secretary of the result of every match within four days of the scheduled date of the match, using an official Result Form, text or email.
12. In matches other than the Final a responsible official of each team shall act as Umpire. In the Final official Umpires shall be appointed.
13. The Final shall be played as an afternoon match on a ground decided by the Competitions Directorate, the starting time and continuation arrangements being as specified by the Honorary Cup Secretary.