



**WORCESTERSHIRE
CRICKET**



Worcestershire Seniors Cricket
Hobsons Brewery Over 45 Club Cup Competition 2016

Aim:

To try and increase the opportunities for older players, who may be not playing anymore or contemplating retiring, Worcestershire Cricket and Seniors Association have created a cup competition to organise more fixtures for Over 45s.

Overarching Statement:

“The competition is designed to offer organised fixtures for clubs and ‘cluster’ clubs, so the intention is for captains to agree on formats on the day and for every club to promote enjoyment and involvement, rather than competition.”

Rules:

1. Format – 11 aside (12 players can play, but 11 on the field at one time), 35 overs
2. Players – if one team is struggling to find enough players, players from the opposition are allowed to play for the other team to allow the game to take place
3. Age – a player must be 45 years or older on the day of the fixture, there is no allowance for players younger than 45 to play
4. Fixtures – Worcestershire Cricket will release the dates to the clubs once all entries are in, it is expected to run in June and September, all fixtures to be organised on a Sunday
5. Start Times – suggested 2pm start, but can be changed with agreement of both teams
6. Batting – every batter will retire on passing 50 (e.g. if a batter is on 49 and hits a 6, they will retire on 55, OUT). If the batting team are 9 wickets down, then neither batter will be retired on passing 50 to allow a result in the game to be achieved
7. Bowling – maximum of 7 overs per bowler (or 20% of the overs to be played)
8. Balls – bowling team will supply their own balls for bowling innings, except in the final where Worcestershire Cricket will supply a new ball for each innings
9. Umpires and scorers – each team will supply umpires and scorers, except in the final where Worcestershire Cricket will supply two umpires
10. Fielding Restrictions – captains will agree the fielding restrictions before the coin toss, ideally there will be an agreement that not all players will be able to field on the boundary
11. Tea Fees – each away team will pay the home team £3 per player for supplying teas (e.g. 11 away players means a payment of £33)
12. Result – winning team will need update play-cricket.com with the result and scoresheet within 48 hours from the end of the match.