**DUBLIN PREMIER LEAGUE - 2024**

**Format, Rules & Regulations**

* All teams are expected to report at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. Toss will happen 20 minutes prior to the game.
* If a team arrives late without informing the opposition team captain and the organizers. They will face penalty. Penalty may involve forfeit. Umpire & TOC will take final decision depending up on the reason (might result in losing the toss, deducting overs)
* No player is allowed to play for more than one team. If this happens, both teams will be disqualified.
* Every player has to be registered and approved in cricclubs.com/dublincricketclub before the start of the game.
* A player should have played at least 1 league game to qualify for the playoffs.
* **An Under-18 player (born on or after September 7th, 2006) is allowed to play for multiple teams during the league stage. However, the player must represent only one of these teams during the playoffs. Only the following documents can be used for age verification: Birth Certificate, Driver’s License, Passport, State ID.**
* In an event of dispute, the main umpire’s decision is final. The main umpire has the authority to overrule the leg umpire’s decision at any point of the game.
* If there is a dispute of any sorts with any decision, Organizers call will be final.
* Sledging is strictly not allowed. Verbal abuse, use of profanities etc. directed at players of the opposing team will result in penalty or suspension of the players. Under no circumstances should the safety of the players be jeopardized.
* Water bottles and other trash items should be disposed in the designated areas only. Each team captain is responsible to make sure your team members comply.
* Home Team is responsible for setting up stumps, crease, Boundaries (65 – 70 meters)
* Wicket Keeper (Only) is allowed to wear regular wicket keeping gloves as measure of safety.
* Mandatory for Batsman to wear Helmet all the time.
* Wicket Keeper should wear Helmet if stands up to the wickets.
* **Result for any game interrupted after 6th over of the 2nd innings will be decided by D/L method. NRR for incomplete games will be calculated appropriately. Game won’t be rescheduled.**
* **Games that get washed out without start will be rescheduled to different time/date.**

**Points System:**

* In the league games, winning team gets 2 points.
* In case of a tied game in the League stage, Super over will be played.
* The criterion of seeding within a pool is based on.
* Points
* NRR
* Head-to-Head

**General Rules:**

* All the traditional cricket rules in T20 international cricket apply. Some rules that are different and are explicitly mentioned in this document.
* Ball landing on the edge of the pitch or outside the concrete area while bowling will be considered as NO BALL followed by free hit.

**Ground Usage:**

* Teams that share a home ground must notify the organizing committee about the priority order of usage if the ground is used by multiple teams.

**Rules related to substitutions:**

* A fielder can be substituted during the game by notifying the umpire.
* If a fielder leaves the field for “N” number of overs in the innings, he will not be allowed to bat for the first “N” number of overs. Same applies for bowler.
* Any player injured during the game is retired hurt and can come back at any time of the game, Tiredness doesn’t come into this category.
* Any batsman going out of the field without injury on field is termed as retired out.
* If a bowler walks out of the field for 1 over, the bowler needs to stay on the field for at least 1 over before bowling the next over.
* Team fielding second should start with playing XI.
* Help runners are not allowed.
* A minimum of 7 players from the playing 11 are required to be present at the time of toss. 12th man can be used as a substitute only if all the playing 11 members are at the ground. 12th man cannot start the innings.

**Power Play:**

* First 6 overs of the innings will be mandatory power play and only 2 fielders are allowed outside of the 30-yard circle.
* Maximum 5 fielders can be outside the 30-yard circle during non-power play overs.

**Umpires:**

* The umpires shall control the game as required by the Laws, with absolute impartiality.
* Neither team will have a right to objection to an umpire’s decision.
* An umpire shall not be changed during the match, other than in exceptional circumstances, unless he is injured, ill or any emergency.
* In an event of dispute, the main umpire’s decision is final. The main umpire has the authority to overrule the leg umpire’s decision at any point of the game.
* Each game will have neutral umpire.
* The organizing committee will provide Neutral Umpire for the game.
* NU fee per game will be $50 which needs to be shared by both the teams.
* DCC will pay NU fee for Semi Finals and Finals

**Intervals:**

* Time interval between the innings is 15 minutes.
* If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time, the second innings will commence in 20 minutes after the end of 1st innings.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

* 25 teams will be split into 5 groups with 5 teams in each group
* Each team will play with every other team in the group
* 4 league games per team

**PLAYOFFS FORMAT:**

* After league games,
  + - * + teams that remain in 1st position in all groups will be ranked from Rank 1 to 5
        + teams that remain in 2nd position in all groups will be ranked from Rank 6 to 10
        + teams that remain in 3rd position in all groups will be ranked from Rank 11 to 15
        + teams that remain in 4th position in all groups will be ranked from Rank 16 to 20
        + teams that remain in 5th position in all groups will be ranked from Rank 21 to 25
* Top 12 teams will qualify for Division 1.
* Teams ranked 13 to 24 will qualify for Division 2.
* 25th ranked team will be eliminated

**Division I:**

* Bottom 8 teams i.e., Rank 5 to Rank 12 from Division - 1 will play Pre-Quarter Finals
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 1: Rank 5 vs Winner of Qualifier 12
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 2: Rank 6 vs Winner of Qualifier 11
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 3: Rank 7 vs Winner of Qualifier 10
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 4: Rank 8 vs Winner of Qualifier 9
* Quarter Finals:
  + Quarter Finals 1: Rank 1 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 4
  + Quarter Finals 2: Rank 2 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 3
  + Quarter Finals 3: Rank 3 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 2
  + Quarter Finals 4: Rank 4 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 1
* Semi Finals:
  + Semi Finals 1: Winner of Quarter Finals 1 vs Winner of Quarter Finals 4
  + Semi Finals 2: Winner of Quarter Finals 2 vs Winner of Quarter Finals 3
* Finals: Winner of Semi Finals 1 vs Winner of Semi Finals 2

**Division II:**

* Bottom 8 teams i.e., Rank 17 to Rank 24 from Division - 2 will play Pre-Quarter Finals
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 1: Rank 17 vs Rank 24
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 2: Rank 18 vs Rank 23
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 3: Rank 19 vs Rank 22
  + Pre-Quarter Finals 4: Rank 20 vs Rank 21
* Quarter Finals:
  + Quarter Finals 1: Rank 13 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 4
  + Quarter Finals 2: Rank 14 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 3
  + Quarter Finals 3: Rank 15 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 2
  + Quarter Finals 4: Rank 16 vs Winner of Pre-Quarter Finals 1
* Semi Finals:
  + Semi Finals 1: Winner of Quarter Finals 1 vs Winner of Quarter Finals 4
  + Semi Finals 2: Winner of Quarter Finals 2 vs Winner of Quarter Finals 3
* Finals: Winner of Semi Finals 1 vs Winner of Semi Finals 2

**Trash removal is team’s responsibility ones the game is over.**

**PS: ANY RULES NOT MENTIONED HERE WILL BE FOLLOWED AS PER ICC T20 RULES**

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WILL HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO TAKE ACTION IN CASE OF ANY CONFLICTS WITH RULES, SITUATIONS.**