

2021 NTCA Winter Cup Tournament – Playing Conditions

Please see below the playing conditions for the 2021 NTCA Winter Cup tournament.

Basic Tournament Guidelines

1. Fees - \$100 (with ground) & \$250 (no ground)
2. All communications during the tournament will be between the teams and the Winter Cup Committee (Jai Muthu, Bhushan Chirmade). The email is dl-wintercup2021@ntcricket.org
3. Tournament Format
 - 24 Teams divided into 4 groups of 6 teams
 - Club based tournament. Colored clothing and catching gloves permitted.
 - 20 Overs per innings played with White cricket ball.
 - NTCA Winter Cup is subject to be played as per NTCA Bylaws and the T20 Bylaws apply, unless any playing condition is explicitly stated in this document.
 - 4 Overs maximum per bowler.
 - No games during Christmas and New Year Holidays.
 - Round-Robin format
 - Total 5 games during the round-robin stage.
 - 2 Points for Win. 1 Point for Abandoned games
 - Tied games resolved with Super Over.
 - Each team will have 1 or more bye weeks.
 - Playoffs
 - Top 16 teams qualify based on rankings.
 - Top 4 teams from each group qualify for playoffs.
 - Pre-QF, QF, SF, Final rounds played.
 - Playoff games will be conducted in a 3-week window.
 - Depending on ground availability & weather conditions, the WC Committee will decide if both QF and SF are played in the same weekend. Otherwise, SF and Finals will be conducted on the same weekend.
 - Players will be restricted to team based structure from playoff onwards. Which means, a player can choose to play one and one team only from a club.
 - The top 16 teams are re-ranked before start of playoffs based on the following ranking criteria – Points, head-to-head (where applicable), Net Run Rate.
 - The rankings are final throughout the playoffs. It will be used to decide the playoff bracket, as well as advancement in playoff in the event of weather cancellation. There is no inheritance of higher ranking due to upsets.
 - WC committee reserves the rights to make changes for smoother operation of playoffs.***

Umpiring – Round Robin Phase

1. Playing teams are responsible for umpiring their games.
2. At time of toss, fielding team captain can select 8 players the batting team for umpiring duties.
3. Batting team will be responsible for delegating and rotating the umpiring duties among the 8 umpires during the innings.
4. Umpires are to be rotated every 5 overs. Fielding team captain can request an assigned member to perform non-Strikers end only duties.

Umpiring - Playoffs

1. During Playoffs, 2 neutral umpires will be assigned for each end. Playoff Teams will be assigned umpiring.
2. NTCA will provide umpires for Finals only.
3. Rental Umpiring is not permitted. Umpire must have played for umpiring team during round-robin stage or be a member of the club.

4. Umpires must arrive at least 15 minutes before start time. Check Cricclubs schedule for game start times.
5. NTCA Bylaws penalties will be invoked for umpiring assignment failures.

Player Transfer

1. Player transfer to another club/team will be permitted during the tournament before 12/20/21. Winter Cup committee must be notified and approved by the committee for player to become eligible for participation.
2. Since player can play for only one club, the transfer is permitted only for players who have not played any game for their 2021 parent club.
3. Winter Cup transfers are temporary for the duration of the tournament. Since Winter Cup is the last tournament in the 2021 calendar, 2022 club transfers will not be considered for this tournament.

Substitutions (including Super Sub)

1. Substitutes are considered similar to members in playing XI and must be part of the team roster.
2. Super-Substitutes:
 - o Each team is permitted an additional Super Substitute who will replace a player during batting or bowling innings.
 - o Super Sub must be designated at the start of the game.
 - o Super Sub is eligible to play in only one innings.
3. On-Field Super Substitutions due to player injury:
 - o If the Super-Sub takes the field during 1st innings, the Super-Sub will be replacing the injured player the rest of the game. He will be permitted to bat if the other player has not already batted and it is not the last wicket of innings. He will be eligible to field and bowl the remaining quota of overs for the player he replaced.
4. On-Field Substitutions (non-super Sub player)
 - o Substitute fielder will be allowed at any time during the game on temporary basis as long as the substituted fielder remains on the ground for the duration of the game.
 - o However, umpires can deny substitution, if a player fails to stay at the ground or has not arrived at the ground, unless the opposing captain consents.
 - o Under extenuating circumstances, a player will be permitted to leave the ground only if both captains agree.
 - o It is umpire's discretion to permit a member of the batting team to substitute as a fielder.
 - o A substitute fielder may not bowl or act as captain but may act as wicket-keeper only with the consent of the umpires. Substitute batsman prohibited under all circumstances.

Reserve Days

1. If adverse weather is forecast early, Winter Cup Committee will take the call to cancel weekend games. In the absence of which, playing teams can follow the adverse weather bylaws and make decisions about their games.
2. Points will be shared in the event of cancellation during round-robin group stage.
3. Reserve Day is provided for Finals only. For other playoff games, higher ranked teams will advance in an event of a washout or unplayable conditions. Finals will be played to decide the winner.
4. If the entire weekend (Friday-Sunday) during SF or Finals is unplayable due to weather conditions, NTCA will be making an early decision (NLT Friday 5 PM) to call off the weekend games and will postpone Semi-Finals and Finals to the following weekend.
5. If games are possible, NTCA will make sure to schedule the games on the best available ground(s) on the best possible day (Sat or Sun) to get the results.
6. Start time will be adjusted to ensure the game is played in the best possible conditions (temp >=50) to have a chance to play maximum overs in both innings. Teams will be notified of the changes, if any, NLT NOON on the day before the game.