

***Fired Up Corporation* PADDOCK SHIELD**

S1 TITLE & CONSTITUTION

S1.1 COMPETITION NAME:

The competition shall be called the Fired Up Corporation Paddock Shield (the Competition).

S1.2 COMPETITION RULES:

It shall be subject in every particular to the Rules of the Sykes Cup competition **except for:**

S1.2.1 Rule C1.1 - Competition title.

S1.2.5 Rule C2.4.1 - The Executive to take a Gate for the Final only.

S1.2.3 Rule C2.7 - Permission to play cricket matches on the day of the Final.

S1.2.4 Rule C4.5.2 - Power Play Overs.

S1.2.2 Rule C4.6 - Maximum overs per bowler.

S1.2.7 Rule C5.1.1 - Umpires expenses.

S1.2.6 Rule C5.1.4 - The Executive to be responsible for costs in the Final only, and except as provided below:

NOTE: *Rule L8.12 - "Leg Side Wides" and Rule L8.13.3 "No more than 5 fielders on the leg side" fielders" to apply.*

S1.3 QUALIFYING TEAMS:

S1.3.1 It shall be a knockout Competition for the 16 highest finishing 2nd XI teams from the previous season, after promotion and relegation have been taken into consideration.

S2 DRAWS & TIES

S2.1 DRAWS:

S2.1.1 The draw for Round 1 shall be made at the AGM, *and shall be played on the same day as the Earnshaw Cup Round 2.*

S2.1.2 Where appropriate, the numbers of the teams drawn at home in Round 1 of the Sykes Cup competition, shall be placed in a designated away bag. From those remaining in the home bag, teams shall be transferred at random to the away bag until the two bags contain an equal number of teams. The draw shall then take place with teams drawn from the home and away bags alternately.

S2.2 TIES:

For ties in the first, second and third rounds, any club whose 1st XI has been drawn at home in the Sykes Cup competition, shall be placed in the away bag, and the process described in Rule S2.1.2 repeated. For the semi-finals and the final, the team drawn first in each pairing shall have home advantage

S3 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

S3.1 Any player, who is Sykes Cup qualified, shall be eligible to play in the Competition should both 1st and 2nd X1s have ties on the same day or in the same corresponding round.

S3.2 If the 1st X1 did not enter, or has previously been eliminated from the Sykes Cup and Oddfellows Cup competitions, no player shall be eligible to play in the Competition from the 2nd Round onwards if he has played more 1stXI games in League and Cup Competitions than 2ndXI games in League and Cup Competitions.

S3.3 If a club playing in the 1st Round of the Competition, has no 1st X1 playing in the 1st Round of the Sykes Cup, then Rule L9.1 will apply.

S4 MATCH PROCEDURE

S4.1 START TIMES:

All ties will start at 1.00pm, including the Final.

S4.2 LENGTH OF INNINGS:

Each team shall bowl a maximum of 45 overs

S4.3 NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER:

S4.3.1 Each bowler be allowed to bowl a maximum of nine overs.

S4.3.2 If the overs are reduced due to a delayed start, an agreed reduction of overs or by interruptions to games, then the maximum overs per bowler shall be reduced by one over for every five overs deducted. Where the total overs are not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.

S4.4 MATCH BALLS:

In all ties each team shall use its own ball. It shall be a new Readers Sovereign Grade 'A' cricket ball, or a ball of acceptable quality approved by the Executive and purchased from the League.

S5 UMPIRES

S5.1 EXPENSES:

S5.1.1 For all ties, standard all-inclusive expenses as detailed in Rule L10.5.1.3 shall be paid to each umpire. **(For 2025: £51)**

S5.1.2 For ties prior to the Final the home club will be liable for the payment of both umpires.

S5.2 EXTENDED TIES:

Extended Ties will be as per Rule C5.2.

S6 TROPHIES

S6.1 The team winning the Competition will receive the Fired Up Corporation Paddock Shield and be entitled to hold the trophy until 1st July of the following season.

S6.2 Both finalists shall each be presented with 13 individual trophies.

S6.3 A special award shall be presented to the individual who is adjudged to have been the player of the Final.