



THE CHESHIRE COUNTY KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2021



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Dear Cheshire Clubs,

Entries are now being accepted for the prestigious Cheshire Cup and Cheshire Shield knockout competitions. Both competitions were run successfully, and competitively, in late summer 2020, despite the pandemic and we look forward to more clubs entering in 2021 when we hope for a return towards normality in the summer. The closing date for both competitions is has been extended until Friday March 5th. A reminder that clubs may enter one competition only, with eligibility criteria as follows:

The **Cheshire Cup** is open to all clubs in Cheshire. The **Cheshire Shield** is not open to clubs in the Premier Division or First Divisions of the following Leagues:

- Cheshire County League
- Liverpool Competition
- North Staffs and South Cheshire League

Both competitions will be 40 overs per side played in white clothing with a red ball. The survey of clubs regarding regulations for the competitions in February 2020 indicated a majority were in favour of coloured clothing/pink ball for the Cheshire Cup but not the Shield. However, it has been decided to keep both competitions as white clothing/red ball for 2021. This is mainly because of the pandemic and to avoid unnecessary costs to clubs at this time. It will be reconsidered in 2022.

As per entries last year, clubs can confirm their entries online via the following links:

- Cheshire Cup: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/ljqmvq>
- Cheshire Shield: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/fjqmvq>

Entry is free as we wish to encourage all affiliated clubs to participate in either the Cup or Shield. However, if a club fails to honour a fixture there will be a fine of £50 which must be paid by the club to the Cheshire Clubs' Cricket Committee before the end of the season. To assist clubs with planning their diaries, the provisional dates for the Cheshire Cup and Shield are as follows:

Cheshire Cup		Cheshire Shield
May 16 th	Round 1	May 16th
June 6th	Round 2	June 6th
June 27th	Round 3	June 27th
July 18th	Round 4	
August 1st	Semi finals	July 18th
September 5th	Final	August 8th

The dates above were chosen to avoid Cheshire fixture dates and County League T20 Finals Day as far as possible. For clubs competing in the National Knockout, if there is a fixture clash the Cheshire Cup game may be rearranged with the agreement of the Competition Secretary.

We look forward to receiving your entry,

Kind regards

David Gane

Competitions Secretary – Cheshire Clubs’ Cricket Committee

Any clubs wishing to enter by post should return the slip below to Competitions Secretary David Gane (address at the top of this letter) or email the details below to davidjgane@btinternet.com

Name of Club:

Competition you wish to enter (delete as appropriate): Cheshire Cup Cheshire Shield

Club representative:

Email:

Telephone Contact:

Match day contact and phone number (if different from the above):.....