



THE CHESHIRE COUNTY KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2022



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Dear Cheshire Clubs,

Entries are now being accepted for the prestigious Cheshire Cup and Cheshire Shield knockout competitions. In 2021, 31 clubs entered the Cup and 21 entered the Shield. The cup was won by Chester Boughton Hall who beat New Brighton in the Final. The Shield was won by Upton who beat Hale Barns in a close and exciting Final.

The closing date for entries for both competitions is **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18**

The 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 or First Divisions of the following Leagues:

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

In an effort to encourage more teams to enter the Cheshire Cup this season, it has been decided that clubs in Division 2 of the County League and Division 1 of the Cheshire League (UK Fast) who are knocked out in Round 1 (or Round 2 if they received a bye) will automatically be entered into Round 1 of the Cheshire Shield.

Both competitions will be 40 overs per side played in white clothing with a red ball. A switch to coloured clothing for future Cheshire Cup competitions is being considered (with a white ball preferred to pink due to quality), however this requires black sightscreens which very few clubs have at present. Until the availability of black sightscreens is more widespread, the Cheshire Cup will remain a red ball competition.

Clubs can secure their entry for one of the two competitions via the links below:

Cheshire Cup: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/38qsh0>

Cheshire Shield: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/b8qshc>

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 listed on the following page:

Cheshire Cup		Cheshire Shield
May 22	Round 1	June 19
June 5	Round 2	July 3
July 10	Round 3	July 24
July 31	Round 4	
August 14	Semi Final	August 7
Sept 4	Final	August 21

Further info

The provisional Cheshire Cup dates above have been chosen to avoid (as much as possible) clashes with Cheshire CCC fixtures, the first three rounds of the National Club Knockout Cup and the Cheshire County League T20 Finals Day. For clubs progressing further in the National Knockout, Cheshire Cup games may be rearranged with the agreement of the Competition Secretary.

In the event that Cheshire CCC progress beyond the group stages in the NCCA 50 over competition, or the 'Showcase fixture' against a First Class County is confirmed, there may be unavoidable fixture clashes with the later rounds of the Cheshire Cup. Should this occur, then the Cheshire CCC fixture(s) will take precedence and any Cheshire Cup fixture involving clubs with players selected for Cheshire will be rearranged by the Competition Secretary to avoid Cheshire fielding an understrength side.

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 davidgane@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):.....