



THE CHESHIRE COUNTY KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2025



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Dear Cheshire Clubs,

CHESHIRE CUP

Entries are now being accepted for the Cheshire Cup knockout competitions for 2025. In 2024, 38 clubs entered the Cup. The cup was won by Didsbury who beat Hyde in the Final.

The closing date for entries is **FRIDAY February 28 2025**

The eligibility criteria is as follows:

The **Cheshire Cup** is open to all clubs in Cheshire.

CHESHIRE SHIELD

The Shield in 2024 was won by Parkfield Liscard who beat Maritime in the Final .

Only 16 clubs entered the Shield in 2024. 9 of these clubs also entered the Cheshire Cup but dropped into the Shield as they lost their Round 1 Cheshire Cup games. However of these 16 clubs, 5 conceded their matches without playing a game. Only 1 Cheshire League club played a game. The Shield has struggled for entries in recent seasons and it is clearly difficult for most eligible clubs to generate much interest in the Competition. It has therefore been decided that the Cheshire Shield will be discontinued from the 2025 season. Lower League Clubs are therefore encouraged to enter the Cheshire Cup.

Premier League clubs will be seeded in the Cheshire Cup and receive a bye in the Round 1. However in an attempt to encourage more lower league clubs to enter the Cheshire Cup this season, Cheshire County Division 2 or 3 clubs, Cheshire League Division 1 clubs or below and clubs in other leagues below Premier and Division 1 level who enter the Cheshire Cup will receive a home draw if drawn against a Premier League club in Round 2.

The Cheshire Cup will remain as 40 overs per side played in white clothing with a red ball in 2024.

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

Cheshire Cup: <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/q54n43>

Entry is free as we wish to encourage all affiliated clubs to participate in the Cup. However, if a club fails to honour a fixture there will be a fine of £100 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 are as follows:

Cheshire Cup		
May 4	Round 1	
June 8	Round 2	
July 13	Round 3	
August 17	Semi Final	
September 7	Final	

The provisional Cheshire Cup dates above were chosen to avoid Cheshire fixture dates, the first three rounds of the National Knockout Cup and County League T20 Finals Day as far as possible. For clubs

progressing further in the National Knockout, if there is a fixture clash the Cheshire Cup game may be rearranged with the agreement of the Competition Secretary. In the event that Cheshire progress beyond the group stages in the 20 or 50 over competitions there may be unavoidable fixture clashes with Cheshire Cup rounds. If this happens the Cheshire fixture will take precedence and any Cheshire Cup fixture involving clubs with two or more players selected for Cheshire will be rearranged by the Competition Secretary to avoid Cheshire or the club playing understrength sides.

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 Cheshire Cup
Club representative:
Email:
Telephone Contact:
Match day contact and phone number (if different from the above):.....