**L&DCC WOMEN’S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT 2020**

**RULES**

**TEAMS**

Teams of 8 players. Each team to have a captain.

Players Aged 16+ (Max 4 players Aged 13 to 15. Exceptionally, a player aged 12 years may play if they are a county player or the club have identified them as talented, and believe it would be beneficial for their development to play in this competition. Parental consent must be obtained)

Balls will be softball ‘Incrediball’ and will be provided. Bats will be ECB Women’s Softball Festival type. Please use you own bats. If your club do not possess these bats, some will be provided for you to use on the day. The competition will take place over 5 dates during the 2020 season.

**TOSS** The 2 captains are present at the toss with an umpire. Captain who wins the toss determines whether their team bats or bowls first.

**PITCH**

**The length of the pitch shall be a minimum of 18 Yards and a maximum of 20 Yards**

* + - Each match shall consist of one innings per team
    - Each innings shall consist of a maximum of 8 ‘six ball’ overs
    - Batters will bat in pairs, receiving 2 overs per pair
    - Batters change ends at the end of each over
    - When a batter is out, 5 runs will be deducted from the batting team’s total. The out batter shall not face the next delivery. Teams start at 200
    - Bowl from one end only. Overarm bowling only permitted
    - No more than 2 overs shall be bowled by any individual player

**CONTD.**

**RESULTS**  
The team scoring the most runs in its innings shall be the winner and awarded 3 points. If the scores of both teams are equal, then the team taking the greatest number of wickets shall be the winner. If the teams are still equal, the game will be declared a tie and each team will be awarded 2 points. At the conclusion of the 4 meets, teams will be ranked according to points gained. If one or more teams are level on points, final rankings will be decided by Net Run Rate (NRR).

**The top 4 placed teams will qualify for Finals Day.**

1st Place v 4th Place – Play Off 1

2nd Place v 3rd Place – Play Off 2

Winners of the two play offs meet in the FINAL

Losers play each other in 3rd Place Play Off

If either game is tied with equal numbers of wickets taken, then a Super Over will be bowled to determine the winner

**SCORING**  
The scoring shall take place as follows:

* A ball struck over boundary without touching the ground shall count as 6 runs. A ball struck over boundary whilst hitting the ground first shall count as 4 runs.
* **No Ball**  
  A No Ball shall score two penalty runs in addition to any other runs scored. **No balls shall only be re-bowled in the final over of each innings.** No ball defined as a delivery that bounces MORE THAN ONCE when arriving at the batter, or a full toss above shoulder height, and overstepping crease in delivery.
* **Wide**A Wide Ball shall score two penalty runs in addition to any additional runs. **Wides shall only be re-bowled in the final over of each innings.**

**METHODS OF DISMISSAL**  
Apart from the normal methods of dismissal contained in the Laws of Cricket, the following variation shall apply:

* LBW may only be given if a batter, in the view of the umpire, deliberately blocks the ball to prevent it hitting the wicket