



## **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup 2021 - Competition Guide and Rules 2021**

### **Title**

The title of the competition shall be the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup 2021**.

### **Competition ethos**

It is advised that the competition has been created to support the retention of club cricketers.

Clubs are encouraged to maximize the impact of the matches and offer further entertainment such as music, BBQ and engage with their local community.

### **COVID-19**

All participating clubs must have in a place a robust COVID-19 protocol in line with ECB Guidelines.

All matches to be played under the [ECB Guidance for recreational cricket 'Moving into Step 4'](#)

### **Management**

These rules apply to the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup** competition only and all decisions by Suffolk Cricket Board (SCB) are final.

### **Entry**

Entry into the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup** shall be open to all affiliated clubs / teams that are invited into leagues by Suffolk Cricket Board in 2021.

### **Pitch**

Clubs may use fine turf or non-turf pitches for their home matches.

### **Eligibility and Age Group Definition**

Any club that fields an ineligible player shall be penalised and the result of the match overturned in the favour of the opposition.



**Age** - A cricketer shall only be eligible to play in the competition if they are 13 or over at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

**Club Members** - A cricketer shall only be eligible to play for one club in the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup** and they must be a member of that club. Clubs with limited numbers of players can merge with, or invite players from, no more than 2 other clubs from England and Wales. Clubs merging in this way seek prior approval from Suffolk Cricket Board.

**Ineligible players** - The following list of players are ineligible:

- Players that receive payment to play any form of cricket.
- Players that are contracted to a First Class County.
- All Overseas players.

### **Match Balls**

It is recommended that the matches should be played with a pink ball.

The Home and Away side shall provide at least one new cricket ball for each match. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings.

If the ball lost during an innings then every effort should be made to play with a similar type of pink ball but red balls may also be used as a spare if needed.

The recommended ball is the Gray Nicolls pink ball which can be ordered from Suffolk Cricket Board.

### **Clothing**

It is recommended but not mandatory that each club wear coloured kit, or coloured shirt, for the competition that can be any colour except pink or red.



### **Umpires**

The home and away side is responsible for selecting one umpire for each fixture. The umpires shall be selected for the whole match and may not play in the match.

### **Scorers and Match Result**

**Scoring** – To aid social distancing only one scorer is required for each match. If possible, scorers should endeavor to score the match electronically. ECB recommend that the Play Cricket Scoring App, Total Cricket Scorer or NX Cricket as these applications connect to Play-Cricket.com.

**Results on Play-cricket.com** - The Home side will enter the result and full scorecard details onto play-cricket.com within 24 hours of the match being completed.

### **Fixtures**

Fixtures will be given a w/c date when that fixture must be played within. Club will liaise to agree a date within each fixture window period. Once agreed, fixture dates should be forward to Suffolk Cricket to be added onto the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup** Play-Cricket website by **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. County Finals will be organized by Suffolk Cricket Board.

All fixtures to be completed by **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. No results beyond this date shall be permitted.

**Rearranging of Pool fixtures** –Matches where no result can be achieved on the scheduled date can be re-arranged to be played by the closing date. In the event of no decision being reached in the match because of weather, inability to re-arrange a fixture before the deadline date or for another reason, then the result shall be determined as a cancelled or



abandoned fixture depending if the match was stopped during a game or if it had never begun.

### **Team Sheets**

Teams should verbally share with umpires / scorers. And advise on any U18 players playing.

### **Helmets and/or Faceguards**

It is recommended that all batters and those fielding within 8 yards of the middle stump wear protective helmets.

Any player under the age of 18 playing in the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup** Competition shall be bound by the ECB Directive (see section 19 of the current Non First Class Regulations and Playing Conditions).

### **Code of Conduct**

All players, team officials, club supporters and umpires shall be bound by the MCC Spirit of Cricket and the ECB Code of Conduct.



## Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup - Playing Rules 2021

### **Duration**

1 innings per side, each limited to a maximum of 20 overs and a minimum of 5 overs.

Teams have 1 hour 15 minutes to bowl 20 overs. (This is a guide)

### **Rearrangement of overs due to inclement weather**

The objective of rearranging overs is to give the greatest opportunity for a match of equal overs without reverting to a bowl out. The level of the reduction will be made at the discretion of the umpires or captains where neutral umpires are not standing.

### **Fielding restrictions**

Power play fielding restrictions with 30 yard circle (this can be marked with markers or lines) required for each match.

- For the first 6 overs of each innings only 2 fielders are permitted to be outside the circle.
- For the remaining overs of each innings only 5 fielders are permitted to be outside the circle.
- If the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Fielding Restriction Overs shall be reduced and will apply to both innings. (5-6=1,7-9= 2,10-13= 3,14-16= 4,17-19 =5)

### **Bowling and Batting restrictions**

Bowlers may bowl a maximum of 4 overs or, if the total number of overs is reduced, no bowler may bowl more than 20% of the total overs.

When a batsman reaches, or passes the personal total of 50 runs they must 'retire' and will NOT be allowed to return. A batsman can only continue their innings beyond 50 if they are batting and their 'retirement' would end the innings before the agreed number of overs have been bowled.



### **Result and Points System**

When there is no interruption and when both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the same agreed number of overs, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.

The points for the **Suffolk 'Thank You NHS' Cup** are:

5 for a Win

4 for a Tie – scores are level (except in a final when a Super Over will determine a winner).

In the event of a Super Over being tied the team with the highest Powerplay score shall be the winner.

3 for an Abandoned match after starting due to weather

2 for a loss

0 for a cancellation due to weather, where no play occurred.

If a team concedes a match they will receive 0 points and the opposition will be awarded 5 points.

If teams are tied on points at the top of the league, the team that won the head-to-head fixture will determine the placings. If teams are still tied then the team with the highest net run rate will be placed higher.

### **Free Hit after a no ball**

The delivery following a no ball called free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of no ball or a wide ball), then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called wide ball.

### **Wide Ball**

Leg side wides should be adopted.



**Bouncers**

1 per over above shoulder height. All balls over head height will be called No ball.

**Full pitched balls**

Any full pitched ball (regardless of its pace) which would have passed above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease shall be called No ball.