
CARTER CUP & NACO CUP CONSTITUTION & RULES 2018 SEASON

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SECTION ONE – CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY

This constitution is based on a model constitution originated by the England & Wales Cricket Board in respect of knock out and league cricket played in accordance with the ECB directives in respect of such competitions.

1. TITLE:

The competitions as below (5) will be a coalition and merger of the Bob Carter and Norfolk Association of Cricket Umpires *hereinafter* (NACO) Senior Sunday Norfolk Knock-out Cup Competitions under the patronage of the R G Carter Group (“RGC”), Drayton, Norwich NR8 6AH).

2. OWNERSHIP, GOODWILL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS:

The rights to the Bob Carter Challenge Cup and Lady Mary Trophy remain vested in RGC.

The rights to the NACO Cup and NACO Shield remain vested in NACO.

In the event of the cessation of the Carter and NACO Cup organisation for whatever reason, the responsibility for and ownership of the competitions will revert to the vested parties.

No changes to the Constitution shall be permitted otherwise than by the consent of both RGC and NACO.

3. OBJECTS:

The objects of the competitions will be to provide and promote Sunday knock out cricket for Norfolk clubs, affiliated to the Norfolk Cricket Board (NCB) and from leagues or otherwise recognised by that organisation (NCB).

Any club that wishes to join the competitions should apply in writing to the General Secretary not less than two weeks before that year’s Annual General Meeting which will be advertised in the local media and on the competition website.

4. EQUALITY:

The competitions will execute their objectives fairly and without prejudice to age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status and sexual orientation.

5. COMPETITIONS:

Specifically 1.i – 1.iv as listed in the following pages of this document but namely as follows:

- i. **Bob Carter Challenge Cup** with a maximum of 16 member clubs participating that will be played as a **50** over per side Competition.
- ii. **The Carter/NACO Cup** will be an 8 team competition contested by the 8 First Round losers in the Bob Carter Challenge Cup. The losers of the first round matches will play a sequence of knock out relegation matches with the losers of the Carter/NACO Cup loser's final going into the next years Lady Mary Trophy Competition. This will be played as a **50** over per side Competition.
- iii. **The Lady Mary Trophy** with a maximum of 16 teams participating. This will be played as a **40** over per side Competition. If required a preliminary round will be played. The winners of this competition will be automatically invited to compete in the following years Bob Carter Challenge Cup, however should they refuse this invite the losing finalists will be invited. In the event of neither finalist accepting the invitation there will be no relegation from or promotion to the higher competition.
- iv. **The Carter/NACO Shield** will be an 8 team competition contested by the 8 Preliminary and First Round losers in the Lady Mary Trophy. This will be a **40** overs per side Competition.

The draws for these competitions will be made on a predetermined basis other than the Bob Carter Challenge Cup which will be drawn on a round to round basis with an independent players representative invited to be present – all clubs will be invited to attend the predetermined draw at a time, date and venue decided by the Management Committee. The draw for each round of the Bob Carter Challenge Cup will be made on the Friday following the previous round and will be broadcast “live” on Radio Norfolk. All details of the initial draw and subsequent rounds of each competition will be notified to the clubs by the Competition Secretary/Coordinator electronically.

6. MEMBERSHIP:

- The competitions are open to all clubs affiliated to the NCB whose playing strength, playing areas, changing facilities, administration and lunch and tea facilities meet the standards laid down by the Management Committee (see 2d – page 10 below).
- The competition fully supports and adopts the ECB “Safe hands – Cricket’s policy for Safeguarding Children” Each member club must adopt the ECB “Safe Hands” policy and hold a club “Safeguarding Document.”
- All invited clubs must be insured for public liability.
- All Clubs will be required to pay an entry fee payable in advance in respect of the competition they enter into. This currently set at £20.00 payable by bank transfer only.
- If this entry fee is not paid the club will be automatically scratched from the relevant competition.

7. MANAGEMENT:

The management of the competitions shall be vested in a Management Committee which shall consist of 7 members with 3 to be initially appointed by NACO and 4 to be initially appointed by RGC (one of whom shall be a representative of RGC); the Committee shall consist of Chair, Chief Executive, General Secretary/Co-ordinator, Registration Officer, Umpires Appointments Secretary, Results Media & Press Officer and Competitions Co-ordinator. For the 2018 season these positions will be occupied as follows:

Chair	David Coventry (RGC)
Chief Executive Officer	Brian Broom (RGC)
General Secretary	David Coe (NACO)
Results, Media & Press	Steve Tate (RGC)
Umpires Appointment/Rules Co-ordinator	Nigel Crickmore (NACO)
Registration Officer	Rob Poole (NACO)

(i) A quorum of the Management Committee shall consist of 4 members with the Chairman having the casting vote if required.

(ii) In the interests of consistency, for the 2015 and 2016 seasons any nomination to replace a vacancy on the Management Committee arising in respect of a RGC member shall be proposed by RGC and in respect of a NACO member by NACO.

(iii) From the 2017 season and thereafter, members of the Management Committee (other than the RGC representative who shall be nominated by RGC, and a NACO representative who shall be nominated by NACO) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period in each case not exceeding three years.

(iv) From the 2017 season and thereafter, the Management Committee shall have the power to appoint a Member to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting at which time such appointed Member shall retire and be eligible for election as a Member of the Committee.

(v) All members of the Management Committee will, if they so wish, have the right to retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(vi) Other RGC representatives may be involved on the Management Committee on an ex officio basis. Other members may be co-opted as deemed necessary and at the invite of the Chief Executive Officer following approval of the Management Committee.

8. POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

All questions of eligibility, qualification of players, interpretation of the following rules, or any question in dispute not provided for in the following rules, shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision shall be final.

9. DISCIPLINE:

The Carter/NACO Competition subscribes and adheres to the ECB's Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket incorporated in it. In particular, the Carter Competition requires that the highest standards both on and off the field are observed in keeping with the dignity and best sporting traditions of the game.

Member clubs and their players and officials must adhere to the ECB's Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their players and officials understand the Laws of Cricket, the Norfolk Cricket Board's (NCB) Disciplinary Code and other relevant regulations

If required, umpires, clubs and spectators can report offenders to the General Secretary who will forward on to the Norfolk Cricket Board Disciplinary Chairman within 1 week of the considered offence.

Any disciplinary action will be dealt with by the representatives of the Norfolk Cricket Board in accordance with the Tariff predetermined by the English & Wales Cricket Board.

Any appeal must be dealt in accordance with the procedures as stated by the Norfolk Cricket Board in accordance with the England & Wales Cricket Board directives and specified by the Disciplinary Chairman when the offence and Tariff is confirmed to the offender/s.

10. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

This is as indicated in Rule 3 of the General Competitions Rules as specified later in this document.

11. SCRATCHED GAMES:

(i) No team may scratch a game without the permission of the Chief Executive Officer.

(ii) No game may be scratched without notifying the CEO, secretary/coordinator and the opposition. The team receiving the walk over must phone the captain of the team scratching to confirm that the match has been scratched. Both teams must

then send the appropriate result (Walkover or Scratched to the Competitions Secretary/Coordinator).

(iii) AnyClub/s scratching or forfeiting a game may be subject to a fine of £50.00 and will be relegated to a lower competition in the following season.

If this fine is not paid within 28 days the Club/s concerned will be automatically banned from entry into any of the following season's competitions.

(iv) The club that scratches or forfeits a game, if obliged to do so, will meet any reasonable expenses incurred by their opponents.

(v) If a club involved in the CARTER/NACO SHIELD scratches or forfeits a game they shall be subject to the above fine procedure and will have to apply in writing to the General Secretary giving legitimate reasons to be considered for inclusion in the following season's competition.

(vi) It is the responsibility of the HOME club to notify the match umpires immediately of a cancellation.

(vii) The minimum number of players to constitute a team shall be EIGHT (8). A team fielding fewer than 8 players at any time during a match will automatically forfeit the match and may face a suspension or a fine as imposed by the Management Committee. If a side fields only 8 players bowling restrictions, fielding and other restraints will apply as per the competition rules.

(viii) If a club defaults twice within two seasons this will result in their immediate expulsion from all competitions. If they wish to reapply for membership to join the competitions in the future or the following season they will have to apply in writing to the General Secretary giving compelling reasons why they should be readmitted. The application must be made not less than two week's before that year's Annual General Meeting.

12. TROPHIES:

The sponsors of the competition will award 12 individual trophies to each of the winners and losers of each of the FOUR MAIN competitions and also to the relevant umpires and scorers. These trophies MUST in all circumstances be presented by a member of RGC, NACO, or their nominated representative.

NO TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OR LOSERS OR MATCH OFFICIALS OF THE RELEGATION MATCHES

The winning clubs, Shield or Cup will be returned in its original condition to the Competition Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the FINAL of that competition being held.

13. GENERAL TERMS:

These are considered to be the following and are included in the rules of the Competition as stated:

- Registration of players – see 3 (a) to 3 (e) below.
- Fixtures – as covered in the rules of the Competition.
- YOUNG CRICKETERS – The competition fully supports the ECB directives relating to young and under age players.
- Promotion within the competition – winners of the various competitions will be rewarded by being seeded to higher competitions in subsequent seasons in accordance with the rules of the competition.
- Any other matters should be fully covered by the following rules relating to the competition and must be strictly adhered to by the invited clubs.
- Provision of Match Balls is covered in the rules of the competition.

14. VENUES FOR MAIN FINALS:

These are decided at the discretion of the Management Committee in consultation with representatives of RGC.

15. VENUES FOR LOSERS FINALS:

These will be played at the ground of the first drawn club – any dispute over this will result in the Management Committee deciding on an alternative venue, which may be a neutral ground.

The costs of providing and managing a neutral ground will be shared by the two competing clubs.

16. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between cricket seasons.

(i) Each invited club must send a representative to the Annual General Meeting which will be held at a date, time and venue decided by the Management Committee.

(ii) Any proposal put forward by a club must be seconded by another club in the Competition.

(iii) Any proposal by a club to change the Constitution or Rules of Play as indicated in Player Eligibility, Competitions Match Rules as listed later in this document must be put in writing to the General Secretary no later than 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, who will then circulate to all invited clubs 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

17. FINES

Any fines that are paid by clubs in relation to breaches of the competitions and match rules will be donated to a cricket charity as determined by the Management Committee after settling any compensation outstanding to member clubs.

CARTER& NACO SENIOR CRICKET COMPETITIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. GENERAL

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- iv. **The Carter/NACO Shield** will be an 8 team competition contested by the 8 Preliminary and First Round losers in the Lady Mary Trophy. This will be a **40** overs per side Competition.

All draws for the above competitions other than the BOB CARTER CHALLENGE CUP will be predetermined and clubs will be notified of their rolling progress and opponents by the Competition Secretary.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of the Competitions is open to all clubs Affiliated to the Norfolk Cricket Board. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the General Secretary for the Competitions by the date of the Annual General Meeting with membership approved at that meeting.
- b. A Club may only enter one team in the Competition(s) with the exception of a Development team.
- c. Clubs elected to membership of the Carter/NACO Senior Cricket Competitions do so in the knowledge that entry means that they are contracted to fulfilling their fixtures in accordance with the appropriate draws made in respect of each competition, at the Annual General Meeting and the subsequent draws made for the Competitions on the agreed Appointed Dates unless the provisions of rule 9.3 apply. Clubs failing to fulfil their fixtures for other than exceptional unforeseen circumstances will be fined £50.00, be required to reimburse justified out of pocket expenses of appointed match officials and opponents, be suspended from further progress in the Competitions, relegated to a lower competition the following season and may be excluded from further future entry (See Clause 11 of the Constitution above).

- d. Clubs entering the competitions are required to provide a pitch, ground and facilities capable of sustaining a match of the defined overs (as above) and the amenities that the competitions require.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Carter/NACO Senior Cricket Competitions are open to players formally registered by member clubs or those that are affiliated to or recognised by the Norfolk Cricket Board (NCB). Registrations with the East Anglian Premier League and Norfolk Alliance will be used as the registration for the competitions. Other clubs where they are not formally registered shall register their players with the Registration Officer for the Competitions no later than the 30th April of each year.
- b. No other player(s) shall participate in the Competitions unless such further registrations as may from time to time be deemed necessary are made in line with the registration processes for the East Anglian Premier League and Norfolk Alliance.
- c. No Club may play more than one non-England qualified player (Category 3) other than a player resident in the UK for not less than 24 months prior to the start of the Season (Category 3E). Should matches arise where clubs who are not allowed to have a non-England qualified player (Category 3) are required to play those who are, that player shall not be permitted to play. Additionally if a club who is allowed to play two Category 3E players plays a club who can only play one, then only one can play for each side.
- d. Each member club is responsible for ensuring that all players participating in any fixture are eligible to play and are bona-fide members of that Club. Any Club infringing this rule will be suspended from further progress in the Competition involved and the match in which the infringement occurs will be awarded to their opponents.
- e. A player is only allowed to play in one competition a season - if the club the player/players represent is knocked out from any of the competitions at any stage those club's players are not allowed to represent any other club in any rounds of any of the competitions. If a club is found to infringe this rule the club by playing an ineligible player/players will be automatically suspended from any of the competitions and the match in which the infringement occurs will be awarded to their opponents.

COMPETITIONS – MATCH RULES.

(NOTE – The following Rules under 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 shall apply to ALL Competitions.)

4. LAWS

4.1 All matches will be played under the Laws of Cricket except where otherwise stated and the current ECB directives for young players on wearing helmets, fielding restrictions and fast bowling shall apply.

5. SPIRIT OF CRICKET

All clubs are responsible for ensuring the spirit of fair play – they must instruct their captain to ensure the Spirit of Cricket is upheld both on and off the field of play. Players who criticise umpires by word or action, show dissent or generally behave in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute will not be tolerated. The Umpires are the sole judges of fair play, and are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- ❖ **Time Wasting**
- ❖ **Damaging of the Pitch**
- ❖ **Dangerous or unfair bowling**
- ❖ **Tampering with the Ball**
- ❖ **Any other action they consider unfair.**

6. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 Unless balls are provided by the patron competing clubs are required to provide for their own use in all competition matches a one new English 4-piece grade "A" ball per innings or similar. Additional spares should be available. Balls for all finals will be provided by the Competition Organisers.

6.2 Covers shall be used (where available) to protect the whole of the pitch and surrounding area before and during a match.

6.3 Clubs are to ensure that adequate sawdust and cloths are available to be used under supervision of the umpires whenever conditions warrant.

6.4 (a) Winning clubs shall notify the results of matches to the Results Secretary by **telephone/text/email by 10:00 pm on the day of the fixture**. Failure to fulfil this requirement will result in an automatic fine of £25.

(b) Within four days of the playing of matches Home clubs shall submit a completed Results Form by post or email to the Registration Secretary.

(c) All clubs within four days of playing matches will be required to submit a completed umpire's marks form provided by the Competitions Secretary, to the Umpire's Appointment Secretary by post or email or any another manner prescribed by the General Committee.

6.5 Clubs will be notified of further competitions opponents by the Competitions Co-ordinators by electronic mail and/or post.

6.6 The Club named first in the draw shall be deemed to have the choice of playing on its own ground, although they may concede this option to their opponents if this is mutually acceptable.

6.8 It is strongly recommended that the crease markings are remarked between innings to aid both umpires and players.

7. CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 Before the commencement of the match the Captains of the opposing sides are required to mutually agree in consultation with the umpires the procedure to be followed to decide the future progress of a match to which the rules relating to Inclement Weather apply to the specific Competition in which the match is being played. This will be completed prior to the toss.

7.2 Each Captain is required to pay one Umpire £45.00 before the game. If only one umpire is available, £55.00 (£27.50 per team) will be paid for covering both ends (both clubs in this instance should provide an umpire competent of standing at square leg). **These expenses must be paid before the commencement of the game.**

8. UMPIRES

8.1 The Norfolk Umpires and Scorers Association will, where practical, provide Umpires for all Competitions matches.

8.2 The Umpires Appointments Secretary will advise the both clubs via email details of the umpires appointed to their match which will include contact details.

8.3 If a game is cancelled for any reason prior to the appointed umpires arriving at the ground it is the HOME club's responsibility to advise the umpires accordingly.

8.4 Any decision to cancel a match owing to bad weather or ground conditions may only be made by either i) the match umpires or ii) another panel umpire who has been called by the home club to make a ground inspection prior to the arrival of the appointed umpires. The fee for an inspection will be £20.00.

8.5 Umpires are required to obtain team sheets from each captain prior to the game starting. The umpires will forward to the Registration Secretary within 4 days of the completion of the fixture (these can be scanned and emailed if possible).

8.6 Umpires will be expected to enforce over rates in accordance with Rule 11.6 below.

MATCH REGULATIONS.

9. GENERAL REGULATIONS

9.1 All matches shall be played on the Appointed dates unless inclement weather prevents or interrupts play such that if the relevant requirements of Rules 8.3 cannot be applied the match shall be replayed on the Sunday immediately following that of the abandoned match unless the Management Committee advises differently, with the exception of the Final which shall be played on the Reserve date agreed at the AGM.

9.2 No consideration other than inclement weather will be accepted as an excuse for the abandonment of a match.

9.3 When inclement weather causes the abandonment of a match on its appointed playing date its progress shall be resolved as follows:-

- (a) A minimum of 20 overs (15 for 40 over matches) must be bowled to the team batting second to constitute a match. In this event the result shall be decided by the run rate. The average run rate for the completed innings of the side batting first compared with the average run rate of the side batting second at the time the match was abandoned. The run rate to be taken from the last completed over. The side with the higher run rate shall be the winner.
- (b) In the event of less than 20 overs (15 for 40 over matches) having been bowled to the team batting second the match shall be replayed in accordance with Rules 9.1.

9.4 When inclement weather delays the start or interrupts the hours of play available for the match on its appointed day its progress if Rule 9.3 (a) cannot be applied may, with both captain agreement in consultation with the umpires, be resolved as follows:

- a) The playing of a restricted overs match whereby they will agree the number of six ball overs to be bowled and received (Rules 11&12 apply).
- b) Abandonment with the match replayed in accordance with Rule 9.1
- c) Abandonment with either a i) bowl out or ii) spin a coin.

9.5 In the event of inclement weather resulting in the abandonment of a re-arranged match, when one side has completed its innings and its opponents have batted for a minimum of 20 overs (15 for 40 over matches) the result shall be decided by the comparison of the run rate as set down in Rules 9.3(a). The side with the faster run rate shall be the winner.

9.6 When inclement weather delays the start or interrupts the hours of play available for the re-arranged match the captains of the opposing sides shall, if Rule 9.5 cannot be applied, agree to one of the following courses of action for its determination:-

- a) Play a restricted overs match whereby they will agree the number of overs to be bowled and received (Rules 10 & 11 apply). Minimum 20 overs per innings.

- b) Replayed at the discretion and in accordance with the directives of the Organising Committee
- c) Other than for the Final play a mid-week limited (20 overs per innings) match (Rule 9 shall apply).
- d) Other than for the Final play a 'bowl out'.
- e) Other than for the Final spin a coin.

9.7 In the event of the Final being unable to be determined under the above provisions a 20 over each side match will be played to which Rules 9 & 10 shall apply with the venue, date and start time decided by the Executive Committee after taking due account of all the relevant factors.

10. PLAYER REGULATIONS

10.1 No player may bowl more than one fifth of the total number of overs allotted to each innings. Should a reduced number of overs be agreed in accordance with Rules 9.4(a) or 9.6(a), a player may bowl no more than one fifth of that number allocated rounded up to the next whole number.

10.2 **BOWLER UNABLE TO COMPLETE AN OVER –LAW 17 THE OVER (17.8 Bowler incapacitated or suspended during an over)**: If for any reason a bowler is incapacitated while running up to deliver the first ball of an over, or is incapacitated or suspended during an over, the umpire shall call and signal Dead ball. Another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that he does not bowl two (2) overs consecutively, nor bowl parts of each of two consecutive overs, in that innings. The remaining deliveries will be part of the replacements bowlers' allocation.

10.3 At the instant of delivery no more than 5 fielders shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area. The fielding restriction area will be bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the Square Leg Umpire shall call 'No Ball'. The fielding circle shall be clearly defined by white markings such that they can be clearly seen by both umpires when standing at their officiating positions.

10.4 At no time through the innings may there be more than **FIVE** fielders on the **LEG SIDE**.

10.5 Pitch markings are to include lines 17 inches inside either return crease as an aid to umpires in judging whether an offside wide has been bowled. The 17 inch guideline will be marked in a colour other than white, to make it clearly visible to the umpires and players.

10.6 In addition to Law 22 (wide ball), the following shall apply. A wide shall be called if, in the umpire's opinion, the delivery has passed on the offside of the wicket between the 17 inch guideline and the Return crease and the batsman has not brought it within reach of a scoring stroke or by moving, causes the ball to pass wide of him.

10.7 Any ball that passes to the leg-side of the stumps and behind the batsman, despite the batsman's movement, shall be called a wide ball.

10.8 If the striker plays a switch hit or reverse sweep or gets into a position to play such a shot, he shall be deemed to bring the ball equally within his reach on the leg side as on the off side. Consequently, in these circumstances 10.7 will not apply and 10.6 will apply on both the off side and the leg side.

10.9 Short pitched balls will be a **MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE OF 1 (ONE)** short pitched ball per over. A short pitched ball is one that passes above the shoulder of the batsman standing upright at the crease. ONCE THIS LIMIT HAS BEEN ATTAINED ANY FURTHER SHORT PITCHED BALL/S WILL BE CALLED A NO BALL BY THE MATCH UMPIRES.

10.10 Non-pitching deliveries – as per the Laws of cricket (Law 41.7)

10.11 **OVER RATES** – These will be strictly monitored and applied by the umpires and teams will be expected to maintain an over rate of 16 overs per hour (3mins 45secs per over). Umpires will allow for lost balls, batsmen wasting time and unavoidable interruptions. Time added to be confirmed to fielding captain and batsmen at the crease at the time of the delay. Although no penalty will be applied for slow over rate umpires will be expected to report this to the Organising Committee who will have such powers to remove such teams in future years.

11. DETERMINING THE RESULT OF A MATCH

11.1 The side scoring the most runs or having the faster scoring rate where matches are determined under Rule 10.3(a) or Rules 10.6, irrespective of the number of wickets that have fallen shall be declared the winner.

11.2 Should a side be all out before the agreed number of overs have been bowled in their innings their inning shall be deemed closed and the other side shall bat.

11.3 In the event of a tie the side with the least number of wickets fallen shall be the winner.

11.4 In the event of an absolute tie the decision made in accordance with Rule 9.1 shall stand except that the away side in the tied match will have the choice of ground in the replay.

12. DISPUTES

12.1 Any dispute or non-compliance with any Rules/Playing Regulations must be reported by the clubs or umpires in writing/email within 48 hours of completion of the fixture to the General Secretary of the Carter/NACO Cricket Competitions for arbitration by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

THE BOB CARTER CHALLENGE CUP.

13. FORMAT

13.1 The Competition will be played on a knock-out basis and a team once defeated will take no further part in the Competition. Winning clubs shall play winning clubs in accordance with the draw which will be made on a round to round basis – the draws will be made with an independent player's representative present.

13.2 The losing clubs in the first round of the Competition will compete in the Carter/NACO Cup in accordance with the rules for that Competition.

13.3 The Competition is a **50** six ball over each side Competition and matches shall start not later than 12.00pm. Unless inclement weather prevents play commencing at the appointed time or interrupts play, when both captains in consultation with the umpires may agree otherwise, a 40 minutes tea interval will be taken between innings (45 minutes for the Final).

THE CARTER/NACO CUP

14. FORMAT

14.1 The Competition will be played on a knock out basis and will be between the losing clubs in the First Round of the 'Bob Carter' Challenge Cup. The losers of the 1st round matches will play a sequence of relegation matches with the losers of the Carter/NACO Cup loser's final going into the next years Lady Mary Trophy competition. Draws for the various rounds will be predetermined by the Competitions Secretary and Organising Committee. The loser's final will be played at the ground of the first drawn club.

14.2 The Competition is a **50** six ball over each side Competition and matches shall start no later than 12 Noon. Unless inclement weather prevents play commencing at the appointed time or interrupts play, when both captains may agree otherwise in consultation with the umpires a 40 minutes tea interval will be taken between innings.

LADY MARY TROPHY

15. FORMAT

15.1 The Competition will be played on a knock-out basis and a team once defeated will take no further part in the Competition. If required a preliminary round will be played. The winners of this competition will be automatically invited to compete in the following years Carter Cup, however should they refuse this invite the losing finalists will be invited. In the event of neither finalist accepting the invitation there will be no relegation from or promotion to the higher competition.

15.2 The losing clubs in the Preliminary & First Round of the Competition will compete in the Carter/NACO Shield in accordance with the rules for that Competition.

15.3 The Competition is a **40** six ball over each side Competition and matches shall start no later than 1.00 pm. Unless inclement weather prevents play commencing at the appointed time or interrupts play, when both captains may agree otherwise in consultation with the umpires a 30 minutes tea interval will be taken between innings.

CARTER/NACO SHIELD

16. FORMAT

16.1 The Competition will be played on a knock out basis and will be between the losing clubs in the Preliminary & First Round of the Lady Mary Trophy. The winners of this competition will be automatically invited to compete in the following years Lady Mary Trophy, however should they refuse this invite the losing finalists will be invited. In the event of neither finalist accepting the invitation there will be no promotion to the higher competition.

16.2 The Competition is a **40** six ball over each side Competition and matches shall start no later than 1.00 pm. Unless inclement weather prevents play commencing at the appointed time or interrupts play, when both captains may agree otherwise in consultation with the umpires a 30 minutes tea interval will be taken between innings.