

Cherwell League Cup Competitions 2026

Competition Rules (all Cups except Pullinger)

Entry

Clubs will be entered into the cup that corresponds to their Tier ranking in the Cherwell Cricket League for 2026. A club may apply to enter a team into a cup of a higher tier than their highest placed team in the League if they so wish but the final decision on placement lies entirely at the Cup Sub-Committee's discretion.

The following Competitions are open to teams from the Tiers indicated:

Airey Cup - 2 & 3

Telegraph Cup – 4 & 5

Steve Dixon Memorial Cup - 6

Osberton Radiators Cup and Keith Crump Memorial Cup – 7, 8 & 9

Playing Format

All cup competitions will be 40 overs per side as per the Match Rules.

Please note the following:

The default start time will be 1.00 pm but if both clubs have agreed by email this can be amended to suit. However, games should not start any later than 2.00pm. It is the responsibility of the home team to inform the umpires of any change.

Finals of all competitions will start at 12:30 pm to allow time for presentations at the end.

The minimum number of overs in the second innings in order to constitute a match is 10.

Disruptions for weather will be managed using the Android DLS app (available on the Cherwell Cricket League website).

If the second innings finishes with the scores level (or on the DLS par score), the match will be decided by a 'Super Over' (details in the Cup Match Rules). If scores are still level, the match will be decided by a Bowl Off (Cup Match Rules).

Match dates

Matches should be played on the dates as specified in the fixture schedule which is supplied to all participating teams and is uploaded onto the Cherwell Cricket League website and Play-Cricket. However, if both teams are in agreement by email and have informed the Cups Co-ordinator, matches can be played on an alternative date. The

proposed rearranged date must have the agreement of both teams and the Cups Co-ordinator. If teams cannot agree, the team that was unable to fulfil the fixture on the original designated date will concede the tie. Any disputes will be adjudicated by the Cups Co-ordinator whose decision shall be final.

With the agreement of the opposition, teams can cede home advantage and swap the venue. It will be the responsibility of the team originally scheduled at home to inform the umpires and the Cups Co-ordinator of the swap.

In cases where the tie cannot be arranged for good reason, the tie will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Umpires

Panel umpires will be appointed to all matches where possible. The fee will be £55 per umpire, each team to pay one umpire. Payment is to be made before the start of the game. Should only one panel umpire be present, each team will pay that umpire £35.

Balls

The team originally drawn at home will provide both balls for the match and the same type of ball must be used in both innings. The ball type should be the Tiflex Buckingham. However, any ball suitable for 40 over cricket is acceptable. If additional balls are required prior to matches, contact the League Secretary.

The team originally drawn away will pay the opposition £21 on the day as a contribution to ball costs.

Interval

There shall be an interval between innings of 30 minutes. Teas are not compulsory, but where tea is provided it shall be included in the 30 minutes break.

Player Eligibility

Clubs are expected to select players appropriate to the Tier of the competition they are playing in. In cases where a player was selected and, in the opinion of the Cups Sub-Committee, was clearly inappropriate, even if technically eligible, the panel (convened under Disputes/Complaints below) reserves the right to take action up to and including reversing the result.

Notwithstanding the above, the following rules will apply:

1. All players must be bona fide members of the club they are representing.
2. All players must be registered with the Registrations' Secretary. A player cannot be registered if they are already registered for another club in the League.

3. Subject to paragraph 4 below, a player who has played more League matches in a higher Tier of the league than in the Tier or Tiers attributed to the cup competition will be ineligible. For example, if a club's first team is in Tier 3 and enters the Airey Cup, and its second team is in Tier 6 and enters the Steve Dixon Cup, a player who has played two league matches for the first team and two for the second team will be eligible to play in the Steve Dixon. A player who has played two games for the first team and only one for the seconds would not be eligible.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 above, the Cups Co-ordinator may agree to allow a player who would otherwise be ineligible to play in a given match. However, such permission will only be granted if there are extenuating circumstances and will not be given once the sixth Saturday of the league season has passed.

5. Teams reaching the final of a competition will be required to submit a squad list of up to 25 players to the Cups Co-ordinator no later than the Wednesday preceding the final. The team that plays must come entirely from this squad list. A player can be listed in more than one final squad providing he/she is eligible for all of the competitions for which they are listed. The Cups Co-ordinator will endeavour to respond within 24 hours and the decision will be final.

Disputes/Complaints

Any dispute concerning the result of a fixture or any other matter must to be notified to the Cups Co-ordinator within 48 hours of the finish of the relevant match. The matter will then be considered by a panel convened by the Cups Co-ordinator, drawn from members of the Cups Sub-Committee and League Management Committee. The panel's decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Reporting

It is the responsibility of the home team captain to submit the match result to the Cherwell Cricket League website by 10pm on the day of the game. It is the responsibility of the home team captain to submit the match scorecard to the Cherwell Cricket League website by 5pm on the Monday following the game.