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## ACCSO Competitions 2019 – Match-Day Actions

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### **Changes from 2018 are highlighted**

**Notes: Updated to reflect**

**Two teams from one club**

**Obligation to provide Team lists (AGM 2018 decision)**

**Revised bonus points system (AGM 2018 decision)**

References are to the 2019 Tournament Regulations for the Blevins Franks Regional League, as published on the ACCSO Web site.

The T20 Tournament regulations include several which are specific to the nature of T20 matches (fielding restrictions, Free Hits, etc.). But the baseline regulations (licences; age limits; wides; dangerous bowling; discipline; reporting) are common. See the ACCSO Web site for the full T20 regulations.

### **1. Before the day of the match:**

#### **1.1. To propose a postponement:**

- **For technical/squad\*\* reasons: Regs para 6.1:** Requests for a postponement for technical/squad\*\* reasons must be e-mailed to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) no later than 7 days before the scheduled date. ACCSO will review such requests in the light of the rules of the specific competition and then inform the clubs concerned and the umpiring body of their decision no later than 72 hours before the original planned date.  
\*\* Clubs who have two or more **players selected for French national teams** in international matches or in official training sessions have a prima facie right to a postponement under this heading.  
The regulations detail the conditions under which such requests are handled.
- **For meteorological reasons: Regs para 6.2:** Requests for a postponement on meteorological grounds (based on *canicule* alerts, reliable forecasts of rain or shade temperatures of 35° or more) must be made by telephone to the other side and the umpires, with e-mail confirmation to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) - all no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time. The regulations – which are slightly different for each competition - detail the conditions under which such requests are handled.

#### **1.2. Who can be selected to play?**

- **Licensed players only:** Only players with **2019** competitive licences. This also applies to players borrowed from non-affiliated clubs [**Regs para 2.2**].
- **Young players:**
  - For those born in **2003** a written parental authority must be on file [**Regs para 2.4**].

- Those born in 2004 can play only if they are registered as “Haut Niveau” (HN) and their name appears on the current list of such players maintained by France Cricket. [Regs para 2.5].
- Nobody born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 can be selected.
- **Play only for one club per competition:** When a player has played for a given club in one of the competitions, he cannot play for another club in the same competition [Regs para 2.6].
- **Anyone who plays in 25% of matches (ie 2) for one team from a given club which enters two teams in the competition cannot play for the other team from the same club in the same competition.** [Regs para 2.7].

## 2. On the eve/morning of the match:

- **Ground unfit?**
- If the home/hosting side decides that its ground is unfit for play because of bad weather, it must inform the visiting side, the appointed umpires and ACCSO secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) in good time [Regs para 6.2 for problems on the day before a match; Regs para 6.3 for the morning of the match].
- The regulations detail the conditions under which postponements are handled.
- If both sides and umpires are obliged to go to the ground and the weather prevents any play (or if the second innings is incomplete), the sides will toss a coin to decide the winner.
- **Markings:** Home/hosting club to make sure that the all markings are done and visible, especially the return crease, plus a popping crease extended to 12 feet total width [Regs para 4.10.1].

## 3. Before the toss:

- **Playing conditions:** Umpires and captains will review the playing conditions. The umpires will then decide whether the match should proceed; and if so, how many overs, plus frequency and length of drinks breaks/intervals [Regs para 6.4].
- **Markings:** Umpires to check that the all markings are done and visible, especially the off-side wides markings, plus a popping crease extended to 12 feet total width. If the offside wides lines are not painted and no means exists on site to paint them, the umpires have the right to abandon the match [Regs para 4.10.1].
- **Sportmanship Award:** The umpires ensure between themselves that they have a common understanding of the Sportmanship Award form and how to score the various elements. They will convene post-match to complete the form (see para. 5, below).
- **Presence of young players:** Umpires to check with captains whether they are fielding any players under the age of 19 on the day of the match, such that the relevant ECB Guidelines may be applied [Regs para 6.5].
- **Names of players:** Clubs are obliged to provide proof that all players are duly licenced and have valid medical certificates by passing to the umpires a Team List (derived from the licencing system). [Regs para 6.6].
- **Unscheduled drinks breaks:** Captains will be reminded that they must discourage their team members from calling for/bringing on drinks without the express permission of the umpires [Regs para 7.3].
- **Balls pitching off the mat [Regs para 4.13]:** Any ball which pitches off the mat or off its edge will be called a No Ball. Captains will be reminded of this rule before each match. To be implemented without exception.
- **Umpire availability:**  
If only one nominated umpire (qualified, licenced and non-playing) is present on the day, the match may proceed if he is willing to stand at the bowler’s end for the full match, with the batting side providing a square-leg umpire.  
If the single nominated umpire is not willing to stand alone, or if this arrangement is not approved by both captains, the match is abandoned [Regs para 5.1.3].

If no nominated umpire is present, the match is automatically abandoned [**Regs para 5.1.4**].

In either case, what happens next depends upon the competition:

- In T20 matches there is no re-scheduling and the match is decided by the toss of a coin on the ground.
- In the League, the outcome will be decided according to League Regs 4.8.2, 4.8.3, 4.9.2, or 4.10.1, as appropriate.
- **Scorers:** Umpires to ensure that there will be two scorers marking two books at all times; if necessary by arranging for two members of the batting side to be made available throughout the innings [**Regs para 5.2**].
- **Delays in starting: T20 matches differ from League matches.**

In **League matches**, the umpires will allow a “grace period” of 15 minutes starting from the scheduled start time. Thereafter, overs per side will be reduced [**League Regs para 4.3.2**].

In the **League** any match which has not started 60 minutes after the scheduled start time will be handled in a variety of ways, depending on the type of match and whether re-scheduling options are permitted. **A close reading of League Regs para 4.3 is essential.**

**In T20 matches**, there is no “grace period”. If a match does not start at its scheduled start time overs begin immediately to be reduced [**T20 Regs para 4.3.2**].

**In T20 matches**, the key checkpoint is 40 minutes after the scheduled start time. If the match has not started by then, there will be no play; and the match will be decided in one of several ways [**T20 Regs para 4.3.2**].

#### 4. During the match:

- **Playing conditions:** The umpires are the sole judges of whether the playing conditions are suitable for play to continue [**Regs para 7.4-7.6**].  
The match regulations describe the options available to the umpires [**Regs para 7.5 & 7.6**].  
Details of how weather-affected matches are to be handled vary from competition to competition: [**T20 Regs 4.6-4.7; League Regs 4.6 and 4.8**].

- **Dangerous bowling:** “Law 41.7 High non-pitching deliveries (“beamers”) above waist height will be treated according to the revised Law, which comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. All beamers are unfair and will be No-balled; but they will not incur a warning unless the umpire decides that such a delivery is dangerous and likely to risk injury to the batsman. Umpires are required to use their best judgement to determine whether a delivery is dangerous. Their decisions will be based on various factors such as the speed or direction of the ball, the ability of the batsman, and whether such deliveries are repeated. If a beamer is deemed to be dangerous, it will lead to a first and final warning to the bowler, with a suspension from bowling if he bowls another dangerous beamer in the same innings. Note that the deliberate bowling of a beamer remains an offense for which the penalty is an immediate suspension from bowling for the rest of the match..” [**Regs para 4.10**].

- **Disciplinary situations:** The regulations on handling disciplinary issues were agreed ACCSO AGM 2017. The current disciplinary procedure is now separately loaded on the Regulations page of the ACCSO Web site. [see **Regs para 9**].
- **Unfair deliveries** (“throwing” – **Law 21.3**) [**Regs para 4.14**]: If a bowler is suspended during an ACCSO match, the club concerned will follow the procedure shown on the Regulations page of the ACCSO Web site.
- **Over rates:** The umpires shall ensure that Over Rates are respected [**Regs para 4.5**].

## 5. After the match – and before the scorebooks get packed up!

- The two umpires sign both score books, validating the scores [**Regs para 8.1**].
- In a League pool-phase match, points are awarded as per the table and rules shown at the foot of this document [**Regs para 4.14**].
- The winning captain prepares a copy of the ACCSO match report, which is then signed by both captains and by the two umpires. Including any relevant remarks [**Regs para 8.2**].

The umpires, working independently of the captains, complete the 2019 version of the **Sportsmanship Award**. The captains have the right to see what the umpires record and may express an opinion; but they cannot enforce any changes. If a captain feels strongly, he can inform ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org), who will review with the umpires and Committee.

## 6. Within 48 hours of the end of the match:

- The captain of the winning club e-mails a digital image of the Match Report to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) within 48 hours of the end of the match [**Regs para 8.3**].
- The umpires e-mail a digital images of the **Sportsmanship Award report and the Team Lists to** ACCSO (competitions@cricket-sw-france.org) within 48 hours of the end of the match [**Regs para 8.5**].
- Any report by the umpires – especially about bad conduct\* – must be e-mailed to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) within 48 hours of the end of the match [**Regs para 8.7**].

\* See also the revised and extended disciplinary procedure on the Regulations page of the ACCSO Web site. Umpires are asked to be as specific as possible about what occurred and when; and to frame any complaints in the context of the offences detailed in the Code of Conduct.

## 7. Within 72 hours of the end of the match:

- Any protest, claim or dispute by either side must be clearly written up and e-mailed to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) within 72 hours of the end of the match [**Regs para 8.6**].

## 8. League points:

- Win 10 points,
- Lose 0 points,
- Win draw (Batted first but unable to bowl out other team) 7 points.
- Lose draw (team batting second scores fewer runs but does not lose all its wickets) 3 points,
- Tied on runs, regardless of wickets lost or match abandoned without a result 5 points each

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