

## **NATIONAL T-20 COMMUNITY CRICKET COMPETITION 2024**

### **COMPETITION INFORMATION**

1. **Persons are allowed to represent one parish ONLY in a given calendar year in activities staged by the Social Development Commission.**
2. Teams will be drawn from the various communities as per the SDC community listing and bear the name of the community. The community name must appear ahead of the team name **e.g. Brown's Town – Orange Hill**
3. Two or more adjoining communities WITHIN THE SAME PARISH may combine to form a team. In the event of two teams joining, the team should bear the name of both communities. Where three or more communities combine, the communities coming together will select an appropriate name for the team.
4. Community squad lists must include the **full Christian (first names) and Surnames (last names)** of their members IN BLOCK CAPITALS. Lists with initials will **NOT** be processed.
5. Each community squad will be entitled to a maximum of four (4) **elite players** from the competitions or levels listed below:
  - 1) **West Indies teams excluding Under 19 teams**
  - 2) **Jamaica Men's Senior Cricket team**
  - 3) **T20 Competitions Regional or International Franchises**However, only a **maximum of 2 such players** from the competitions named may be nominated for a particular match.
6. An elite player is one who has played in any of the competitions mentioned above within the past twelve months, i.e. (have played in any of the competitions named above, **later than February 28, 2024 (as provided by the records of the Jamaica Cricket Association, Cricket West Indies or the ICC)**).
7. **ALL** elite players **must be clearly identified** on the relevant registration and match nomination forms.
8. Any **Jamaica senior team player (inclusive of school boys)** involved in this competition will be considered to be one of the designated **elite** players. However, schoolboys who have played at the other levels in the one-year period but **not** for the national senior team **WILL NOT** be considered elite players.
9. **All Schoolboys must be clearly identified on the relevant registration and nomination forms.**
10. A player will be eligible to play for any one of the following:
  1. **The community in which he currently resides (minimum of 6 months prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of registration for the current season)**
  2. **An adjoining community of the same parish** (based on SDC's borders and boundaries mapping) and subject to the minimum time of residency in 9.1 above.
  3. **His community of origin (birth)**A player will be allowed to represent **ONE TEAM ONLY** for the duration of the competition subject to rule 12 below. If a player registers for more than 1 team, the first team for which he is nominated for a match will be the ONLY team he can represent in that year.
11. A player may represent one (1) parish only in ANY sporting competition put on by the SDC in any given year, subject to rule 9, 1 above.
12. Any player, who was registered for a team which was eliminated during the "Rally Stage" of the competition during the current year of competition, may be subsequently registered by another team within the same parish during the transfer window established by the SDC. No team will be allowed to transfer more than two (2) such players. A non-refundable fee of

three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per transfer applies. Note: the transfer fee does not apply in the event the person being transferred is a schoolboy.

13. **The Transfer Windows for the 2024 competition will commence at the end of the final match in each parish “knockout” and end on the Friday preceding the commencement of the Round Robin Stage at the parish phase at 4:00 p.m. The Transfer Window for the National Phase will commence at the end of the parish finals and will close at 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the commencement of the National Phase.**
14. Teams which use ineligible players and/or players who have been registered and played for other teams which participated in this competition in a previous round, (subject to rule 12 above) will be disqualified from the competition). If the SDC has knowledge of such violation, even without a formal protest, action will be taken against the violating team.
15. A maximum of 20 players may be nominated for a squad after which no change will be permitted after registration closes, subject to **rule number 12**, which shall be the final number for the duration of the competition.
16. A minimum of four (4) school boys **must** be included in all squads (i.e. in the 20 registered). For this competition, a schoolboy is one who is registered in and attending a secondary level institution) **at the time of registration.**
17. A minimum of two (2) school boys **must** be nominated in the final team (i.e. must be in the final 11 players) for each match.
18. **Schoolboys should be registered as either a. batsman b. bowler or c. wicketkeeper and the following rules will apply;**
  - A. **If selected as a BATSMAN, the player should bat between 1 and 6 in the batting order**
  - B. **If selected as a BOWLER, the player must bowl a minimum of one (1) over before the 11<sup>th</sup> over unless the batting team is all out before the 11<sup>th</sup> over. Where the number of overs have been reduced, the bowler must bowl by the half way number of overs decided upon.**
  - C. **If selected as a WICKETKEEPER, the player must keep wicket for a minimum of two (2) overs by the midpoint of the overs allotted.**
19. In the event either or both schoolboys are absent, no substitute will be allowed for them, **in addition ten (10) penalty runs will be awarded for each such absentee to the opposing team.**

If, however, due to preparation for, or if schoolboys registered are performing **National** duties, their replacement by another schoolboy from the same community, who has not represented another team in the competition, will be allowed. Upon the return of such National representative, the team must indicate who shall remain.
20. Teams supplied with sponsored shirts **MUST** wear them while playing all subsequent matches of the competition after being supplied. No player will be allowed on the field of play without being attired in the appropriately branded shirt for the current year of competition.
21. All players must be properly attired for each game; i.e. should be dressed in white long pants, footwear (minimum 30% white) during the red ball phases of the competition. During the white ball phase of the competition, coloured footwear may be worn. White shirt/T-shirt or other attire supplied by the organizers **MUST** be worn by all players.

22. All persons wishing to be registered for this competition **MUST** submit one (1) passport sized photograph, which **MUST** be witnessed and stamped by a Justice of the Peace. A SDC officer can witness photographs for this purpose. Community team lists with the names of their players and a passport sized photograph bearing their name must be submitted to the **SDC Parish Office by 12:00 Noon on Thursday February 29, 2024.**
23. All registered teams must indicate the name of the manager for the team; the person so designated will perform the management functions for the team and shall act in this capacity for **one team only** for the duration of the competition.
24. Punitive measures will be taken against teams which fail to completely honour their fixture. Members of this team will be banned from playing in the competition the following year.
25. A registered player(s) who reports to the designated ground for a match, shall not be penalised under rule 22 above if the remaining members of his did not show up for a particular match. This is subject to verification by the umpires assigned to officiate in the match plus at least one (1) SDC officer.
26. Any registered player who did not participate in any game will not be penalized even though the team that he represents has been penalized.

27. **Protests**

All protests for alleged breach of any of the above rules must be done in writing and must be submitted to the relevant Parish Office by 5pm the next working day.

All protests so received will be investigated by a committee constituted (hereafter referred to as the Constituted Committee) to hear such matters and written feedback provided to the protesting team, within forty-eight (48) hour of receiving of such protest. The Constituted Committee shall be comprised of the following: The National Coordinator of the competition and two SDC MEMBERS nominated by the Executive Director.

28. **Appeals**

Any team may appeal the decision of the constituted committee. The appeal must be made by the end of the working day following of receiving the written decision of the Constituted Committee and must be accompanied by a non-refundable cash payment of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

The Committee established to hear such appeals shall comprise of, the Executive Director of Social Development Commission (SDC) or his designate **AND 2 OTHER SDC OFFICERS WHO DID NOT ADJUDICATE IN THE INITIAL PROTEST**. The parish designee shall not preside over any matter involving his/her parish.

**Contribution to Community from Cash Prize**

All teams reaching the semi-finals at any stage (Parish or National) of the competition **MUST** work with the Community Development Officer responsible for the area to develop a project budget to support a community project which will be financed by a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of any cash to be received by that team. This amount will be deducted at the time of paying the prize money and will be made available to for the project developed. Please note that the project decided upon must be **completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.** **Failure to complete the project will lead to SDC withholding the cash prize until**

**completion of the project. The team or its members will not qualify to participate in 2025.**

29. Any team that fails to implement their community project by **December 31, 2024** will forfeit their right to any prize money won in the competition for that year.
30. All teams **MUST** be represented at meetings arranged by the organizers to discuss the guidelines and rules governing the competition, at the end of which, an authorized member of the team will pay the requisite registration fees and sign for the team's package.
31. By signing for the package, the teams thereby indicate that the guideline and rules governing the competition have been discussed and they clearly understand and commit to abide by them.

**Contravention of any of the above guideline constitutes grounds for disqualification from the Competition.**