

WALLOP!

Dear Club Secretaries,

Wiltshire Cricket Limited is delighted to announce the launch of the 2020 Wiltshire Wallop

The Wiltshire Wallop is a fun, simple, 20 over competition open to all Wiltshire affiliated clubs. The main aim is to encourage local cricket for all and perhaps unearth a new gem for your club!

Below is a loose format of the competition:

* 20 over matches
* Run during May, June, July and August
* Group matches to be played during a selected fortnight. (you can decide which day and time)
* Groups of 4 or 5 teams (this will be confirmed once number of teams are established)
* Each team playing each other a minimum of once (maybe twice - again confirmed once numbers are established)
* Proposed Finals day (for cup and plate) on Sunday 16th August 2020
* Social media coverage and competitions throughout the tournament.

*Groups* – these have always tried to be created on a geographical basis, to keep the travel time to a minimum. So the groups will be created (as best as possible) in terms of distance between the clubs.

***Building on previous years***

After each year of the Wallop we always seek feedback from clubs to ensure we can improve the competition year on year. Based on feedback following last year’s competition, we can confirm:

* **Play-Cricket** – We will use play-cricket for the 4th year in 2020, after running the competition through it in the previous three seasons
* **Pink balls and coloured clothing** – This has not previously been mandatory and nor will it be this year. However, the feedback from clubs that used it was positive and so we encourage clubs to try ideas such as coloured clothing and pink balls so as to make the competition as appealing and eye catching as possible
* **Plate finals day** – We realise that the Wallop can sometimes provide slight mismatches in the group stages of the competition. With teams entering from all different levels it is hard to create a completely even playing field. However, through the provision of a Plate finals day we hope this helps to involve all teams in the group stages and gives teams something to continue to play for if they lose early matches. The Plate finals day will continue in 2020.
* **Competition and Discipline rules for finals day** – As we always stress, the aim of the competition is to be as unbureaucratic as possible, and as such we will continue to encourage games to be played in that spirit, particularly in the group stages where there will not be centrally appointed umpires. However, based on feedback a couple of years ago we will again provide slightly more formalised competition rules and frameworks for the finals day stage at which point appointed umpires will be in place.
* **Disciplinary regulations** – In addition to the above, Wiltshire Cricket Limited’s disciplinary regulations relating to any competition played under the management of the Cricket Board will apply. In the event of any reports from matches played in the Wiltshire Wallop, these [regulations](https://www.wiltshirecricket.co.uk/about-us/policies/) will be followed.

***What you need to do next?***

We now need to know if you would like to enter the competition. Once we have a list of clubs willing to enter then groups can be created and match rules sent out.

Please note that this competition is fully endorsed by Wiltshire Cricket Limited. The Wiltshire Wallop is THE competition open to all clubs in the county. Perhaps you might like to speak with other clubs who have entered previously to see if they have enjoyed the competition.

***Deadline***

Please reply to this letter via e-mail ONLY if you wish to participate, by 5pm on Friday 13th March 2020. Also, please send the contact details (name, e-mail, phone number) of the person who will be your club's main contact for the competition.

This is meant to be a fun, but competitive tournament, free from lots of onerous rules and regulations but full of fantastic cricket action! If you have any queries at all please do let me know.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Kind regards,

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