

League competitions to return on July 26

The Cheshire Women's League is delighted to announce that it will once again be operating competitive cricket from Sunday July 26 onwards.

A fixture list has already been issued for the Western Division of a Summer Series in which Chester Boughton Hall, Nantwich, Oxton, Porthill Park and Upton will play home and away in a series of 20 and 30 over matches.

Ashton-on-Mersey, Didsbury, Leigh, Stockport Georgians and Stockport Trinity will contest an Eastern Division along similar lines, with the fixture list to be issued after discussions with the fixture secretaries for men's cricket.

The competitions will be 'semi-competitive' in that there will be no trophies for the divisional winners, although there may be awards for teams and/or individuals at the end of the season. There will be no official final or end of season play-off between teams from the two regional divisions, unless the clubs concerned wish to arrange this.

All matches that are cancelled or abandoned before the requisite number of overs for a result have been played will be permitted to be re-arranged, and if necessary, this can be on a midweek date at reduced overs. A full set of draft regulations for the competition can be viewed [here](#).

Negotiations are continuing as to the possibility of a competition at development level involving Heaton Mersey/Cheadle, Lindow, Langley, Wistaston Village and the second teams of Chester Boughton Hall and Stockport Georgians.

Appleton, Oakmere, Lymm Oughtrington Park, Woodley, Didsbury 2nd XI, Hawarden Park and Hawk Green have opted not to enter a formal competition this year but remain available for friendly fixtures. The Welsh Government have approved the return of team sport with effect from tomorrow (July 13). Individual playing members of these clubs in the 'friendlies pool' can also choose an additional club for competitive cricket this year, but the nature of the agreement between the two clubs would not be a matter for the league to get involved with.

Matchday arrangements

Whilst I wouldn't flatter myself to think that everyone pores over every word in every newsletter, what follows is very important. It goes without saying that the matchday environment this year will not be the same as what you are used to.

Before play:

- Captains and team officials should ensure that the total number of players plus match and team officials at any match will not exceed 30. This includes managers, coaches, umpires and scorers
- No one should attend a match if they have a persistent cough, or a temperature in excess of 37.8C, or they have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Track & Trace, or if someone in their household is exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms
- Teams should plan their arrival time at the ground so there is sufficient time for the usual pre-match preparations, such as warm-ups, but should otherwise minimise the time they spend at the ground prior to the scheduled start time

- The home club should compile a register of names and contact details of match participants, and should retain this information for 21 days, in case it is requested by NHS Track & Trace
- Car sharing with people from outside your household or official support bubble should be kept to a minimum. Where there is no alternative method of getting to the match, consider mitigating the risk by:
 - Wearing a face covering
 - Sitting in the back left seat furthest from the driver
 - Trying to share cars with the same person on each occasion
 - Keeping the car well ventilated
- Your kitbag needs to include:
 - As much of your own equipment as possible – as little as possible should be shared, so this might mean going as far as ensuring back-up wicketkeepers take their own 'keeping kit
 - Your own hand sanitiser, if at all possible
 - Enough food and drink for the day

During play:

- Use of changing rooms is not completely outlawed under the ECB guidance, but they certainly cannot be used in the traditional way, where most or all of the team would be in the room. Players should arrive changed and ready to play and if changing rooms have to be used for certain procedures, they should be used for short periods on a 'one in, one out' basis
- Distancing of two metres should be maintained, except for wicketkeepers standing up to the stumps and slip fielders, where this can be one metre. Bowlers are asked to take extra care here when passing the umpire when returning to their mark for the next delivery
- Distancing must also be maintained during team gatherings, e.g. team talks, wicket celebrations
- Batsmen should run along specially marked lines on either side of the wicket
- Play should be halted every six overs – or every 20 minutes if this occurs sooner – to allow the players to sanitise their hands and to allow the fielding captain to sanitise the ball with an anti-bacterial wipe
- Sweat or saliva should not be used on the ball (note this differs from the regulations in the current Test Match, where players openly use sweat on the ball)
- When the ball is dead, it must be returned directly to the bowler and not passed around the field
- The umpire should not be asked to handle the ball. In circumstances when it would normally be handed to the umpire, such as at the fall of a wicket, the ball should be placed at the base of the stumps
- Players should not hand clothing or caps to the umpire and should instead place these beyond the boundary
- The umpire will not provide a cloth to dry the ball, so it will be the responsibility of the players to provide this
- Players should not ask scorers to guard their valuables etc.
- Only the umpire should replace the bails when these are dislodged
- Where equipment has to be shared, it should be cleaned between each use
- A batsman is expected to sanitise their own bat on leaving the field of play
- The wicketkeeper is expected to sanitise their gloves at the end of the session of play
- Only one person should be inside a score box at any time

- Spectators should not get involved with retrieval of the ball when it is hit to the boundary
- If the match is of more than 20 overs per side in duration, it is likely there will still be tea and drinks intervals. However, you can only consume food and drink you have brought yourself – you cannot share drinks bottles, plates etc.
- If there is a rain interruption, players and officials cannot use the changing rooms for shelter. Players and officials can use their cars, and outdoor covered areas can be used where available. Clubhouse areas such as bars should only be used during interruptions in accordance with Risk Assessments carried out by the home club (this is something I have clarified directly with ECB myself – there is clearly a massive difference in available clubhouse space between some of our member clubs)

After play:

- All participants should sanitise their hands for one final time
- Use of the bar facility should comply with Government guidance

ON THIS WEEK – JULY 12

July 12 2010

Lorna Thomas was selected for the Junior Super Fours tournament, which comprised four teams of the leading Under 19 players in England. She would ultimately captain one of these teams during the tournament.

July 10 2011

This was certainly a pivotal day in the title race. [Appleton completed the league double over Oakmere](#), a result which may have ended Oakmere's hopes of the title and which took Appleton to the top of the tree. Appleton were facing a stiff chase of almost five per over after Oakmere had reached 163-2 in a reduced 34 overs (Hayley Agnew 71, Helen Smith 43). But Emma Barlow's 98 not out took her side to a six-wicket win with only one ball to spare. Oakmere's scores against Appleton that year were 171 and 163, which at the time were the two highest scores by a losing side all year.

At the same time, [Chester Boughton Hall lost top spot after going down to Stockport Trinity](#). It was another dramatic day in the league, in spite of all matches being played at reduced overs due to showers. Hannah Gradwell made 100 not out - her first senior century – and Sarah McCann 37 in a total of 144-2 in 27 overs. Despite 38 from Lorna Thomas, Chester could only manage 112-9.

July 10 2016

Chester were the dominant force in the 2016 season, and they were all but home and dry in the title race after this Sunday's cricket, needing 65 more points from five matches to be sure of the title. Their [nine-wicket victory over Appleton maintained their 100% record](#), while all other teams in the first division had at least three defeats.

July 9 2017

Division One remained both a five-way title race and a five-way relegation battle! Chester got home with more than six overs in hand to [beat Oakmere by eight wickets](#) and trailed Oakmere by only 10 points with a game in hand.

Stockport Trinity missed a golden opportunity to gain ground in the title race with a [10-run defeat to Didsbury](#), but they would still be within five of Oakmere were they to win their game in hand. Didsbury's win moved them within 25 points of Oakmere, and Appleton were bringing up the rear, but would also have gone top by winning all of their games in hand - it was that close!

July 15 2018

Appleton decisively won what was a battle of the top two sides in division one. Nathalie Long took 4-15 as [Didsbury were bowled out for 51, paving the way for a nine-wicket win](#). The result left the Warrington club in pole position for their first title since 2015, indeed a repeat of their 2010 treble remained possible.

Oakmere were the other title front-runners, and after [Kerry Hartnett's 83 not out led Oakmere to an eight-run victory](#) over Chester, their opponents were out of contention with as many as three league defeats to their name.

July 15 2018

The league runs aggregate record fell as [Stockport Trinity and Oxton served up 458 runs](#) between them. Megan Cureton made 103 not out, adding 172 for the second wicket with Tessie Nickson. However, for all that Oxton contributed to this match, they still fell some 52 runs short of Trinity's total of 255-2, after Kate Harvey scored 121 – the highest individual score in the league so far that year. Trinity were just two victories away from wrapping up the division two title after this victory.

July 14 2019

Didsbury made a major statement of their title credentials [by beating a side of the calibre of Oakmere by all of 201 runs](#). Firstly, there were centuries for both Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (118*) and Mishel Jeena (105) - the first time two players had made centuries in the same innings since Romiley's Anne Monaghan and Natalie Heap in 2011. Then Oakmere were all out for 42 as they folded to a league record bowling performance of seven wickets for four runs from Zara Matthews.

July 14 2019

At the same time as the Didsbury opening pair were recording their centuries, the hugely talented young duo of Daisy Mullan and Ellie Davey were doing the same, [propelling their Leigh side to top spot in division two](#). Mullan made 112* and Davey 101 in a total of 287-2.

CWCL Team Honours Board 2005-2019 - League Divisions

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 3 West	Division 3 East	Division 4
2005	Oakmere*					
2006	Oakmere*					
2007	Chester BH	Brooklands				
2008	Chester BH	Hawarden				
2009	Poynton	Romiley				
2010	Appleton	Hyde				
2011	Appleton	Trafford				
2012	Appleton	Bolton Indians	Didsbury			
2013	Chester BH	Didsbury+				
2014	Oakmere	Astley Bridge	Hawarden			
2015	Appleton	Didsbury+	Leigh			
2016	Chester BH	Stockport Trinity	Leigh			
2017	Oakmere	Wistaston	Stockport Georgians			
2018	Oakmere	Stockport Trinity		Upton	Appleton 2 nd XI	
2019	Didsbury	Leigh	Woodley			Lindow

*= league only had one division in these years

+ = due to re-structures, Didsbury's 2013 Division 2 win was in a development division and the 2015 success was effectively at a higher level. For the most part, the teams in Division 2 in 2013 were the same as those in Division 3 in 2012

CWCL Team Honours Board 2007 -2019 - T20 Competitions

	Divisional Competition	Division 2	Senior Knockout	Plate+	Development Knockout
2007	Chester BH & Poynton*	Neston	Chester BH		
2008	Chester BH		Chester BH	Appleton	
2009	Poynton		Chester BH	Appleton	
2010	Appleton		Appleton	Oakmere	
2011	Stockport Trinity		Chester BH	Trafford	
2012	Chester BH		Oakmere	Romiley	
2013	Chester BH		Chester BH	Appleton	
2014	Wistaston		Oakmere	Oakmere	Hawarden
2015	Wistaston		Chester BH	Oakmere	Leigh
2016	Chester BH		Didsbury		Leigh
2017	Chester BH		Chester BH		Didsbury 2 nd XI
2018	Appleton		Appleton		Upton
2019	Stockport Trinity		Stockport Trinity	Upton	Hawarden

*= Chester and Poynton were joint winners on the only occasion the league held a competition known as T20 Division 1. The only Final staged that year was in the Senior Knockout

+ =Between 2008 and 2015, the Plate was contested by teams based on their final standings in the East and West divisions of the Divisional Competition. It returned in 2019 as a competition for first-round losers in the Senior Knockout

League Batting Honours Board 2005-2019

1	Jenny Halstead (Poynton)	191*	v Appleton	2005	Overall league record & record score for league as a single division
2	Hannah Gradwell (Stockport Trinity)	155	v Hyde	2012	Division 2 record
3	Vicki Dean (Bolton Indians)	141	v Bredbury	2011	
4	Evelyn Jones (Porthill)	138*	v Chester BH	2019	Division 1 record
5	Ali Cutler (Chester BH)	137*	v Romiley	2013	
6	Kerry Hartnett (Oakmere)	135*	v Wistaston	2018	
7	Dawn Prestidge (Oakmere)	134	v Didsbury	2019	
8	Sophie Ecclestone (Chester BH)	133*	v Appleton	2016	
9	Allyson Byrne (Neston)	132	v Hawarden	2011	
10	Emma Barlow (Appleton)	131	v Bowdon	2010	
11=	Shami Ahmed (Oakmere)	125*	v Romiley	2012	
11=	Lorna Starkey (Chester BH)	125*	v Stalybridge	2013	
13=	Bhumika Doshi (Bolton Indians)	125	v Romiley	2013	
13=	Evelyn Jones (Porthill)	125	v Stockport Trinity	2019	
15	Dawn Prestidge (Oakmere)	123	v Didsbury	2019	
16=	Kate Harvey (Stockport Trinity)	121*	v Oxton	2018	
16=	Natalie Heap (Romiley)	121*	v Stockport Trinity	2012	
18	Lydia Slack (Romiley)	121	v Neston	2009	
19	Megan Cureton (Chester BH)	119	v Chester BH	2019	
20=	Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (Didsbury)	118	v Oakmere	2019	
20=	Amanda Gettins (Trafford)	118	v Neston	2010	
22=	Bhumika Doshi (Bolton Indians)	116*	v Stalybridge	2013	
22=	Amy Page (Appleton)	116*	v Poynton	2007	
24	Lorna Starkey (Chester BH)	116	v Oxton	2016	
25=	Daisy Mullan (Leigh)	112	v Wistaston	2019	
25=	Emma Barlow (Appleton)	112	v Romiley	2012	
27	Shami Ahmed (Oakmere)	111*	v Romiley	2013	
28	Amy Page (Appleton)	111	v Hawarden	2009	
29	Vicki Dean (Ashton-on-M)	110	v Didsbury	2016	
30	Leesa Mellon (Hyde)	109	v Neston	2009	

31	Clare Edwards (Bredbury)	108*	v Neston	2012	Division 3 record
32	Ali Cutler (Chester BH)	107*	v Stalybridge	2013	
33	Anne Monaghan	106*	v Stockport Trinity	2012	
34	Ali Cutler (Chester BH)	106	v Appleton	2007	
35	Mishel Jeena (Oakmere)	105*	v Oakmere	2019	
36=	Ellie Mason (Stockport Trinity)	105	v Wistaston	2017	
36=	Daisy Mullan (Leigh)	105	v Appleton 2nd XI	2019	
38	Ali Cutler (Chester BH)	104*	v Oakmere	2019	
39=	Megan Cureton (Oxton)	103*	v Stockport Trinity	2018	
39=	Penny Critchlow (Romiley)	103*	v Chester BH	2014	
41=	Ellie Barker (Stockport Trinity)	103	v Hawarden	2015	
41=	Emma Barlow (Appleton)	103	v Poynton	2010	
43=	Kerry Hartnett (Oakmere)	102*	v Chester BH	2017	
43=	Leesa Mellon (Didsbury)	102*	v Oxton	2018	
43=	Hannah Snape (Chester BH)	102*	v Didsbury	2018	
43=	Vicky Latham (Chester BH)	102*	v Hyde	2007	
43=	Nalisha Patel (Astley Bridge)	102*	v Stockport Trinity	2015	
48=	Shami Ahmed (Oakmere)	102	v Stockport Trinity	2011	
48=	Shami Ahmed (Oakmere)	102	v Romiley	2011	
48=	Liv Bell (Stockport Georgians)	102	v Appleton 2nd XI	2019	
51=	Amanda Gettins (Trafford)	101*	v Werneth	2009	
51=	Penny Critchlow (Romiley)	101*	v Wistaston	2014	
51=	Ellie Davey (Leigh)	101*	v Wistaston	2019	
54=	Kerry Hartnett (Oakmere)	101	v Stockport Trinity	2017	
54=	Emma Barlow (Appleton)	101	v Oxton	2018	
54=	Helen Smith (Oakmere)	101	v Romiley	2010	
57=	Hannah Gradwell (Stockport Trinity)	100*	v Chester BH	2011	
57=	Jennie Kitzinger (Poynton)	100*	v Oakmere	2007	
57=	Phoebe Cottam (Oakmere)	100*	v Hawarden	2016	
60	Natalie Heap (Hawarden)	100	v Hyde	2008	

League Bowling Honours Board 2006-2019

1	Sarah Worsdale (Oakmere)	7/2	v Trafford	2015	T20 competitions record
2	Zara Matthews (Didsbury)	7/4	v Oakmere	2019	Division 1 record & All league divisions record
3	Jennifer Clarke (Appleton)	7/5	v Astley Bridge	2014	
4	Hannah Jones (Didsbury)	7/8	v Chester BH	2019	
5	Charlotte Thompson (Chester BH)	7/8	v Poynton	2009	
6	Hannah Jones (Didsbury)	6/2	v Woodley	2017	
7	Lorna Starkey (Chester BH)	6/3	v Stockport Georgians	2018	
8	Phoebe Cottam (Oakmere)	6/4	v Trafford	2014	
9	Nic Capes (Chester BH)	6/5	v Hawarden	2009	
10	Jan Jameson (Oakmere)	6/7	v Neston	2006	
11	Alison Smith (Wistaston)	6/8	v Astley Bridge	2015	Division 2 record
12	Sophie Morris (Upton)	6/10	v Oxton	2019	
13	Emily Stones (Porthill)	6/10	v Oakmere	2019	
14	Kathryn Jackson (Appleton)	6/11	v Oxton	2017	
15	Gemma Black (Upton)	6/13	v Nantwich	2018	Development Knockout Cup record
16	Kate Coppack (Chester BH)	6/15	v Stockport Trinity	2017	
17	Sam Hilton (Neston)	6/16	v Hawarden	2007	
18	Kate Coppack (Chester BH)	6/17	v Stockport Trinity	2016	
19	Emma Royle (Stockport Trinity)	6/19	v Hawarden	2015	
20	Emma Noakes (Neston)	6/23	v Trafford	2011	
21	Chloe Page (Appleton)	6/25	v Oakmere	2010	