

# COLORADO CRICKET LEAGUE

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### CCL News

- The T20 round 1 will be completed on July 14th and round 2 will begin concurrent with the RMSG. Round 2 will officially kick off the start of two divisions within CCL. It's going to be a tight schedule with Playoffs scheduled to begin on September 21st.
- CACU has revamped the umpiring certification process. All Level 1 certified umpires can still run umpiring clinics and certify new umpires. However the test must be taken at the clinic and the passing grade is now 36 out of 40. We hope this will help increase the level of competence among our umpires.
- CCL EC will be contacting all clubs to get an update on the tasks they had chosen at the start of the season.
- A comprehensive youth program is being planned in Longmont, Denver and Colorado Springs. Zubin will be heading the program. Let the EC know if you can help. Peter Wellings is conducting a youth coaching clinic at Cornerstone next week.

### Cricket at the Rocky Mountain State Games

The **Rocky Mountain State Games** (RMSG) is Colorado's largest multi-sport festival for athletes of all ages and athletic abilities, including those with physical disabilities or visual impairment. The **2019 Rocky Mountain State Games** will be held **July 20-21 & 27-28**, primarily in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Cricket has been a part of the games since 2013. Both leather ball and tennis ball cricket tournaments are held over the two weekends.

This year the T20 tournament was woven into the games as the qualifier for the main event. The top 8 teams (4 from each T20 group) will play the knockout stage of the tournament during the RMSG weekends. The quarter finals will be played on Saturday July 20th and the semi finals and finals will be played on the 27th.

In the event any of the qualified teams decide to skip the tournament, the next highest ranked team from the group will automatically qualify for the tournament.

In addition to team trophies, individual State Games medals are awarded to the players on

the top three teams. Individual trophies are also awarded to the best batsman, bowler and all-rounder.

Colorado Springs Cricket Club hosts the tournament in partnership with the organizers of the event (Sports Corp). This year cricket will be ranked #3 in participant count from over 40 sports.

It is a festive event, with food, drinks, music and live scoring. The RMSG is a grand platform to promote cricket and has exposed the game to a much wider audience.

CSCC and the cricketing community at large has benefitted from this venture as Colorado Springs has now become the home of ICC-Americas and USA Cricket, thanks to the collaboration with Sports Corp.

Sports Corp also sponsored the 2019 Memorial Tournament held in Colorado Springs.

Teams are encouraged to participate in this event and make it a success.

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## The Race to Division 1

The CCL 2019 season will reach a mid-point when we complete the T20 round 1 games on July 14th. A total of 19 teams have been vying to stay on top of the ladder and thereby secure a spot in the first division.

Littleton and Fort Collins have once again proved to be the teams to beat. Both are undefeated and lead their respective groups. The groups are still wide open and the last few games will be crucial for teams that are in the running for the top 4/5 spots.

**From Group A 5 teams will qualify for Division 1.** LCC have secured #1 position. CSCC Stars have finished their group matches and are sitting on 12 points which should be sufficient to take them to Division 1. DDCC also has 12 points but have one game to play against Rising Stars. A win will assure them of the #2 position.

FRCC Knights have 10 points and 1 game to play. A win against CCB in their final outing would assure them a spot in the top 5. A loss would mean, dependence on other results for a place in Division 1.

CCB have three more games to play. Currently on 8 points, three wins will get them over the 12 point threshold. Any loss could falter their progress.

Rising Stars also have 3 games in hand but with just 4 points against their name, winning all their remaining games will still take them to 10 points. Their hope will be that CCB and Knights lose some games to benefit their cause.

ABQCC is the dark horse. Although they have just one win so far, they have 5 games to go. If they win all, they will definitely qualify for Division 1. Green, Panthers and Mile High have no chance at this point to make Division 1.

**From Group B 4 teams will qualify for Division 1.** Fort Collins have secured #1 position. Rockies have 10 points and a healthy NRR of 1.46 which should assure them a spot in the 1st Division. They play Fort Collins in their final

game which is key to gaining the 2 points that will carry over to Division 1.

Gold has also 10 points and their final game is against bottom of the table Stripes. They should easily qualify for Division 1.

Spartans are surprisingly sitting in 4th place with 8 points and a crucial game left against BCC. However they have a superb Net Run Rate of 2.91. They will be eagerly watching the result of the BCC v Tigers game. A BCC win there would mean a must-win game against BCC on the 14th.

BCC have a good chance to qualify for Division 1 but they have a tough schedule. They play Tigers on the 13th at Cornerstone and the mighty Spartans on the 14th at Longmont. If they win both games, they will leap over the Spartans to 4th and even possibly 3rd place. Any loss will drop them below the Spartans and into Division 2.

DCC have 6 points and 1 game left. A win will still not be enough to push past Spartans as their current NRR is -.25.

Tigers technically have an outside chance of getting to 8 points and qualifying. They currently have 2 points and 3 games to play. However it's mission impossible as their current NRR is -2.61.

YCC and Stripes have no chance to make the first division.

A key point to remember is that results from games played in round 1, are carried forward to round 2 if the opponent joins them in the same division. Which puts LCC and FCCC in an envious position as they will start Division 1 with maximum points, while the rest will have to play catch-up.

And finally the big stick will come into play at the end of the season. Unless we get new teams in 2020, the bottom placed two teams from Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2.

The good news for Division 2 teams is that the top two teams from Division 2 will start the 2020 campaign in Division 1.

## Howzzat Answers

1. A — Whenever the ball is dead.
2. C — At any time before the commencement of the innings to be forfeited.
3. C — Draw.
4. D — Tie.

## CCL Finances

The Memorial Tournament was fully funded by the sponsorship we received from Sports Corp. The costs included, ground fees, match balls, volunteer credits, trophies, lunch and drinks.

Team Colorado budget stays intact and will be used for future tours.

CCL fines must be paid the treasurer with 2 weeks. We plan to enforce this going forward.



## Featured Club -

### Boulder Cricket Club (BCC)

Boulder Cricket Club (BCC) has been a member of Colorado Cricket League (CCL) since 2007. BCC started as a Division 2 team under Fort Collins Cricket Club (FCCC). Originally, there were really no intentions to join a season ball league. All the members, at the time, were playing tennis ball cricket, just for fun. However, after joining CCL Division 2, BCC went on to win the Division 2 Championship, and the season ball bug had now bit. BCC officially joined as a standalone club the following season. Amit Bahri, Manoj Thakur, Amit Gandhi, Suresh Talatoti, Praveen Shenoy, Utpal Amin and Keyur Amin are the few notable members who started the club.

There is nothing peculiar about the name of the club, almost all the members playing were from in an around the Boulder Valley area. Over the years, that has changed. Now, BCC consists of member from Boulder, Denver and surrounding areas.

Over the years, BCC has had more than its fair share of changes in the club and members, (and captains). However, for the past 3 seasons, Benjamin George (Ben) has been running the ship. He has

had a very good success and continues to work towards making BCC a truly competitive club.

#### BCC Champs:

**Benjamin George:** Ben has been the true workhorse for BCC since he joined the club since 2012. With his attacking batting style and smart bowling, he is considered to be one of the bests in the CCL at the moment. 2431 Runs, 102 Wickets & 53 Catches.

**Narender Chaudhary:** Over the years since joining in 2012, Narender has become the go to bowler for BCC in past few seasons. He is almost guaranteed to pick up a few wickets with his out swingers in the early overs. 67 Wickets

**Keyur Amin:** 1287 Runs, 87 Wickets & 43 Catches

**Amit Gandhi:** 1351 Runs, 50 Wickets & 49 Catches.

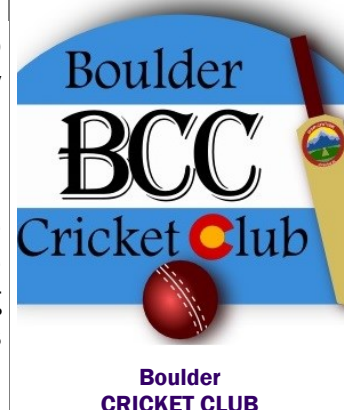
#### Notable Mentions:

BCC has tried to assist with CCL activities in various areas, there are a few notable mentions:

**Suresh Talatoti:** CCL Secretary 2008, Vice President 2010, Vice President 2011, CCL President 2016, CCL President 2017, CCL President 2018

**Benjamin George:** CCL CACU President 2014

With some of some of the new players with great talent, notably, Shinu Tharol, Om Giridhar and Antony Chandy, BCC hopes to perform at their best this season. Go BCC!





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## Did you know? (Strange World Cup facts)

1. **Ladies First:** The women's world cup started in 1973. The men's world cup started in 1975.
2. **Mother of continuity:** Kulasekara bowled the last ball of the 2011 World cup and the first ball of the 2015 world cup.
3. **Advantage:** In 1996 cup, Sri Lanka won 2 of their league matches without playing a single ball as Australia and West Indies players refused to travel to Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka won by default.
4. **Legendary:** Ricky Ponting has taken 28 catches in World Cup which is the most by a non-wicket-keeper.
5. **Raining sixes:** During the 2015 quarter finals between New Zealand and West Indies, 31 sixes were hit, most in a world cup game.
6. **Love for West Indies :**AB De Villiers scored centuries against West Indies in 2007, 2011 & 2015 tournaments.
7. **Different day different country :** In 2007, Ed Joyce represented England and Eoin Morgan represented Ireland. In 2011, Eoin Morgan represented England and Ed Joyce represented Ireland.
8. **Dominance:** Australia had a 12 year winning streak from 1999 to 2011. They lost a league match against Pakistan in 1999 cup. They were unbeaten in 2003 & 2007. It was again Pakistan which ended their winning streak in a league game in 2011.
9. **Afridi is not alone:** Imran Khan actually retired from cricket in 1987. But he came back again in 1988. He went on to lead Pakistan to victory in 1992 cup.
10. **Unlucky :** England's Graham Gooch is the only player to represent his nation in 3 different world cup finals and losing all of them. He lost finals in 3 different decades. (1979, 1987, 1992)
11. **Generation Gap :** Nolan Clarke from Netherlands is the oldest player to play the tournament. His age was 47, when he played the 1996 World Cup. Similarly, Nitish Kumar represented Canada in 2011 tournament when he was 16, making him the youngest.

## Howzaat? Laws 15 & 16 (Declaration & Forfeiture / Result) (Answers on Page 2)

1. When may a captain declare his side's innings closed?
  - A. Whenever the ball is dead.
  - B. At the end of any over.
  - C. At the fall of any wicket.
2. What is the latest time that a captain can forfeit an innings?
  - A. Immediately he leaves the field prior to forfeiting the innings.
  - B. Within 10 minutes of leaving the field prior to forfeiting the innings.
  - C. At any time before the commencement of the innings to be forfeited.
3. In a one-inning match limited by time, Team A bats first and makes 173 all out. Team B then score 173 for 3 wickets at the end of the game. What is the result?
  - A. Team A win
  - B. Team B win.
  - C. Draw.
  - D. Tie.
4. Team A bats first in a one-inning match limited by time and make 173 for 3 declared. Team B then scores 173 all out. What is the result?
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  - B. Team B win.
  - C. Draw.
  - D. Tie.