

GMCL T20 COMPETITIONS | 2027

OFFICIAL COMPETITION FORMAT & PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

Competitions available

PREMIER T20	CHAMPIONSHIP T20
Premier 1 + Premier 2 clubs	Championship + Division 1 clubs
PLATE T20	2nd XI T20
Other eligible 1 st XI teams*	Second XI teams*

* Plate and 2nd XI competitions and structures are subject to entry numbers. The 24-team format applies to the Premier and Championship competitions but we aim to mirror it for the other competitions where it allows.

Key changes for 2027

COMPULSORY ENTRY	
Top 4 leagues: Premier 1, Premier 2, Championship, Division 1	
4 GROUP GAMES	16 QUALIFIERS
Down from 6 per team	Up from 8 progressing

NEW FOR 2027 — Group fixtures are played on Thursday or Friday evenings. No other group-stage nights are allowed.

Group-stage format

Premier and Championship each contain 24 teams, arranged in eight groups of three. Teams play each group opponent once at home and once away: four group matches per team and 48 group fixtures per competition (previously 72).

24 TEAMS	8 GROUPS OF 3	TOP 2 PER GROUP	LAST 16
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Group standings are decided on points and net run rate (NRR). The top two teams from each group qualify. Live group tables will display points, NRR and qualification progress.

Knockout stages and venues

Last 16: Group winners are ranked seeds 1–8; runners-up are ranked seeds 9–16. Seed 1 plays 16, 2 plays 15, and so on. Seeds 1–8 host their Last 16 ties.

1 v 16	SEED 1	8 v 9
4 v 13	SEED 2	5 v 12
2 v 15	SEED 3	7 v 10
3 v 14	SEED 4	6 v 11

Quarter-finals: The eight Last 16 winners enter an open, random draw. Seeding ends after the Last 16; the draw determines the quarter-final home venue.

Finals Day: Both semi-finals and the final are played on the same day, as normal.

Match scheduling

Last 16 and quarter-finals are scheduled for Friday evenings. A tie may move to an alternative night in the same week (Thursday), subject to ground availability, only where both clubs agree and notify the competition within 48 hours of the draw being released. Without agreement, or agreement by that deadline, the original Friday fixture stands.

What the 2027 format delivers

A shorter group campaign, fewer fixtures without qualification significance, stronger rewards for group performance, and a larger knockout stage with 16 teams progressing.