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Women's Regional T20 Competition named Charlotte Edwards Cup

The Women's Regional T20 Competition has been named the Charlotte Edwards Cup.

<u>The competition</u>, which kicks off this weekend, sees the eight women's regional teams go head to head in T20 cricket.

Charlotte Edwards CBE is England Women's most-capped player. Captain of her country from 2006-2016, she led the team to three Ashes wins, an ICC Women's World Cup and an ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

She played in the first-ever international T20 match, against New Zealand at Hove in 2004, and is England Women's leading run-scorer in IT20 cricket.

ECB Managing Director of Women's Cricket, Clare Connor, said: "It's powerful to be able to connect the women's regional game with such iconic figures in women's cricket. Last year we named the 50-over competition after Rachael Heyhoe Flint, and now this.

"There are numerous individuals who have served English cricket with distinction who we could have chosen, but we felt with Lottie's relevance to the T20 game and her excellence as a player in the international T20 format, it was most fitting for the competition to take her name.

"Lottie is a true legend of English cricket. She led from the front as a player and she's now giving back to the game as a coach, helping our domestic players have the best chance of potentially going on to represent the national side. The players who will compete in the Charlotte Edwards Cup can now realistically aspire to stepping up to compete on the international stage, and that's truly exciting."

Charlotte Edwards said: "It's a huge honour to have my name attached to the competition. The regional players who'll take part in the competition are at the beginning of such an exciting journey, and the pathway has progressed and developed so far since I was in their position.

"I hope, like we saw with the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy, that players from across the eight teams can continue to impress at regional level and push hard for international selection. The new domestic set-up is a real game-changer for women's cricket in this country and I'm really proud to be a part of it."

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