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# CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

Founded 1975

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# **CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION**

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## **ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES**

- To provide umpires under the auspices of the Cheshire County Cricket League and League representative and other matches as may be agreed.
- To co-operate with the League in all matters relating to the Laws of Cricket and the Playing Regulations of the various divisions and competitions of the League.
- To assist members in providing and managing a high standard of umpiring and scoring.
- To foster a spirit of comradeship and co-operation between umpires and scorers.

## **MARKING REQUIREMENTS - UMPIRES & CAPTAINS**

Umpires are required to send weekly marks for 1st XI League matches for the Fair Play table to co-ordinator Gary Zimmer by the current method. No information is required for Cup matches.

The system for captains to mark umpires is unchanged from last season. It is effected by the use of a pc, smartphone or tablet.

It is essential that assessments are completed weekly by Captains promptly but in any event no later than 72 hours after the end of matches. Returns will be routed to the Umpires Marks Co-ordinator, Bob Abel, for each League Championship match.

Failure to do so will incur a fine of £15. Information is not required for Cup matches. A breakdown of Premier League marks has to be submitted to ECB at the season end.

## **PAYMENT OF UMPIRES**

Umpires are to be paid their expenses in good time, ideally before the toss takes place but in all cases before the game commences.

Expenses for 2022 are	Premier Division	£60
	Other Divisions	£55
	t20 Matches	£30

## CCCL UMPIRES PANEL 2022

For the 2022 season there are 76 umpires on the recently expanded Panel. Membership of the panel is by written invitation each season and is subject to the approval of the Committee. Any further additions to the Panel or changes to contact details will be notified on the league's website. Phone numbers and email addresses are provided for information and to enable captains to notify any changes of match arrangements.

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

*(2022 changes shown in bold type)*

## 1. TITLE

The League shall be called the 'Cheshire County Cricket League', hereinafter referred to as the League. The Management Committee have the power from time to time to approve the insertion of the of a sponsor's name in the title of the competition run by the League. The object of the League is to play, foster and encourage recreational cricket of the highest standard throughout Cheshire.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Clubs with a 1st and/or a 2nd XI side within the main divisional structure of the league will be a full member club for voting purposes provided they have at least 1st & 2nd XI's playing within the Cheshire pyramid system. New full members are accepted into the League in two ways.

Normally at the end of a season, the two bottom clubs in Division 3 of the competitions (1st & 2nd XI) will be replaced by the two top clubs in the recognised feeder leagues in the Cheshire pyramid structure (currently the Cheshire Cricket League). This process is subject to the promoted clubs satisfying the Cricket Committee as to their suitability to enter the League.

The other method is by application to the Cheshire Board accompanied by a decision of Cheshire Club Cricket Sub Committee to recommend a club's placement in one of the League's divisions.

Associate membership of the League shall be granted to, or withdrawn from, clubs elected under Rule 15 competing in any of the 3rd/4th/5th XIs, Junior or Over 40s competitions.

(b) To be a full member of the League, a club must be affiliated to the ECB through the Cheshire Cricket Board and have adopted the ECB Safe Hands Policy and ECB Anti-Discrimination Code. No club may be admitted to full membership of the League without Clubmark accreditation. Additionally, any member club not accredited for Clubmark on August 31st in any year will not be eligible for promotion within the League for the following season."

(c) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Special General Meeting shall be empowered by a two thirds majority of those present and voting to expel any club on the following grounds:

(i) A serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the Constitution or League Playing Regulations, or

(ii) Poor conduct, playing conditions, or failing to pursue the object of the League.

### **3. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

#### **(a) League Officers**

The League officers shall comprise: President, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, League Secretary, Treasurer, Registrations Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Junior Chairman, Junior Secretary, Ground Chairman, Disciplinary Chairman, Appeals Chairman, Website **Administrators**, Fixtures Coordinator, Umpires Representative, plus as many Competitions Secretaries as deemed necessary by the Cricket Committee to ensure the smooth running of the League.

The Junior Chairman & Secretary will be elected at the CCCL Junior Section AGM and the Umpires Representative will be chosen by the CCCL Umpires and Scorers Association. All other officers shall be elected at the AGM.

The President will serve for a term of two years all other officers for one year. All officers will be automatically re-nominated provided they wish to stand. Any other nominations shall be proposed in writing by full member clubs; nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary by November 30th each year for consideration at the AGM. At that meeting, nominations from the floor shall be permitted only if no prior nominations have been received.

Election of officers at the AGM shall be by simple majority of full member clubs present and voting. In the event of a voting tie the Chairman shall give a casting vote.

#### **(b) Management Committee**

The representative body of the League shall be the Management Committee which shall consist of the League officers, the League Representative from each club and a representative of the League Umpires & Scorers Association. Representatives of 24 full member clubs constitute a quorum. Each Full Member club shall be able to cast a single vote in any matter that requires a

ballot. Additional club members may attend meetings and in the absence of the League Rep one may vote on behalf of their clubs.

### **(c) Executive Committee**

(i) The Executive Committee of the League may meet on an ad-hoc basis to consider the strategic matters for the League. The Executive Committee shall comprise the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary as standing members with the power to co-opt others as the Chairman deems necessary as full time members or to deal with specific agenda items. The Executive will refer any decisions it may make to the Cricket Committee for ratification.

(ii) The Executive Committee may establish (and abolish) sub-committees, and shall determine their powers and terms of reference.

### **(d) Cricket Committee**

(i) The Cricket Committee shall manage the routine business of the League on behalf of the Management Committee. The Cricket Committee shall comprise the League Officers as defined above, plus six members elected at the AGM for a term of three years, all of whom shall be eligible to vote with the exception of the Chairman. The nomination procedure for the six elected members shall be the same as that for the League officers. Two elected members shall stand down by rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election. In the case of a voting tie on any matter, the Chairman shall give a casting vote.

(ii) The Cricket Committee shall have the power to co-opt as the Chairman deems necessary and relevant to specific agenda items. Co-opted members shall have no voting powers.

**(iii) The Cricket Committee meetings shall be formally minuted. These minutes will be available to all clubs on request.**

### **(e) Member Clubs**

**All member clubs shall update their club membership officer contacts page on the website provided in full before the commencement of each season. This should subsequently be updated whenever there is a change of officer or captain throughout the playing season. This will be used to determine where information pertinent to the administration of the League will be sent by League officers. (Clubs are responsible for getting GDPR disclosure permissions from their own officers)**

## **f) Competition Secretaries**

All divisions and cup competitions that the League operates are allocated to a Competition Secretary to administer. The Competition Secretary for a Division **or Cup** will be the person responsible for ensuring that all the Competition Rules are followed and dealing with any breaches of the rules (other than disciplinary issues which are the responsibility of the Disciplinary Chairman).

Competition Secretaries' duties include oversight of results on Play Cricket (in conjunction with the League Play Cricket Administrator(s)) and the accuracy of League tables. The officer is also empowered by the Management Committee to deal with any queries from clubs, variations from the rules as written and for handling all matters not adequately covered by the rules as written.

## **4. STATEMENT OF INTENT**

(a) The League is committed to the concept of integration within the Cheshire Pyramid with the Cheshire Cricket League.

(b) The Cricket Committee shall have the power to decide the number of teams in each of the League's divisions, the numbers to be promoted and relegated and any other relevant criteria.

**(c) The League is committed to the automatic adoption, on receipt, of ECB General Conduct Regulations and any other Premier League mandated processes and procedures as and when published.**

## **5. LEAGUE SECRETARY**

The League Secretary, hereinafter referred to as the Secretary, shall be responsible for convening meetings as required by these rules and, in the case of Management Committee meetings, shall give at least seven days' notice, keeping the minutes of all meetings of the League and administering such decisions as the League may make.

All correspondence except where otherwise provided for in these rules, shall be addressed to the Secretary. He shall address all correspondence on behalf of the League.

## **6. THE TREASURER**

(a) The Treasurer will submit an audited statement at the Annual General Meeting, together with a statement in relation to monies received exclusively

for the Premier League competition. He will be responsible for receiving all monies due to the League and will be responsible for making all payments due. (b) Any monies received by the League exclusively for the Premier League competition between April 1st and September 1st each year shall be applied between the clubs competing in the Premier League in that season and thereafter be applied between clubs competing in the Premier League competition the following season.

## **7. THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

The League's financial year shall end on November 30th.

## **8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS**

A Honorary **Examiner of Accounts** shall be appointed at the AGM.

## **9. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All clubs shall pay an annual subscription to be fixed by the AGM. Such subscriptions fall due for payment on April 1st and should be submitted to the Treasurer on demand.

## **10. FIXTURES AND RESULTS**

The Cricket Committee shall arrange all fixtures and designated officers shall ensure that all results are accurately recorded in Play Cricket. No fixtures shall be arranged except by the sanction of the Cricket Committee.

All member clubs shall provide at least one e-mail address for a club official, as listed in the League Handbook, or another member as requested, to which copies and other information pertinent to the administration of the League can be sent by League officers.

## **11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

The AGM of the League shall be held no later than February 28th in any year. Notice of such a meeting shall be given by the Secretary offering members 14 days' notice in writing and will include a copy of the detailed agenda, audited financial statement and if any, a copy of the proposed alterations to rule.

24 full member clubs' representatives shall form a quorum at the AGM. There is no limit to the number of individuals who may attend such meetings, but each full member club shall have only one vote on all matters arising.

## **12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM)**

A SGM shall be called at the written request of not less than two thirds of the full member clubs, or by the **Cricket or Management Committees**. The notice convening the meeting shall state the business and only such business shall be considered. A SGM must be held not later than 28 days after being requested, members to be given 14 days' notice of such a meeting. Attendance and voting shall be in accordance with the provisions applicable to an AGM.

## **13. ALTERATIONS TO RULE**

These rules (Constitution, Playing and Match Regulations and Other Instructions) may only be altered by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at an AGM or SGM called for the purpose. Proposed alterations to rule must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary to arrive in time to be considered in principle at the November management meeting in respect of AGMs. Each resolution must be proposed and seconded by a full member club.

## **14. RESIGNATIONS & APPLICATIONS**

(a) No club in membership of the League shall negotiate with any other League for membership thereof without first obtaining the written permission of the Cricket Committee. Such permission shall not be withheld unless the club has failed to discharge all its obligations to the League. Such permission shall not be interpreted as either resignation or dismissal;

(b) Resignations from the League must be in writing and received by the Secretary not later than the date prescribed by the League Cricket Conference to be effective for the following season. Resignations received after this date will make the club liable for their League subscription for the following season. Any club resigning from the League or excluded under Rule 2 shall forfeit any claim on the League's assets.

(c) Applications for full or associate membership must be received in writing by the Secretary not later than December 31 of any year to be effective for the following season.

(d) When a team or club leaves the league in mid season their loss will be handled as follows;

Where the number of games the team has played is less than the number remaining, then their record is expunged from the tables with all points earned by other teams deleted. Where the number of games played is equal or greater than the number of fixtures remaining then all future games will be treated as 25-0 wins for their opponents. If they are still in their Cup - their next opponents will be awarded a bye.

## 15. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

By a two thirds majority of those present and voting, the Management Committee may elect to Associate membership of the League, any clubs applying to enter the 3rd/4th/5th XI competitions. Associate member clubs may also enter Over 40s and Junior competitions.

Clubs who in the previous season have had a 1st or 2nd XI relegated from the League, and consequently no longer have a team in 1st or 2nd XI playing cricket within the League, but still have other teams participating in League competitions, will automatically be accepted into Associate Membership for the following season providing their 1st and 2nd XI sides still participate within the Cheshire pyramid.

The rights of Associate member clubs shall be restricted to the following:

- (a) Attendance at AGM and SGMs, without the right to vote
- (b) Representation at Management Committee meetings with the right to vote only on items relating to 3rd/4th/5th XI and/or Over 40s matters. Subscriptions for Associate members shall be fixed in accordance with Rule 9.

In all other respects, Associate members shall comply with the rules and playing regulations of the League. Any matter relating to Associate membership not covered by this rule shall be resolved by the Management Committee.

## 16. POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The **Cricket** Committee shall have the power to decide on all other matters not specifically provided for **within all League Rules and Regulations**. All decisions taken by the Management Committee on sub-committee recommendations shall be considered binding.

## PLAYING REGULATIONS

*(2020 changes are shown in bold type)*

1. Subject to special conditions incorporated in these regulations, all matches must be played under The Laws of Cricket as laid down at the time by MCC, together with any experimental Laws currently in force.
2. The Cricket Committee will determine which balls must be used in which matches and it will be included in the “Mandated Balls” table at the back of the Handbook. Any variations of the rule for say a ball trial will be passed on to clubs through the usual formal communication channels. Clubs will bowl with their own ball in each match. In 1st XI matches, each side shall use a new ball at the start of each innings. A team that breaks this rule will suffer a deduction of five points.
3. The Appendix ‘Match Format Details’ sets out match parameters. Matches which, for any reason, do not start on time, are subject to over reductions in line with the table with both teams sharing equally in the reduction. Once the first ball of a match has been bowled, the match duration and bonus points levels etc. are fixed.
4. For the avoidance of doubt once a match has been started the length of the game is a fixed number of overs as determined by the match details format table. If the first innings is completed before half the match overs are used, either by dismissal or declaration, then the second innings will be increased by the shortfall of overs from the first innings. ..  
**NOTE: This rule does not apply in 3rd XI Cricket below the Premier Division**
5. Weather delays after the match has started are not dealt with by the ‘Match Format Details’ appendix. Once a match has started (whether on time or late) the first 30 minutes of aggregated playing time lost shall be discounted and overs will not be lost until that time has elapsed. As soon as ‘in match’ lost time exceeds 30 minutes, overs will be reduced at the rate of one for every 3.5 minutes lost. Panel umpires shall be the sole judges of the suitability of the conditions. In matches where a panel umpire is not standing, the Captains shall decide whether conditions are suitable for play. When the Captains do not agree status quo shall prevail.



6. It's important to recognise that in matches that start late and are then rain affected during the match, both the above paragraphs will apply.
7. A game shall be considered as abandoned if it has neither been completed nor is in progress at the recalculated scheduled finishing time.
8. All member clubs shall compete in their respective competitions on all scheduled dates unless otherwise agreed by the Cricket Committee. When the Cricket Committee give approval for changes to be made these should be effected without changing the date of 1st XI matches if that is at all possible.
9. **In the event of a club defaulting on a League fixture in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd XI competitions, the maximum points for a win shall be awarded to their opponents.** In addition to forfeiting all points, the defaulting club shall have a further 10 points deducted from their record for each default. If the defaulting club is playing away and withdraws after midnight on the Thursday prior to the weekend, they will be required to pay a default fee of £40 to the host club.
10. Where a club defaults on an away fixture before the return fixture has taken place, the venue for the latter fixture can be reversed at the request of the innocent party.
11. In the event of a club defaulting on a 1st, 2nd or 3rd XI Cup match, they shall not be eligible to enter the competition the following season and will receive a fine. If a club voluntarily withdraws from any Cup competition they must do so in writing to the relevant Competition Secretary. To be readmitted the club must formally contact the Competition Secretary to confirm this.
12. In the case of a club flouting the Spirit of Cricket or including players at an inappropriate level, the League may take action including the deduction of points.
13. On a day when a club is due to field two or more teams in League competitions, the senior side must take precedence in fulfilling the fixture and preference in the fielding of 11 players. Failure to observe this rule will result in penalty wins (points 25/-10), **(4/-2 (in Sunday 3rd XI cricket below Premier Division))**, being awarded to opponents in games played by lower teams the defaulting club fields on the same day.

14. A League fixture postponed for any reason must be re-arranged within a week of the original fixture even if the new date is well into the future, along with notification to the relevant Results Secretary. Failure to comply by one or both clubs may result in the match being awarded to either team (25/0) or declared void (7/7) (4/0 & 2/2 in win/lose 3rd XI cricket) by the Comp Secretary based on the conduct of the clubs.
15. If a League fixture is postponed due to ground unavailability, the home club must inform their opponents and the relevant Results Secretary no later than five days before the scheduled date of the match. Contact with visiting clubs about fixture re-arrangements should only be made through League Handbook listed club officers
16. In the case of a fixture brought forward from its set date, anyone playing in the re-arranged fixture will not be eligible to play in any League fixture on the original date. In the case of a fixture put back from a set date, anyone playing in any League fixture on the original date will not be eligible to play in the rearranged fixture.
17. In all 1st XI games teams must bowl at an average of 17 overs per hour. Failure to do so will result in points being deducted as described below.

In 110 over games teams will be allowed 3 hours 15 minutes playing time to bowl 55 overs. In 100 over games teams will be allowed 3 hours to playing time to bowl 50 overs.

In both cases innings in which there are more or less overs bowled, the time allowed will be pro-rata. e.g. in a 25 over innings in a 100 over game the time allowed would be 1 hour 30 minutes.

Playing time excludes drinks breaks and any other delays or stoppages as determined by the umpires. The umpires match report on the CCCL website will be the definitive basis used for calculations.
18. Teams will be penalised 1 point for every complete 3 minutes 30 seconds by which they exceed the allowed time.

All the above is subject to :

- If the game is rain affected or if the ball needs constant drying at the start of the game, no penalty will be applied.

- If a 110 game finishes no later than 7 hours 10 minutes from the start, or a 100 over game no later than 6 hours 40 minutes from the start there will be no penalties applied.
  - These times include a 30 minute allowance for a tea break and one drinks break in each innings.
  - The times stated will be extended for any additional drinks breaks and any time allowances made by the umpires for delays or stoppages.
19. Although umpires should notify fielding captains of the number of overs bowled at the end of each hour, any failure to do so, does not mitigate the responsibility of captains to ensure that overs are bowled at an average of at least 17 per hour.
20. For the purposes of these regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

#### LEAGUE MATCH:

Any competitive match organised by the League between member clubs **in a league structure or subsequent play-off matches (i.e., excludes Cup Matches).**

#### PLAYING MEMBER:

Any player who is a paid-up cricket subscriber to his club in accordance with the club's regulations.

#### CONTRACTED PLAYER:

A player currently under a professional contract to play for a First-Class County Club or Irish Provincial Club. Contracted Player status is only available for England qualified players.

#### HOME GROWN CONTRACTED PLAYER:

Any player that has been at the same club continuously since the age of 15 should not be counted as a contracted player for that club if they are given a professional county contract. Such a player should be registered as a Home Grown Contracted Player. Continuously should be understood to mean that the player has played in at least 11 senior league games for the club each season since the season in which the player played (or would have qualified for) Under 15 cricket. Allowances may be made for injuries/illness and other exceptional circumstances under the special dispensation

of the Cricket Committee.

#### OVERSEAS PLAYER:

Any player not qualified to play for England or Scotland by virtue of the regulations governing the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers current at the date of the written application and who does not satisfy either of the Ordinarily Resident definitions that follow:

#### ORDINARILY RESIDENT (2 year option):

A player not qualified for England under current ECB regulations, but who

- (a) has been resident in the UK for 24 consecutive months before the date of his registration request;
- (b) has not been out of the UK for longer than 35 consecutive days or 70 days in total within the previous 24 months;
- (c) any remuneration he receives from playing cricket is not his main source of income

#### ORDINARILY RESIDENT (180 day option):

A player not qualified to play for England under current ECB regulations, but who:

- (a) as defined by the UK Border Agency (UKBA) is legally in the UK.
- (b) has been resident in the UK for at least 180 days immediately prior to playing his first match and has not been out of the UK for more than 21 days during that period.
- (c) any remuneration he receives from playing cricket is not his main source of income

#### VERIFICATION NOTE:

Clubs will be wholly responsible for obtaining copies of passports with relevant Visas together with evidence proving residence for 180 days when registering such players with the League.

21. Any club wishing to field a player as an Ordinarily Resident player on the 180 days basis, or as an Overseas player must complete a registration application on the prescribed form(s) and seek the prior approval from the

Registration Secretary before such a player appears in the League. Such approval shall cover the whole or remainder of the current season. Clubs are permitted to register only one Overseas player per season (except, if agreed by the Cricket Committee, in very exceptional circumstances) but there is no limit on Ordinarily Resident registrations.

22. All players not registered as Overseas or Ordinarily Resident as per the above process must be eligible to play cricket for England.
23. The most obvious route to qualification is that for players who are simply British or Irish citizens who were born within England and Wales. Other players may qualify under the prevailing ECB regulations. The ECB can be contacted on 020 7432 1200.
24. The responsibility for ensuring the valid status of all players, before they appear, rests entirely with the clubs at all times. The league advise clubs to take a proactive approach rather than a passive one as ignorance of facts will leave clubs culpable in line with the following regulation.
25. All 1st & 2nd XI squad players must be registered on Play Cricket with the League prior to playing a 1st or 2nd XI League or Cup game. Registration to be completed at least 24 hours before any 1st & 2nd XI game in which they play. Full name, date of birth and home address must be accurately recorded for each player on either their existing ID or on a new ID if the player is not already set up on Play Cricket. As well as being required for better Child Welfare control it enables teams to be accurately entered into Play Cricket scorecards without delay. There are to be no “unsure” players and any cases of confusion are to be sorted out on the day, preferably before the start of game.
26. For 3rd XI matches both teams are required to complete a team card before the start of a game. These are to be retained by the home captain for the entire season in case they are required by Play Cricket Administration. Again no “unsure” players are to be recorded on Play Cricket score sheets as we commit to stronger safeguarding standards.
27. To participate in a League match, a player must be a bona fide member of the club he represents. The Cricket Committee shall have the right to seek evidence of any player's membership.
28. No player shall play for more than one club in the League in the course of

a single season without the consent of his current club and the permission of the Cricket Committee.

29. To transfer a player into or within the League during the season the “new” club must provide written clearance from his previous club prior to taking part in any fixture. It is the responsibility of his new club to ensure that such clearance is lodged, acknowledged and approved by the Registrations Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the player appearing for his new club. (A transfer form is available to effect this transfer)
30. No player playing in any other Saturday league **except for the Cheshire Cricket League**, shall be permitted to play in any league or cup match under the auspices of the League without the permission of the League
31. No player currently playing in the League may play in a league or cup match **of a different Saturday playing League** outside the auspices of the League, (**except for the Cheshire Cricket League**), without the permission of the League;
32. Any club wishing to either select a player from another league or to request permission for one of their players to play league or cup cricket outside the League must apply at least 48 hours in advance to the **Registrations Secretary** for approval.
33. If approval is not sought or granted and the player appears in another league or cup competition outside the League, the player will be deemed to be ineligible and the club may be punished under the Playing Regulations for the subsequent League game(s) in which the player plays for the club following his appearance(s) outside the League. The League reserve the right to punish the player with a fine or suspension if deemed appropriate.
34. This rule does not apply to permanent transfers into or out of the League or to full-time students
35. No player may make his maiden 1st XI appearance of the season for his club during the last five Saturdays unless he has already played in a game for his club within the Cheshire cricket pyramid prior to the 5th last week of the season (including Over 40s fixtures (parent club only)), without obtaining permission from the Cricket Committee. Similarly a player who transfers into a club in the last five weeks of the season will not be allowed to play in the remaining 1st/2nd XI games for his new club.

36. Should the last three 2nd team games of the season involve championship honours (Promotion or Relegation) teams, no player who has played in more matches for a higher rated team, (this means in a higher division anywhere in the Cheshire Integrated League Structure) during the current season, shall be allowed to play in any of these matches, unless he has played not less than 6 second team or lower rated championship matches in this season or has played less than 6 matches in total for any club during the current season.
37. Clubs must submit written applications to the Registrations Secretary for Overseas players and 180 day Ordinarily Resident players at least 24 hours before they are due to appear in League matches. For Overseas players, a detailed CV of the individual concerned is required. No club is permitted to play more than one Overseas player in a season unless the club can satisfy the Cricket Committee that the player has left the country for compassionate reasons, or is unavailable due to serious injury and not available to play for the rest of that season. No application to register an Overseas player will be considered after May 31.
38. Except for players registered as Contracted Players no player who has played 1st class cricket (as defined by the ICC) in the six months prior to the current season will be allowed to play in the League.
39. A Contracted player may not be registered to play in League matches unless it is possible for him to play in four matches before June 30. If he does not play in four League matches before that date he will be ineligible to continue playing after June 30 in the current season. **As soon as it becomes impossible for an already registered Contracted player to complete four games before the deadline, he automatically becomes ineligible.** This cut-off does not apply to players who satisfy the Cricket Committee that they have been long-term playing members of their club before becoming contracted to a county.
40. A Contracted player may only play for his club's 1st XI. No club is permitted to register more than one Contracted player in a season who is not an Home Grown Contracted Player.
41. A Contracted player who appears as a professional for a club in an outside league shall be debarred from playing in the League for the remainder of the season unless he was instructed to play for the club by his county and

- subject to written confirmation of this instruction by his employer.
42. No club shall employ a player to play for the club in League matches
  43. A player is regarded as having played in a game when at least one ball has been bowled.
  44. In all League matches, clubs must satisfy the safety guidance on the use of helmets for players under 19 (detailed later in this book). In the case of a club flouting the directive and/or guidance without a satisfactory explanation to the Cricket Committee, the League will take action including a fine and/or the deduction of points.
  45. The League will designate which matches will be umpired by a Panel Umpire. This will normally be all 1st XI fixtures and as many 2nd XI fixtures as possible. For fixtures where there are no Panel Umpires it is left to clubs to provide umpires. Where only one non-playing umpire is available then, if he or she wishes, he or she should operate as the bowling end umpire throughout. That umpire becomes the sole judge of the fitness of playing conditions.
  46. All clubs are expected to provide a competent scorer for 1st XI games and will be fined £40 for each noncompliance.
  47. All 1st and 2nd XI League and Cup matches must be played on the club's main ground unless permission is otherwise granted by the Cricket Committee. Such permission is deemed to be granted implicitly to 3rd XI sides promoted within the Cheshire pyramid structure to 2nd XI cricket in the Cheshire County League.
  48. Players should wear traditional white cricket clothing (shirts, trousers, sweaters and footwear) for all League matches.
  49. Panel Umpires shall not allow play to commence or to resume after an interval or stoppage while it is raining.
  50. All questions regarding the eligibility and/or appropriateness of players as defined in the Playing Regulations will be dealt with by the relevant Competition/Results Secretary, except where that Secretary is compromised through his own club's direct or indirect involvement. In this case a member of the Cricket Committee will be deputed to deal with the



issue. If a team is considered to have infringed, the normal outcome will be loss of all points earned plus a penalty of 10 points for each game where the ineligibility occurred. The match will be awarded to their opponents.

Decisions made by a Competition Secretary may be appealed as below.

51. All other issues not covered by the disciplinary process will also be dealt with by the appropriate Competition/Results Secretary except where the Secretary is compromised through his own club's direct or indirect involvement. In this case, a member of the Cricket Committee will be deputed to deal with the issue.
52. If a team is deemed to have infringed, then penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Competition/Results Secretary. Decisions made by this official may be appealed as below:
53. **Formal issues should be raised with League Officers by senior club officers and/or captains. If it relates directly to conduct of matches, League officers will generally only deal with the clubs directly involved in the match in question. Clubs should in all complaint cases as a matter of courtesy copy the other club in on all correspondence.**
54. It is the intention that all Appeals against League rulings both Disciplinary and Administrative, are conducted in an open and clear fashion, giving the Appellant a fair opportunity to have their case heard.
55. The Appeal must be lodged with the Secretary within seven days of the initial ruling. A deposit (returnable if the Appeal is successful) of £100 for Disciplinary matters or **£50** for Administrative matters should be submitted at the same time.
56. The Cricket Committee shall appoint an Appeal Chairman for the Appeal who shall have no immediate conflict of interest in the case. Subsequently the Appeal Chairman shall give seven days notice to the respective parties the date on which and where the Appeal is to be considered and offer each party the opportunity to make an initial written submission. The written submission must be lodged with the Appeal Chairman at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
57. The Appeal Chairman shall appoint a sub-group to assist in the hearing of the case, who will have no immediate conflict of interest in the case,

the members of the sub-group must be disclosed to the Appellant. The Appellant has the right to attend the hearing, and should this occur the Appeals Chairman shall give the Appellant a fair and reasonable opportunity to present their case. The Appellant has the right for submissions from relevant parties to be requested and for these to be taken into account.

58. The result of the Appeal will be circulated in writing and is final and binding.

59. In League matches, bowlers are restricted as follows based on the overs of play at the start. See the Match Format Table for full details

102-110 over matches	maximum of 17 overs
92-100 over matches	maximum of 15 overs
82-90 over matches	maximum of 12 overs
60-80 over matches	maximum of 10 overs

NOTE: Allowances are not subsequently reduced in matches impacted by weather after play has started.

60. In all League matches clubs must satisfy the ECB Fast Bowling Directive (detailed later) for players aged under 19 as at 1st September prior.

61. The responsibility for policing the bowling restrictions in the two regulations above lies with the fielding captain and failures to comply may lead to disciplinary action being taken against the fielding side captain. **Excess overs will incur a 2-point penalty per excess over bowled. (In 3rd XI cricket below Premier Division level the penalty will be 1 point for the first excess over and an additional point for every subsequent 2 excess overs).**

62. **By prior agreement with the appropriate Competition Secretary**, and between captains (or other senior club officials) teams can agree to vary eligibility considerations. If captains agree to let players, who would otherwise not be eligible, to play then the players will not be considered ineligible for the match between their sides. Clubs are advised to get the agreement in writing and retain emails as a proof of agreement should facts subsequently be disputed.

**NOTE: Players who are playing on this compromise basis cannot count any such appearance when counting games for eligibility purposes in League or Cup competitions**

### **RULES APPLYING IN 3rd XI COMPETITIONS ONLY**

63. Where possible promotion will be on the basis of the '2 up, 2 down' principle. However, there are occasions where '1 up, 1 down' or another system is more appropriate. Examples include, but are not restricted, to:
- (a) Regionalised divisions feeding a non-regionalised league
  - (b) Where divisions are unusually small
  - (c) Where divisions are being reorganised

Decisions will be taken by the Cricket Committee in line with Regulation **4b** of the League Constitution.

64. By mutual agreement if a ground is unfit for play, teams may switch the venue to the away team's ground without reference to a League official. Only grounds sanctioned by the League will be allowed.
65. If any result has not been loaded on Play Cricket 10 days after the scheduled date of the game, the home club will be notified by email. If this is still not resolved 4 days later the home club will forfeit all points they gained in the match. In the case of a team conceding ground advantage to their opponents as above, they will still be regarded as the home club.
66. **Anyone who appeared in a club 1st XI on a Saturday cannot play 3rd XI cricket on the subsequent Sunday or Bank Holiday.**
- 67 **A player aged between 21 and 40 (based on the player's age at midnight on August 31 the previous year) who played for his club's 2nd XI on a Saturday, cannot play 3rd XI cricket on the subsequent Sunday or Bank Holiday unless he has previously played eight or more 3rd XI League matches in the current season.**

NOTE: This does not apply to players whose 2nd XI appearance was in the Cheshire Cricket League or in a league of equivalent standard. The 3rd XI Competition Secretary will maintain a register of such leagues.

# MATCH REGULATIONS

*(2022 changes shown in bold type)*

1. Match starting times shall be:

## **All Saturday Divisions**

April to the penultimate Saturday in August 12:00 p.m.

The last Saturday in August and in September 11:30 a.m.

## **Sunday 3rd XI Cricket**

April to the end of July 2 p.m.

In August and September 1 p.m.

2. The tea interval will normally be taken between innings and shall not exceed 30 minutes. If tea has been taken at some other time, such as during a stoppage for rain, the interval between innings shall not exceed ten minutes. No overs shall be lost either for the time taken for tea or the interval between the innings.
3. When both clubs are in agreement, then starting times for matches may be adjusted to an earlier time by up to 1 hour. The home club is responsible for informing the relevant Competition Secretary, and at 1st XI level, the Umpires appointment Secretary.
4. Once the start time of a game has been changed it cannot subsequently be changed again without the approval of the Competition Secretary. Any variation in starting time greater than this, or any to a later start time, or any to a different date must be by agreement with the relevant Competition Secretary. To foster good administration and publicity within the League changes cannot be made within seven days of the fixture.
5. The duration of all matches (weather permitting) shall be:

Premier League	Max. 110 overs
1st, 2nd and 3rd XI Saturday Division 1	Max. 100 overs
Sunday Premier	Max. 90 overs
All other 3rd XI Sunday divisions	Max. 80 overs

6. Before the scheduled starting time, matches may only be cancelled by the mutual agreement of the two Captains.
7. The longest possible delays before a match must be abandoned are as follows based on the original match duration;

If tea is taken

110 over matches - 3 hours 25 minutes  
100 over matches - 2 hours 50 minutes  
90 over matches - 2 hours 15 minutes

If tea is not taken

110 over matches - 2 hours 55 minutes  
100 over matches - 2 hours 20 minutes  
90 over matches - 1 hour 45 minutes

8. The home team is responsible for the protection of the pitch and immediate surrounds during inclement weather and shall carry out such duties without delay when play has been suspended, as directed by the Umpires.
9. It is expected that the home side will ensure full access to all equipment needed to clean up in the advent of adverse weather and use it as soon as the rain has ceased, or as directed by the Umpires (See Ground Criteria re availability of rolling and mopping up equipment etc.)
10. Umpires will sound the bell five minutes before the start of play in all games, when the field shall be cleared. They will also sound the bell five minutes before the start of each subsequent session of play.
11. At least one drinks interval shall be allowed in each innings as agreed by the Umpires and Captains before the game. These shall normally not exceed 5 minutes, but intervals of up to 10 minutes in each innings may be taken if the Umpires so direct.

12. The result of a match shall be decided by one innings only and points will be awarded as follows:

**1st, 2nd & 3rd XI Premier Cricket**

- (a) For a win - 25 points
- (b) For a tie - Maximum points attainable in a drawn game +1
- (c) For a draw (equal overs)

For the team batting first in a drawn match - 3 points

For the team batting second in a drawn match - 1 point

- (d) For a draw (unequal overs)

In a match where interruptions cause an uneven split of points resulting in the team batting second batting for fewer overs than the team batting first - 2 points each

- (e) For matches cancelled - 7 points
- (f) For abandoned matches, sides shall be awarded either bonus points-gained plus draw points as defined in 7 (c/d) or 7 points, whichever is greater.

**3rd XI Cricket below Premier Division**

- (a) For a win - 4 points
- (b) For a tie - 2 points
- (c) For matches cancelled - 2 points
- (d) For matches abandoned - 2 points
- (e) In 3rd XI **non-Premier** matches if the second team have at least half the overs of the first team then a result is based on average run rate otherwise it is an abandoned match.

13. When a match is reduced to 80 overs or less in 1st or 2nd XI games, or 70 or less in 3rd XI **Premier** games then both sides are guaranteed to receive at least the equivalent points as awarded for an abandoned match as an underpin
14. When the team batting second in a reduced overs drawn match receives

ten (or more) overs less than their opponents batted they are guaranteed to receive at least the equivalent points as awarded for an abandoned match as an underpin. (n/a in 3rd **non-Premier** cricket)

8. In 1st XI cricket when a match is being officiated by two Panel Umpires normal fielding circles at a radius of 30 yards centred on the two middle stumps will be applied. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders plus the bowler and wicket-keeper must be within the fielding circle. In the event of an infringement, the striker's end umpire shall call and signal no ball.
9. In 1st XI cricket when a match is being officiated by two Panel Umpires bowlers are limited to a maximum of two short pitched deliveries in each over. The 3rd occurrence of a ball that did, or would have passed a batsman above shoulder height in an over will be called as a no ball by the bowling end umpire. Any subsequent similarly short pitched balls in the over will also be called as no balls.

## **IN UNINTERRUPTED GAMES OR DELAYED START GAMES**

- (a) Batting bonus points will be earned as per the Match Format table and will be available for the whole innings except when a declaration or dismissal of the team batting first has given the side batting second surplus overs. In this case, batting points will be available for only half the original overs.
- (b) Sides batting first will receive double batting bonus points
- (c) Bowling points will be available throughout the game, with points awarded at the fall of the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th wickets.
- (d) Where a team fielding less than 11 players is bowled out, then four bowling points will be awarded when appropriate.

## **GAMES THAT ARE INTERRUPTED AFTER THE START**

- (a) Bonus points shall be earned as in an uninterrupted game
- (b) Whatever happens subsequent to the start of the match in terms of time lost, the side batting first will be entitled to bat for half of the starting overs in the match.

## MATCH FORMAT DETAILS

Minutes lost prior to start					Batting Bonus Points				
1st XI Prem	Other 1st XI & 2nd XI	3rd XI Prem	Other 3rd XI	Overs in match	Point 1	Point 2	Point 3	Point 4	Max overs per bowler
0				110	130	160	190	220	17
7				108	130	160	190	220	17
14				106	130	160	190	220	17
21				104	130	160	190	220	17
28				102	130	160	190	220	17
35	0			100	110	140	170	200	15
42	7			98	110	140	170	200	15
49	14			96	110	140	170	200	15
56	21			94	110	140	170	200	15
63	28			92	110	140	170	200	15
70	35	0		90	100	120	150	180	12
77	42	7		88	100	120	150	180	12
84	49	14		86	100	120	150	180	12
91	56	21		84	100	120	150	180	12
98	63	28		82	100	120	150	180	12
105	70	35	0	80	100	120	140	160	10
112	77	42	7	78	100	120	140	160	10
119	84	49	14	76	100	120	140	160	10
126	91	56	21	74	100	120	140	160	10
133	98	63	28	72	100	120	140	160	10
140	105	70	35	70	80	100	120	140	10
147	112	77	42	68	80	100	120	140	10
154	119	84	49	66	80	100	120	140	10
161	126	91	56	64	80	100	120	140	10
168	133	98	63	62	80	100	120	140	10
175	140	105	70	60	80	100	120	140	10



# JUNIOR CRICKETERS IN ADULT MATCHES

*(No changes in 2022)*

## INTRODUCTION

The ECB have confirmed the following guidance covering the participation of young cricketers in adult matches. This applies to boys and girls and any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on August 31st in the year preceding the current season. This guidance applies to all cricket played in England and Wales.

## GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS & LEAGUES

All clubs must recognise that they have a Duty of Care towards young players representing the club. This Duty of Care also extends to leagues that allow the participation of young players in adult teams. The Duty of Care should be interpreted in two ways:

1. Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking into account the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
2. Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

In addition, the following specific requirements apply to young players in adult matches:

3. All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday **MUST** wear a helmet with a face guard when batting, when standing up to the stumps or when keeping wicket. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player for whom he is running is not doing so.
4. The current ECB fielding regulations must be adhered to and enforced by the umpires and captains.
5. The umpires are empowered by these fielding regulations to stop the game immediately if a young player comes within the restricted distance.
6. The umpires and the opposing captain must be notified of the age groups

of all players participating in an adult match in the Under 19 age group or younger, even if the player is not as fast bowler. This requirement also covers any young player taking the field as a substitute fielder. ECB Team Sheets / cards are available to facilitate this.

7. Before participating in adult cricket, any player in School Year 8 must have both explicit written consent from a parent or guardian and the permission of a person within the club, either the club's Head Coach, a Coach qualified to at least the UKCC2 level, or the Club Welfare Officer. Clubs must ensure that their player registration procedures ensure that this consent is obtained.
8. The guidance related to changing and showering (see 'Safe Hands -Welfare of Young People in Cricket Policy') must be adhered to. School Year 7 pupils will not be permitted to play in adult cricket in the League.
9. It is strongly recommended that a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult is present whenever a player in the Under 13 age group or younger plays in an adult match. This could include the captain or other identified adult players taking responsibility for their young player.

## **FIELDING REGULATIONS**

For reference, the ECB Fielding Regulations are as follows:

1. No young player in the under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than eight yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside, until the batsman has played at the ball;
  - a. For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres);
  - b. These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.
2. Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance, the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back;
  - a. In addition any young player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups who has not reached the age of 18, **MUST** wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within

six yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the offside. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

- b. These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket played in England and Wales.

## **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

All questions and comments on this guidance should be addressed to Paul Bedford, Head of Operations (non First-class Cricket) at Lord's, telephone 0207 432 1216, by fax 0207 289 5619 or by post to ECB Cricket Department, Lord's Cricket Ground, London NW8 8QX.

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The telephone number for Moss Farm is 01606 871 200 (Mon-Fri 9.00-4.30)

Julie must be notified about all disciplinary cases involving junior cricketers. On the next few pages are some key messages regarding Safeguarding of children which must be a key priority for all clubs

Assistant County Welfare Officers:

Sarah Hallas & Mark Colebourn, who are both contactable at the Moss Farm address above

# ECB FAST BOWLING MATCH DIRECTIVES

AGE	MAXIMUM OVERS PER SPELL	MAXIMUM OVERS PER DAY
Up to 13	5	10
U14, U15	6	12
U16, U17, U18, U19	7	18

- For the purposes of these Directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.
- Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.
- Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of the spell have been bowled from the same end.
- A bowler can change ends without ending his current spell providing that he bowls the next over that he legally can bowl from the other end. If this does not happen the spell is deemed to be concluded.
- If play is interrupted, for any reason, for less than 40 minutes any spell in progress at the time of the interruption can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of the spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end.
- If the interruption is of 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowl can commence the new spell immediately.
- Once a bowler covered by these Directives has bowled in a match he cannot exceed the number of overs per day for his age group even if he subsequently bowls spin.

# LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION RULES

*(2022 changes shown in bold type)*

## 1. Trophies

All our League Cup competitions are currently not sponsored

Fred Graham Memorial Trophy

1st XI Cup trophy

Red Insure Trophy

2nd XI Cup trophy

Jack Gardner Trophy

3rd XI Cup trophy

## 2 Competition Structure & Administration

- 2.1 All matches shall be played under the Laws of Cricket and any appropriate ECB directives.
- 2.2 The format for the 1st XI and 3rd XI cup involve both Mini-group and knock out stages leading to a Finals Day comprising two semi-finals and a final. The format for the 2nd XI cup is a straight knock out competition again with a Finals day of semi-finals and a final.
- 2.3 In the 1st XI Cup **each portion of the draw** will each contain a seeded club (based on the previous season's Premier League positions). **Geographic considerations will then dictate which clubs are within which part of the draw thereafter.**
- 2.4 Dates for matches in Mini-groups are set by the Competition Secretary and can only be amended with his specific approval. Instructions regarding eligible dates for knock out matches will be issued with each competition draw. Again requests for any variation of dates need to be made to the appropriate Competition Secretary.
- 2.5 The away team has the right to travel and allow Umpires to determine the fitness of the ground for play. If the ground of the home team is unfit for play, the venue may be changed to the ground of the away team if it is fit for play.
- 2.6 In Mini-groups two points shall be awarded for a match won and one point each for an unfinished or cancelled match. The winning team in each mini league shall be the team with the most points. If two or more teams are tied on points the highest net run rate shall determine the winner. A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the

average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition, the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the competition. A team that is bowled out in a match is deemed to have received its full allocation of overs. If still a tie, the toss of a coin shall decide the winner. The winner of each mini league shall progress to the knock-out stage.

- 2.7 No club that has defaulted on a match in a mini-group shall be able to progress to the knock out stages of a cup. Their place will be taken by the next highest placed club that has not defaulted. In the unlikely event of all the teams in a mini group defaulting no side shall progress and the planned opponents will receive a bye through the next round.
- 2.8 If a knock out round cup tie reaches no conclusion for any reason on the specified date, then the clubs concerned shall re-arrange the match within the cut-off date set for the next round. In the event of clubs being unable to agree date, venue and duration of the game, a decision shall be taken by the Competition Secretary.
- 2.9 If a 1st XI or 2nd XI Cup match cannot be played on the scheduled day because of the weather every effort must be made to re-arrange the fixture within SIX days (for matches played on a Thursday by the following WED). If that objective is not achieved the Competition Secretary will decide the outcome.

If, due to bad weather, knock out matches cannot be rescheduled at least seven days prior to the date set for next round, the match shall be resolved by bowling at stumps involving all players from both teams. Alternatively, matches must be resolved by the toss of a coin by the Captains, or under the supervision of the Competition Secretary.

- 2.10 Fixed and deadline dates laid down for each round shall be strictly adhered to. For non-fixed date matches, home clubs are responsible for informing the relevant Competition Secretary of the dates agreed for all matches. If a match cannot be played on the original date, it should be re-arranged as soon as possible or by mutual agreement with the Umpires before the start of play. Alternatively, it can be resolved immediately by a bowl-out or a toss of the coin. Sunday games shall be governed by the same time limitations as those played in mid-week. If a match

is not played by the limit date, the outcome shall be resolved by the Competition Secretary.

- 2.11 For all 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI Cup games, scorecards must be entered on Play Cricket in accordance with the “ Club Duties & Advice “ section of this Handbook. There is no requirement for any marks or paperwork.
- 2.12 The league will provide match balls for semi-finals and finals of all competitions and additionally for quarter finals in the 1st XI competition.
- 2.13 Coloured clothing may be worn, in which case the appointed Umpires should be advised in advance.
- 2.14 Home teams are encouraged to provide refreshments at the close of play.
- 2.15 The Cricket Committee will decide the venues for the respective Finals Days.
- 2.16 The Cricket Committee’s decision on all matters not covered by these rules shall be final.

### **3 Umpires**

- 3.1 In the 1st & 2nd XI Cup, the League shall appoint Umpires for all matches, their expenses to be met by the clubs. On Finals **Days**, the Umpires’ expenses shall be met by the League.
- 3.2 In the 3rd XI Cup before the semi-finals, each club shall provide an Umpire. For the semi-finals and final the League will appoint Umpires whose expenses will be met by the League.

### **4 Eligibility**

- 4.1 No player may play for more than one team in each of the League’s Cup competitions.
- 4.2 Eligibility to play in these competitions is as defined in the League Playing Regulations. Additionally:
- 4.3 Each player taking part in the 2nd XI Cup must have played at least as many matches for their 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs as for the club’s 1st XI in the League during the same season. Players in all cup competitions must have played at least one League game in the current season prior to appearing in a Cup match unless permission has been granted by the

relevant Competition Secretary.

- 4.4 For the 3rd XI mini-league matches eligibility is comparable with eligibility to play in 3rd XI League fixtures. If a player is eligible for a Sunday 3rd XI Cup game on a particular day, he is eligible for a 3rd XI Cup mini-league game on that date or in midweek, until the following Sunday
- 4.5 For the knock out stages, of the 3rd XI Cup each player must have played in at least as many matches for his club's 3rd, 4th or 5th XI as for any other XI in the League during the season;
- 4.6 A player selected to play for any League or Cup representative team may not play in a League Cup game the same day
- 5 Match Regulations (Applicable in all matches)
  - 5.1 In the 1st & 2nd XI Cups, each side shall use a pink ball. In the 1st XI Cup this must be a new ball. Agreement should be reached between the umpires and captains ahead of the toss to establish the process for replacing balls in the event of loss. In the 3rd XI Cup a standard league red ball (which may be a previously used ball) will be used.
  - 5.2 Unless the weather/light is a factor all matches including the semi-finals and final to be of 20 overs each side, unless bowled out earlier.
  - 5.3 Evening matches start at 6 p.m. and week-ends or Bank Holidays matches by mutual agreement although a default time will be set for fixed date matches. In the event of an evening match starting late, the number of overs remaining shall be re-calculated based on the time lost from 6:15 p.m. The interval between innings shall be no more than 10 minutes. The Umpires shall be the sole judges of the fitness of light for play.
  - 5.4 In matches with a 6 p.m. starting time if, in the Umpires' opinion, either team is not ready to start batting by 6.15 p.m., the opposing Captain shall have the choice of batting or bowling.
  - 5.5 Bowlers may bowl a maximum of four overs. In the event of a bowler breaking down and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls shall be delivered by another bowler. Such part of an over shall count as a full over only in as far as the bowler's limits are concerned. In a reduced overs match, or in an innings that has been reduced, the number of overs to be bowled by one bowler shall be reduced accordingly. In the event of



an innings being reduced after the start, the bowling limit shall remain the same as when the innings commenced. A chart shall be produced to aid Umpires and Captains.

- 5.6 Umpires are required to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation of a Wide Ball in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.
- 5.7 Any player who has not fielded in the first innings due to arriving late shall not be permitted to bat in the second innings. If a fielder arrives on the field late during the first innings, he may only bat in the second innings after the same number of overs have been bowled for which he was absent, or alternatively bat at number 11.
- 5.8 Batsmen are urged to cross on the field of play and Umpires should advise on this before the start of each innings.
- 5.9 The Captain of a batting side shall not declare his innings closed at any time.

## **6 Match Regulations (Applicable only with appointed panel umpires)**

- 6.1 If the team bowling first don't complete their 20 overs within the stipulated time of 75 minutes, they may be required to forfeit part of their reply under the direction of the Umpires. For example, if they bowl only 19 overs in the permitted time, they themselves may bat for only 19 overs. Any over in progress when the limit time is reached shall count as a completed over for calculation purposes. This rule also applies to matches with reduced overs. A chart outlining the cut-off times is produced to aid Umpires and Captains.
- 6.2 If the team bowling second do not complete their 20 overs within the same stipulated time of 75 minutes, 10 runs shall be added to the total of the team batting second for every incomplete over. Any over in progress when the time limit is reached shall count as a completed over for calculation purposes.
- 6.3 Fielding circles at a radius of 30 yards centred on the two middle stumps will be applied. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders plus the bowler and wicket-keeper must be within the fielding circle. In the event of an infringement, the striker's end umpire shall call and signal no ball. For the first six overs of each innings only two fielders are permitted

to be outside the fielding circle at the time of delivery. See Chart 3 in the event of a reduced overs match.

- 6.4 In the event of a foot-fault no ball, a free hit shall be awarded for the next delivery for each foot-fault no ball bowled. If any other type of no ball is bowled or wide called during the delivery of a free-hit, one run shall be added to the total for the no ball or wide and another free hit shall be bowled next delivery.
- 6.5 A batsman may be given out off a free-hit in the same way as off a no ball (e.g. run out etc.), even if the free hit is called a wide. The field may not be altered for a free hit after a foot-fault no ball, unless the batsmen have changed ends.

## **7 Bad Weather provisions**

- 7.1 In matches where the start of play is delayed or suspended, the following rules shall apply:
- 7.2 The minimum length of a match shall be 12 overs per innings unless one or both teams have been bowled out in less than the agreed number of overs. The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the team batting first unless the latter have been bowled out in less than the agreed number of overs.
- 7.3 Where the start of the match is delayed overs will be reduced from the game at the rate of one per side for each completed period of 7 minutes delay (residual minutes to be discounted).
- 7.4 When the innings of the side batting first is suspended; on resumption they shall still be entitled to bat the full amount of overs they had at the start of the innings before their innings is closed. The team batting second will then bat for as many overs as deemed possible by the umpires.
- 7.5 When the innings of the side batting second is suspended and on resumption it is not possible for that team, to bat for the same number of overs as the side batting first; they will bat for as many overs as are deemed possible by the Umpires, provided the minimum of 12 overs are bowled in an innings.

## **8 The Match Result (Mini Group matches)**

## 8.1 Equal Overs Match

- 8.1.1 The winner will be the team scoring the most runs. If scores are equal the winner will be the side that has lost the least wickets. If still equal the side with the highest score at the end of the penultimate over, then if still equal at the end of the antepenultimate over and so on, shall be the winner.

## 8.2 Unequal Overs Match

- 8.2.1 If a match is abandoned the result shall be decided on average run rate throughout both innings provided the team batting second have received at least 12 overs;
- 8.2.2 If the team batting second has batted for as long as conditions permit and not received 12 overs, but have scored sufficient runs to have a higher overall scoring rate had they batted for 12 overs, they shall be the winners
- 8.2.2 If in the two cases above all is still equal proceed as in 8.1.1 to determine the match winners.

## 9 The Match Result (Knock Out matches)

- 9.1 In the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final, should the scores finish level regardless of the number of wickets which have fallen, a Golden Over shall be bowled. Each team shall select three batsmen and one bowler; each team bats for one over six-ball over with the team batting second in the original game now batting first. The loss of two wickets shall end the innings. If the scores finish level after the Golden Over, the team with the most six hits in their two combined innings shall be the winners. If still level, the team that has lost fewest wickets in their two combined innings shall be the winners. If still level, the winners will be the team with the highest score in the original game after 19 overs, then 18 and so on until a winner is found.
- 9.2 If in the view of the Umpires (or captains in games without non-playing umpires) there is insufficient light for a Golden Over then a bowl out should be used to decide the winners. Six bowlers from each side shall each bowl one ball and the most collective hits will decide the winner. If equal at the end of this the same bowlers will bowl in the same order on a sudden death basis until one pair has one hit and one miss to determine the winner.

### CHART 1: MAXIMUM OVERS PER BOWLER

20 overs:	4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 4
19 overs:	4 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 3
18 overs:	4 - 4 - 4 - 3 - 3
17 overs:	4 - 4 - 3 - 3 - 3
16 overs:	4 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3
15 overs:	3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3
14 overs:	3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 2
13 overs:	3 - 3 - 3 - 2 - 2
12 overs:	3 - 3 - 2 - 2 - 2

### CHART 2: MAXIMUM TIME PERMITTED TO BOWL OVERS

Overs to be bowled	Minutes Allowed 3.5 mins per over	Additional Allowance (mins)	Maximum Time to bowl overs
20	70	5	75
19	66.5	4.75	71
18	63	4.5	67.5
17	59.5	4.25	64
16	56	4	60
15	52.5	3.75	56
14	49	3.5	52.5
13	45.5	3.25	49
12	42	3	45

### CHART 3: FIELDING RESTRICTION OVERS

In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of 'fielding restriction overs' (fro) will be reduced as set out below. This applies to both the first and second innings of the match.

Overs in innings is	12 - 13; fro = 3
	14 - 16; fro = 4
	17 - 19; fro = 5

Following the 'fro' and for the remainder of the innings, at the instant of delivery a minimum of four fielders plus the bowler and wicket keeper must be within the fielding circle. In the event of any infringement to these restrictions, the strikers end umpire shall call and signal no ball.

## OVER 40's MATCH REGULATIONS

*(no rule changes made in 2022)*

1. (a) The object of the competition shall be to increase the interest in, and popularity of, the game of cricket as well as to encourage the late developer and delay imminent retirements.

(b) Membership shall be restricted to Full or Associate Member of the League unless otherwise determined by the Management Committee.

2. All players must be over the age of 40.
3. Only balls approved by the Cricket Committee shall be used in matches. Clubs will bowl with their own ball in each match. If a team does not use a League-approved ball the League may take action against that team, including a fine and/or deduction of points.

Pink balls must be used for the first two weeks, for the last week of the season and from the quarter-finals onwards. They may also be used in **all** other game, by mutual agreement.

4. All matches shall be of 20 overs per innings and shall start by 6.15 p.m. with bowlers restricted to a maximum of four overs. Matches that start at 6.30 p.m. shall still comprise 20 overs per innings. In matches which begin after 6.30 p.m. the captains may either agree to play the full 40 overs or reduce the number of overs per innings by one for every seven minutes lost. A minimum of 10 overs per innings must be bowled. In reduced games, the number of overs bowled by each bowler shall be reduced accordingly. Clubs are strongly urged not to cancel matches after 5 p.m. when visiting teams are normally en route.
5. When rain intervenes in a match after the game has started then if 10 overs or more are bowled in the second innings then the result is determined by average run rates. If ten overs are not possible then the match is abandoned unless the side batting second have already reached the target that would have been set for an innings of 10 overs in which case they are deemed the winners.
6. (a) Games which are cancelled due to rain may be re-arranged by mutual agreement provided they take place within 14 days of the original date and

no other League fixtures are affected. The Competition Secretary must be informed of all agreed new dates.

(b) In exceptional circumstances, fixtures may be reversed or played on an alternate day during the same week or the following week, by mutual agreement, in which case the Competition Secretary must be informed.

7. No player shall be permitted to play unless suitably attired for cricket. Teams may play in coloured clothing.
8. All matches shall be played under MCC rules except where otherwise provided for in these regulations.
9. Batsmen shall retire upon completion of the runs which take their score to 30 or more. They are not permitted to return to the crease later in the innings.
10. The results of all games must be recorded on Play Cricket no later than the Saturday after the match.. Failure to comply will result in a £15 fine.
11. Points shall be awarded as follows:
  - For a win: 4
  - For a tie: 3.
  - For a cancelled or abandoned game: 2.
  - For a defeat: 0.

Any match that finishes with level scores, regardless of wickets lost is to be classed as a tie.

Where a fixture is conceded the defaulting club shall forfeit the points, with 4 going to their opponents.

In the event of all matches being called off due to bad weather, the team defaulting shall receive no points and their opponents 2 points.

12. In the event of two (or more) teams having identical records that cannot be split using the criteria in Organisational & Admin matters then in order to establish the league order the average run rate in matches between the clubs will be used to determine positions.

13. Quarter-final games shall be played between the top two teams in each group, the group winners having home advantage. These games to be played on the Wednesday after the end of the group fixtures or by a later date to be agreed annually. The Competition Secretary to be notified of all agreed dates.
14. There shall be play-offs between the four quarter-final winners. These teams shall meet in the semi-final and final on a ground to be agreed annually on a Sunday date to be set by the Cricket Committee. A trophy shall be awarded to the play-off winners.
15. In the play-off semi-finals and final, should the scores finish level regardless of the number of wickets which have fallen, a Golden Over shall be bowled. Each team shall select three batsmen and one bowler; each team bats for one six-ball over with the team batting second in the original game batting first. The loss of two wickets shall end the innings. If the scores finish level, the team with most six hits in their two combined innings shall be the winners. If still level, the team which has lost fewest wickets in the two combined innings shall be the winners. If still level, there shall be a toss of the coin to decide the winners,
16. In the semi finals and final, when matches are being officiated by two Panel Umpires normal fielding circles at a radius of 30 yards centred on the two middle stumps will be applied. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders plus the bowler and wicket-keeper must be within the fielding circle. In the event of an infringement, the striker's end umpire shall call and signal no ball. Additionally a harsh interpretation will be applied to wides especially down the leg side.
17. The Management Committee shall agree to a League format proposed by clubs on a season-by-season basis. The champion team in each group shall be awarded a trophy. If two teams finish level on points in their group, they shall toss a coin once all the clauses in Organisation and Administrative Matters item 3 ii have been observed.
18. The home club in group fixtures and quarter-finals shall be responsible for providing adequate refreshments, preferably at the close of play.

## **CLUB DUTIES & ADVICE**

### **ANNUAL, SPECIAL, MANAGEMENT & OTHER MEETINGS:**

Clubs are reminded of the importance of attending AGM's, SGM's, Management Committee and other Special meetings which may be called during the year. Notices are sent by the League Secretary to club representatives at least two weeks in advance of AGMs and SGMs and one week for Management Committee and other meetings. Deputies may attend.

### **ARTIFICIAL PITCHES**

Artificial pitches may be used for senior League and Cup matches by mutual agreement between the captains. In Junior cricket, Their use is at the discretion of the home club who should give their opponents advance notice if possible.

### **AVERAGES**

1st XIs & 2nd XI averages will be taken from the Play Cricket results area but 3rd XI averages qualifiers should be submitted to the relevant 3rd XI Results secretary for inclusion in the Handbook by October 31st. Junior averages should be sent to the Junior Section secretary

### **BAD WEATHER PROVISIONS**

Clubs are expected to make all possible efforts to ensure that their grounds are fit to play in the event of bad weather. This requirement should take precedence over other activities such as warm-ups etc.

### **BELL**

All clubs are required to provide a bell which should be rung by the umpires five minutes before the start of play, and each subsequent session of play when the field shall be cleared.

### **COVERS**

All clubs must provide mobile covers sufficient to protect the whole of the pitch. In the event of an interruption for rain, the entire playing pitch should be covered immediately. It is mandatory that mobile covers are used in the preparation of pitches in days preceding matches and on match days. It is urged that sheets be used to cover run ups and nearby used pitches, but only in addition to mobile covers.

### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Clubs must provide at least two regularly checked e-mail addresses to the League Secretary for correspondence purposes.



## **LEAGUE PRESENTATION DINNER**

Clubs are expected to support the League's Annual Presentation Dinner and must buy at least three tickets for the event each year. Fines at a rate of the annual ticket price will be levied on any club failing to comply.

All fines listed above will be levied by the Treasurer and clubs will be expected to pay immediately they receive an invoice. They may appeal to the Competition Secretary where relevant, giving evidence to evidence such an appeal.

## **PAYMENT OF UMPIRES' EXPENSES**

Agreed expenses of Panel Umpires should be shared by the competing clubs and paid at the pre-match meeting with the Captains. It is the responsibility of the home Captain to inform the appointed Umpires by telephone if a match is cancelled. If an Umpire attends a ground and the match is not played, he will be entitled to full expenses.

## **PRE-MATCH MEETING BETWEEN CAPTAINS & UMPIRES**

Prior to the start and ideally at the toss a mandatory meeting should take place between the Captains and Umpires. The meeting should achieve the following:

1. Observation of the toss
2. Exchange of fully-completed match cards ensuring that the reverse is signed and all junior players age groups identified(1st XI games)
3. Handing over of the match balls and spares and verification of the same
4. Payment of umpires' expenses
5. Spirit of Cricket discussion and umpires' expectations about behaviour
6. 'Local rules' clarification (overhanging trees, obstructions within the playing area or the boundary, etc.)
7. Clarification of match regulations (fielding circles and interpretation of wides for cup matches)
8. Use of covers and who will move sightscreens
9. Official match time piece and back-up
10. Frequency and timing of intervals, drinks
11. Umpires have been advised that games should not start until all parts of the Code above have been fully discharged.

All parties should appreciate that Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and this pre-match meeting will render an efficient exchange and ensure good communications. Dialogue about the Spirit of Cricket is paramount.

## 12. RATE OF FINES

1. Defaulting on a 1st XI League or Cup match £50
2. Failing to provide a 1st XI scorer for a League match £40
3. Defaulting on a 2nd XI League or Cup match £30
4. Clubs will be fined 10 per cent of the total amount due for failing to pay their subscriptions in full by May 31st
5. Clubs will be fined £50 per month for failing to pay for their ordered supply of cricket balls by March 31st
6. Teams that are guilty of persistent maladministration may be subject to points penalties at the discretion of the cricket committee. This facility will only be used following repeated warnings and following a significant number of failures to comply. In the first instance within a season the penalty will be 5 points but subsequent offences can incur penalties up to 10 points. For clarification persistent maladministration can be defined as either conduct that is either wilful or very negligent.
7. Fines can be levied as part of a Disciplinary decision at an ad-hoc rate as determined by a Disciplinary or Appeal panel.
8. All other fines (most offences - but not all are detailed below) £15
  - i. **(Full member clubs only)** failing to attend an AGM, SGM, Management, meeting or any other mandatory meeting called by the League. Associate members are not required to attend meetings but those not represented at the April Management meeting will be responsible for any costs incurred in collecting or forwarding cricket balls, handbooks, etc.
  - ii. For each trophy not returned to the League Secretary by the required date as determined by the League Secretary in readiness for the Annual Dinner
  - iii. For each trophy returned to the League Secretary in an unacceptable condition (i.e. not cleaned, in a state of disrepair or not engraved to date)
  - iv. Fielding a 1st XI which does not contain 11 players
  - v. Failing to provide a scorer for 1st XI Cup matches
  - vi. Failing to submit a completed umpires assessment to the designated

- Umpires & Scorers Association officer for a 1st XI League matches within 4 days of the match (not required for cup matches)
- vii. Failing to phone/email an Over 40s match result by the stipulated time
  - x.. Failing to advise the relevant Results secretary of any change to a forthcoming League fixture (i.e. changes in venue, date or time)
  - xi. Failing to advise the relevant Results secretary or Coordinator in advance of the date of any League Cup match where the date is not pre-determined
  - xii. Failure of home clubs to enter their results on the League play-cricket.com web site accurately and on time, as defined below
  - xiii. Failing to Register a 1st/**2nd** XI player with the League on Play Cricket in a timely fashion
  - xiv. “Unsure” Play Cricket entries appearing after result cut off times

## RECORDING RESULTS ON LEAGUE WEB SITE

Home clubs must accurately enter results on their Play Cricket site results of all scheduled matches within the following time scales (from end of the match).

1st XI (league)	in summary by 10 pm, in full by 12 noon on the following day
1st XI (cup)	in summary by 10 pm, in full within 24 hours
All Other XI's (League & Cup)	in summary within 48 hours, in full within 96 hours

All League and Cup scorecards **are** to be completed without UNSURE entries being recorded.

Home teams must submit results as required for all matches played under the auspices of the League in the designated way. In cup games on neutral grounds the winning team takes the responsibility. Any cancellations should also be notified to the appropriate Competition Secretary.

In line with ECB directions and requirements, the live updating of results will be rolled out over the coming years starting with the 1st XI Premier League in 2019. It is expected that all clubs will be identifying potential issues and trying to find solutions - at this stage no sanctions will be imposed on clubs that fail

to use live updating but we will be looking for progress plans from Premier Clubs failing to comply.

Clubs should note the requirement regarding 3rd XI Sunday results: if these have not been recorded on the Play Cricket website 10 days after the scheduled date for the game, the home club will be notified by e-mail. If the result has still not been recorded after a further 4 days the home club will forfeit all points gained in the match. In the case of a team conceding ground advantage to their opponents, they will still be regarded as the home team.

Any queries should be routed to the following officers. Details for all the above are listed on page 6 of the handbook

1st XI games in League	Ian Sharrock
1st XI games in Cup	Jon Hacking
2nd XI games in League & Cup	Jon Hacking
3rd XI games in League & Cup	Brian Birtles
Over 40's Competition	Barrie Burns

## **ROLLING OF PITCHES**

The Captain of either team may request to have the pitch rolled before the toss is made at the start of any match.

## **SCORERS**

Scorers are urged to acknowledge umpires' signals by displaying a white or coloured disc clearly visible from the middle. Scorers should ensure that the number of overs remaining for play in the second innings is displayed in descending order.

## **TEAS / RESULT SHEETS ANOMALY**

Occasionally fixture list and/or ground constraints lead to some clubs having an uneven number of home and away fixtures.

Those whose home ground in any game is being played on should be treated as the side responsible for all 'home' team duties, such as the payment for teas and compilation and despatch of result sheets etc.

This means teams may be picking up the tab for more teas but, they do have the advantage of lower travel costs and increased bar revenues

## **WORKING CLOCK**

All clubs should display a large, accurate, working clock clearly visible to everyone on the field of play.



lost, individual batsmen's scores, last batsman out, overs used and the total of the team batting first. Whether the home or away team is batting should be indicated. Paintwork of the numbers and scoreboard should be in good condition. Automatic numbering for the total and overs is expected.

Electronic numbers should be adequate for the size of the ground and be clear for all spectators and players to see. Scorers are urged to indicate the number of overs of the team batting second in descending - not ascending order to be of assistance to newly-arrived spectators.

Scoreboxes in the Premier League should be properly equipped in accordance with electronic requirements. ALL clubs are urged towards having mains electricity laid on as Computer Scoring becomes the norm.

**COVERS:** Mobile frame covers must be provided. The minimum total size should be 24 yards long by 10 feet wide. Covers should be used to protect the pitch and in the preparation of the pitch in the days preceding the game - especially on Friday and Saturday nights - as well as on match days. Clubs are encouraged to use sheets to protect the bowlers' run ups.

It is emphasised that these sheets should be used to complement the mobile covers, and not as a substitute.

**MOPPING-UP & ROLLING EQUIPMENT:** Clubs must provide adequate mopping-up equipment for use during wet weather. The minimum equipment recommended is a Bow Dry mopping up machine . This work should be done under the supervision of the umpires.

A choice of light or heavy roller should be made available for use prior to and during all matches.

**BAD WEATHER PROVISIONS:** It is expected that the home team will ensure full access to all equipment needed to clean up in the event of adverse weather and to use it as soon as rain has ceased, or as directed by the umpires.

Clubs are also expected to make all efforts possible to ensure that grounds are fit to play in the event of bad weather.

This requirement should take precedence over other activities, such as warm-ups etc.

**GROUND SURROUNDS:** Surrounding areas should be regularly cut and neatly maintained. All paintwork should be in good condition. Suitable measures should be taken to ensure that lost ball time is minimised.

It is highly recommended that adequate seating is provided around the ground to encourage and accommodate spectators

**DRESSING ROOMS (players):** Dressing-rooms should be of a reasonable size for home and away teams and be clean and well decorated with adequate seating and hooks for clothes. The floor should be of suitable material for bare feet, nonslip and able to be disinfected. Ideally, dressing-rooms should have a window overlooking the field of play.

**SHOWERS:** A minimum of four showers should be provided in a hygienic area with nonslip flooring.

**TOILETS:** These should be adequate and hygienic. Separate WCs for men and women should be provided. A toilet for the disabled should be included in new buildings and in refurbishing plans.

**DRESSING-ROOMS (umpires):** Separate and secure changing rooms should be provided for umpires, of a similar standard to those for players and with easy access to the showers. They should also be of a reasonable size. Rooms must be lockable and if this is not possible, a secure locker should be provided.

**VIEWING AREA:** An adequate, sheltered, seated viewing area should be available for the batting team.

**HOSPITALITY:** Teas should be provided to a high standard. There should also be adequate bar facilities available for post-match hospitality. Clubs are urged to make food available for spectators if possible.

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** All club grounds, clubhouses and other facilities should comply with current Health and Safety legislation which comprises the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order and the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations.

**FIRST AID:** First aid equipment should be clearly displayed and available to all players and spectators.

Clubs are encouraged to train a member in first aid and to make a qualified first-aider available on match days.

The acquisition is urged of a defibrillator in the event of an emergency.

**CLOCK:** All clubs must display a large, working clock, visible from the pavilion and all other parts of the ground. The clock should be kept accurate at all times.

**BELL:** A fixed bell should be provided for use by the umpires to signal the imminence of the start of each session of play.

## **CRITERIA FOR SECOND ( 3rd, 4th & 5th XI) GROUNDS**

**SQUARE, OUTFIELD, BOUNDARY, SIGHT-SCREENS and HEALTH & SAFETY:** All requirements similar to Main Ground criteria.

**SCOREBOARD:** Adequate sized numbers should be provided on a board to indicate the running total, wickets down, last man and overs bowled.

**COVERS:** Mobile frame covers should be provided similar to Main Ground criteria. These covers should be in place on the pitch the night before the game.

**DRESSING-ROOMS:** Dressing rooms should be clean, well-decorated and of an adequate size for both teams.

**SHOWERS:** All players must have access to showers.

**TOILETS:** Adequate, clear and hygienic toilets and urinal facilities for men and women should be provided

**GROUND SURROUNDS:** Surrounds should be regularly cut and neatly maintained. All paintwork should be in good condition.

Suitable measures should be taken to ensure that lost ball time is minimised.

**ROLLER:** Adequate-sized choice of rollers should be made available for use before and during games.

**HOSPITALITY:** Teas should be of a high standard.

There should be adequate bar facilities for post-match hospitality.

**VIEWING AREA:** If the ground does not adjoin the dressing-rooms, a seated, covered area should be provided for the batting side.

**FIRST AID:** Adequate first aid kit should be clearly displayed and be available for use by players and spectators at all times. The acquisition is urged of a defibrillator in the event of an emergency.



# ORGANISATIONAL & ADMIN MATTERS

*(No changes in 2022)*

1. The League Championship shall be run by the **Cricket** Committee whose duty shall be to ensure the efficient running of the competitions within the framework of these rules and they will:
  - (a) Prepare League fixtures each season
  - (b) Ensure the accuracy of League tables on Play Cricket
  - (c) Ensure accurate recording of results of each match with the cooperation of the clubs
2. League Championship trophies, an Aggregate trophy, Runners Up awards and any other meritorious awards shall be authorised by the Committee and awarded annually on behalf of the League.
3. The Cricket Committee shall have the power to organise the League into divisions, with promotion and relegation at all levels considered necessary and have the power to designate the titles ascribed to each division.

In the event of two or more teams in any division gaining the same number of points, they shall be ranked as follows:

In descending order of matches won (including by concession);

If still equal, in ascending order of matches lost (including by concession)

If still equal, in descending order of batting bonus points gained;

If still equal, in descending order of bowling bonus points gained,

If still equal, the points gained in matches against each other;

If still equal, then if a title is at stake, it shall be shared,

Otherwise decided by the toss of a coin.

4. The League Disciplinary Code of Conduct shall apply to all matches played under the auspices of the League and to other matches involving clubs from the league as the Cricket Committee determine.
5. The League Disciplinary Code of Conduct can now be found under the Information tab on the League Website

***[www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk](http://www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk)***

6. Proposed alterations to Playing Regulations must be made in writing by clubs and submitted to the Secretary to arrive prior to the November Management Committee meeting.
7. These regulations may only be altered by a two thirds majority of the clubs present and voting at a Management Committee meeting.
8. The Management Committee shall delegate to the current Premier League clubs the right to alter the Premier League Match Regulations in line with current ECB guidelines and mandates.
9. A two thirds majority of such clubs present and voting at a Management Committee meeting shall be required for such an alteration. For the purposes of defining 'current' the League year shall start at the end of each playing season.
10. Representations against breaches of Match Regulations which involve potential points reductions will not be considered after October 31 of the same season.

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MANDATED BALLS 2022		
Match Type	Balls Permitted	Permitted Starting Condition of Balls
1st XI League	Dukes	New
2nd XI League	Readers Sovereign	New/Used
	Readers Imperial	New/Used
3rd XI League	Readers Sovereign	New/Used
1st XI Cup	Lords Platinum Plus	New
2nd XI Cup	Lords Platinum Plus	New/Used
3rd XI Cup	Readers Sovereign	New/Used

All new balls must be marked as Cheshire County League or Cheshire League sourced balls. For over 40's ball requirements see the Over 40's Regulations.

Given the recent changes in mandated balls leeway will be granted with regard to the origin of spares but balls must be in a reasonable condition and in 1st XI cricket must be approved as such by the standing umpires

LEAGUE STARTING TIMES 2022		
Match Type	Match Dates	Start Time
1st & 2nd XI League	unti 20th August	12:00
	from 27th August	11:30
3rd XI League	unti 7th August	14:00
	from 14th August	13:00

Evening cup matches and Over 40's matches are scheduled for a 18:15 start.

## MATCH FORMAT DETAILS

Minutes lost prior to start					Batting Bonus Points				
1st XI Prem	Other 1st XI & 2nd XI	3rd XI Prem	Other 3rd XI	Overs in match	Point 1	Point 2	Point 3	Point 4	Max overs per bowler
0				110	130	160	190	220	17
7				108	130	160	190	220	17
14				106	130	160	190	220	17
21				104	130	160	190	220	17
28				102	130	160	190	220	17
35	0			100	110	140	170	200	15
42	7			98	110	140	170	200	15
49	14			96	110	140	170	200	15
56	21			94	110	140	170	200	15
63	28			92	110	140	170	200	15
70	35	0		90	100	120	150	180	12
77	42	7		88	100	120	150	180	12
84	49	14		86	100	120	150	180	12
91	56	21		84	100	120	150	180	12
98	63	28		82	100	120	150	180	12
105	70	35	0	80	100	120	140	160	10
112	77	42	7	78	100	120	140	160	10
119	84	49	14	76	100	120	140	160	10
126	91	56	21	74	100	120	140	160	10
133	98	63	28	72	100	120	140	160	10
140	105	70	35	70	80	100	120	140	10
147	112	77	42	68	80	100	120	140	10
154	119	84	49	66	80	100	120	140	10
161	126	91	56	64	80	100	120	140	10
168	133	98	63	62	80	100	120	140	10
175	140	105	70	60	80	100	120	140	10