

# **WALKER *TIMBER* HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET LEAGUE**

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(Additions and amendments for 2024 are shown in italics)

## **L1 TITLE, OBJECT & CONSTITUTION**

### **L1.1 THE LEAGUE:**

The League shall be called the Huddersfield Cricket League (the League).

### **L1.2 OBJECTIVE OF THE LEAGUE:**

The object of the League shall be to organise and promote the best interests of the game of cricket.

### **L1.3 MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA:**

The League, and its member clubs, shall operate under the provision that membership is open to all, irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, social status and sexual orientation. (References in these Rules solely to the male gender are used purely as a space saving exercise.)

### **L1.4 MEMBER CLUBS:**

The League shall consist of the following member clubs:

Almondbury, Almondbury Wesleyan, Armitage Bridge, Barkisland, Birkby Rose Hill, Broad Oak, Cartworth Moor, Clayton West, Cumberworth United, Delph & Dobcross, Denby, Denby Dale, *Denby Grange*, Edgerton & Dalton, Emley Clarence, Flockton, Golcar, Hall Bower, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, Honley, Hoylandswaine, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall, Linthwaite, Marsden, Meltham, Mirfield, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers, Moorlands, Rastrick, Scholes, Shelley, Shepley, Skelmanthorpe, Slaithwaite, Thongsbridge, Thurstonland and Upperthong.

### **L1.5 PARTICIPATION:**

L1.5.1 Each club shall enter 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams and participate in the following competitions as appropriate:

League Competitions: The Premiership, Championship Conference or Alliance.

Cup Competitions: The Sykes Cup, Oddfellows Cup, T20 Trophy or T20 Shield, Paddock Shield and Earnshaw Cup.

L1.5.2 Any club may opt out of the T20 competitions provided they notify the Administration Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> September of the preceding year.

### **L1.6 RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEAMS WITH JUNIOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP:**

The League shall have overall responsibility for all teams of League clubs in membership of any junior league.

### **L1.7 EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION:**

The League will adopt, adhere to and apply the ECB Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Policy. Details of the policy can be viewed on the League website.

### **L1.8 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CODE:**

The League will adopt and enforce the provisions of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code. Details of the code can be viewed on the League website.

### **L1.9 GENERAL CONDUCT REGULATIONS:**

The League will adopt, adhere to and apply the ECB General Conduct Regulations (GCR) for Recreational Cricket. Details of the Regulations can be viewed on the League website.

## **L2 COUNCIL, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE & SUB COMMITTEES**

### **L2.1 THE COUNCIL:**

- L2.1.1 The League shall be governed by a Council consisting of a representative from each club together with a President, Chair, General Secretary, Administration & Disciplinary Secretary, Finance Secretary, Registration Secretary, Match Secretary, Media Secretary and Compliance & Safeguarding Officer (the Officers).
- L2.1.2 Life Vice-Presidents appointed under the provisions of Rule L2.2 shall be ex-officio members of the Council.
- L2.1.3 From time to time any posts in the Secretariat may be combined.
- L2.1.4 Each club shall send details of their representative, and other officials, to reach the General Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year. Any club who fails to meet this deadline will be fined £10, with an additional fine of £10 for each further week/s that the details are not received by the General Secretary.
- L2.1.5 If a representative is elected as an Officer of the League, his club shall appoint another representative to serve on the Council in his place.
- L2.1.6 The Council may appoint up to a maximum of five Life Vice-Presidents, who shall be persons considered to have rendered outstanding service to the League.
- L2.1.7 The Council may also appoint as a Life Member any person it considers has made a distinguished contribution to the League and/or the game of cricket.

### **L2.2 THE EXECUTIVE:**

- L2.2.1 A managing Executive Committee (the Executive) shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the League.
- L2.2.2 It shall consist of the Officers, two active Life Vice-Presidents and six club representatives elected annually in accordance with Rule L3.2.
- L2.2.3 The Executive may co-opt a further member plus any additional member(s) to make good any shortfall in the number of the elected club representatives.
- L2.2.4 The Executive may at any time appoint sub committees for any purpose it considers appropriate but, unless authorised, no sub-committee shall have the power to incur any financial liability on behalf of the League.

### **L2.3 DISCIPLINARY OR APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE:**

- L2.3.1 The Administration Secretary shall be responsible for the organising of any Disciplinary or Appeals Sub Committee, each of which shall consist of a minimum of three members.
- L2.3.2 The Disciplinary Sub Committee shall include the Chair or a Life Vice-President, and the Appeals Sub Committee shall include the President or a Life Vice-President.
- L2.3.3 No member shall sit on both Sub Committees in their consideration of the same case.

## **L3 MEETINGS**

### **L3.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- L3.1.1 Unless the Executive decides otherwise the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held during the first week in December.
- L3.1.2 The chair at the meeting shall be taken by the President, or in his absence, the Chair.

- L3.1.3 The business of the meeting shall include the election of Officers and the Executive for the ensuing year, the receipt and adoption, if approved, of the Annual Statement of Finance for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October and the declaration of the voting on any proposed new rules and/or rule amendments
- L3.1.4 Council members shall be notified in writing at least one week prior to the AGM of the meeting agenda and supplied with a copy of the unaudited Statement of Finance.
- L3.1.5 Any club not represented at the AGM shall be fined £10.

### **L3.2 NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:**

- L3.2.1 Nominations of Officers and Executive members may be made by any club and shall be sent to reach the Administration Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- L3.2.2 Elections may only be made from persons so nominated and only persons with at least two years Council service may be nominated for membership of the Executive or for the Office of Chair.
- L3.2.3 Any nominations for office shall be included in the AGM notification referred to in RuleL3.1.
- L3.2.4 In the absence of alternative nominations the existing Officers and Committee members, if willing to serve, shall be declared re-elected.

### **L3.3 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- L3.3.1 Special General Meeting (SGM) may be convened on the initiative of the President, the Chair or the General Secretary.
- L3.3.2 The General Secretary shall convene a SGM on receipt of written requests from at least one-third of the total number of clubs.
- L3.3.3 The chair at the meeting shall be taken by the Chair, or, in his absence, a deputy elected by the club representatives present.

### **L3.4 COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

- L3.4.1 Council and Executive meetings shall be held from time to time, as business shall require, subject to at least one such meeting being held each month.
- L3.4.2 The chair at the meeting shall be taken by the Chair or, in his absence, a deputy elected by the club representatives present in the case of a Council meeting, or by all the members of the Committee present in the case of an Executive meeting.
- L3.4.3 Council Meetings:
- L3.4.3.1 The Umpires Association (UA) may appoint a representative to attend Council meetings on its behalf.
  - L3.4.3.2 No business shall be transacted at any Council meeting unless at least one-third of the clubs are represented.
  - L3.4.3.3 If an appointed representative is unable to attend a Council meeting his/her club shall appoint a substitute representative for that meeting.
  - L3.4.3.4 If a club is not represented it shall be fined £5, which shall be doubled, then trebled for each subsequent absence during the calendar year.
- L3.4.4 Executive Meetings:
- L3.4.4.1 No business shall be transacted at any Executive meeting unless at least five members are present.
  - L3.4.4.2 Decisions made at any meeting shall be notified to, and be binding upon, all clubs.

L3.4.4.3 The Executive shall however be accountable to the Council and, at the request of any club representative at the next scheduled Council meeting, or at an SGM, shall provide an explanation for any such decision.

L3.4.4.4 In all matters of dispute the decision of the Council shall be final.

### **L3.5 MEETING PROTOCOLS:**

At the meetings detailed below all attendees listed shall be entitled to take part in discussions. All references to 'Chair' shall also apply to any appointed deputy.

Voting rights at such meetings shall be as follows:

L3.5.1 AGM, SGM and Council meetings: club representatives shall each have one vote with the Chair having a casting vote only. Other than the Chair's casting vote, Officers, Life Vice-Presidents and the UA representative shall have no vote.

L3.5.2 Executive meetings: Officers, other than the Chair, nominated Life Vice-Presidents and elected or co-opted members of the Executive shall each have one vote. The Chair shall have a casting vote only.

L3.5.3 Sub-committee meetings: all members shall each have one vote.

L3.5.4 At all meetings votes shall be given personally and not by proxy and, unless a ballot is demanded by any member present, shall be indicated by a show of hands. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules the result of the voting shall be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast.

## **L4 MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND INSURANCE**

### **L4.1 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:**

L4.1.1 Each club shall pay an annual subscription of **£91**.

L4.1.2 Annual subscriptions are to be received by the Finance Secretary by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May. Any club failing to meet this requirement shall be fined 10% of the balance owing for every week or part week during which it remains unpaid.

L4.1.3 The subscription shall be amended each odd numbered year by applying the percentage change in the RPI for the preceding two-year period, November to October, and calculated to the nearest £1.

L4.1.4 The Executive shall call upon clubs to contribute such further sums to League funds as may be considered necessary, including all Yearbook costs.

### **L4.2 PUBLIC LIABILITY:**

L4.2.1 All clubs shall take out public liability insurance, with a minimum indemnity cover of £5m.

L4.2.2 Each season a copy of the relevant cover-note or appropriate policy documentation, shall be sent to the Administration Secretary to be received by no later than the second Saturday in April.

L4.2.3 For clubs with a Policy renewal date within the season the relevant documentation should be received at least one week before the expiry date of the current policy.

L4.2.4 Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine of £5 for each day beyond which the appropriate information has not been received by the Administration Secretary, culminating in the suspension of the club concerned if the copy is not received. No liability shall be incurred by the League, the Executive or any Officer of the league due to the failure of any club to meet the requirements of this Rule.

#### **L4.3 APPLICATION TO JOIN THE LEAGUE:**

An application for membership of the League by a club must reach the General Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January in respect of the following year. It shall be considered and decided by the Executive subject to the requirements of Rule L3.4.4.

#### **L4.4 JOINING FEE:**

Any club admitted shall pay an entrance fee equal to twice the amount of the annual subscription which shall include the first year's subscription.

#### **L4.5 RESIGNING FROM THE LEAGUE:**

Any club wishing to resign from the League must give notice in writing to the General Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> June in the year previous to the season in which they intend to cease membership of this League.

#### **L4.6 MINIMUM STANDARDS:**

L4.6.1 Clubs are expected to achieve the minimum standards (listed below) for grounds and facilities as required by the following legislation.

L4.6.2 To ensure these standards are maintained, regular inspections will be carried out by members of the League Executive, and where clubs are in breach of the expected standards, they will be advised in writing of any remedial action required. Any club who fails to take the required action over an agreed time scale could be subject to an appropriate fine, or in severe cases a deduction of league points.

#### **The set of Minimum Standards are reproduced below:**

##### L4.6.3 First Aid:

L4.6.3.1 Clubs should have a well-stocked and accessible first aid kit available for all games.

L4.6.3.2 It is recommended that there is a qualified first aider in attendance at all games.

##### L4.6.4 Seating:

L4.6.4.1 Any seating which is provided for games should be safe and well maintained

##### L4.6.5 Changing Rooms:

L4.6.5.1 Both home and away changing rooms should be clean and tidy, ideally with sufficient space for each team.

L4.6.5.2 Both changing room doors should be lockable, with keys provided.

##### L4.6.6 Showers:

L4.6.6.1 Clubs should have a clean and tidy functioning shower area for both teams.

L4.6.6.2 Access to the shower area should not be via a public area, and privacy of the area should be ensured.

##### L4.6.7 Umpires' Room:

L4.6.7.1 Clubs should supply a separate changing area, exclusively for the use of the umpires.

L4.6.7.2 The room should be clean and tidy with sufficient changing space for two umpires.

L4.6.7.3 The doors of the umpires' room should be lockable, with keys provided.

#### L4.6.8 Playing Area:

L4.6.8.1 Clubs shall provide a well-maintained playing area and outfield.

L4.6.8.2 Pitches shall be marked out as per MCC Law 7.

L4.6.8.3 There shall be well defined and accurate boundary edge markings.

L4.6.8.4 Any non-turf pitch must be well maintained.

#### L4.6.9 Scorebox/Scoreboard

*L4.6.9.1 All clubs should provide a clean, tidy and private space for both scorers which they should use together at all times.*

L4.6.9.2 *Scoring areas* shall be safe, self-contained, covered and easily accessible.

L4.6.9.3 All scoreboards shall have a clear display, and provide a minimum of: "current innings total" "wickets" "overs" and "1st innings score".

L4.6.9.4 As a minimum the "current innings total" should be changed at the end of each over, and the others as appropriate.

L4.6.9.5 All detail on the scoreboard shall be individually defined with the appropriate labelling.

L4.6.9.6 All Premiership clubs should ideally have a continually changing ball by ball manual or electronic scoreboard display.

#### L4.6.10 Sight Screens:

L4.6.10.1 Clubs shall have two well-maintained sight screens in use at all games, unless prior dispensation has been given by the Executive Committee.

*L4.6.10.2 All Premiership (and Championship) clubs should extend rule L.4.6.10.1 to include 2 sight screens at both ends of the ground.*

#### L4.6.11 Covers:

L4.6.11.1 Clubs should provide adequate fit for purpose covers, in order to protect the immediate playing area and bowler's run ups.

#### L4.6.12 Machinery:

L4.6.12.1 Clubs should ensure that both a heavy and light roller are available for use during match days.

L4.6.12.2 All clubs shall ensure that they have adequate machinery to maintain the playing area, together with acceptable arrangements for the preparation and maintenance of the outfield.

#### L4.6.13 Surrounds:

L4.6.13.1 Any painted walls, grassed or other areas should be presentable and regularly maintained.

#### L4.6.14 Scoring:

L4.6.14.1 Electronic scoring with on line Wi-Fi or data connectivity to Play Cricket Scorer or Play Cricket Scorer Pro to be used by clubs at all games.

### **L5 PLAYER REGISTRATION - PROCEDURES**

#### **L5.1 REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

L5.1.1 The registration process requires both the completion of an up-to-date Registration, Transfer and Declaration Form (RTDF) and the completion of a League Registered Player (LRP) nomination on the club's Play-Cricket website, *including assigning a Category to the player as per Rule L5.4*. This process is only complete when the LRP nomination has been authorised by the Registration Secretary. The player will then be deemed to be a registered player of the club, and be subject to the provisions of Rule L6.

L5.1.2 Any club wishing to register a player whether by transfer or otherwise, shall ensure that the RTDF is duly completed in accordance with the provisions of this Rule or the special provisions of Rule L9.2. The responsibility for an accurate, and on time, registration lies jointly with the player and the applying club.

L5.1.3 If a player is registered incorrectly, and subsequently plays in a match/es he shall be deemed to be ineligible and the provisions of Rule L6.2 shall apply.

### **L5.2 ANNUAL AUDIT OF REGISTRATIONS:**

L5.2.1 Each club Secretary shall review their current list of League Registered Players, *including the Player category in accordance with their current circumstances*, on the Club's Play-Cricket website, and in writing each year notify the Registration Secretary of any *changes*, by not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **L5.3 PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

L5.3.1 Subject to Rule L6 a player who becomes a member of a club, and who is not currently registered with another club, may be registered by following the process outlined in Rule L5.1. If this process is completed by no later than midnight on a Friday, then the player shall be eligible to play for his club from the following Saturday.

L5.3.2 Subject to Rule L6 a player who wishes to transfer from another club to a League club, may be registered by following the process outlined in Rule L5.1., but taking note of the transfer procedures included in the RTDF and/or LRP nomination on the club's Play-Cricket website. The player's eligibility to play for his club shall be as defined in Rule L5.3.1.

L5.3.3 The Registration Secretary shall publish notice of the registration on the League website.

L5.3.4 Overseas players, players requiring a transfer and players who have played competitive open-age cricket anywhere in the world during the current or previous two seasons may not be registered between 1<sup>st</sup> August and the end of the season.

L5.3.5 In all cases of registration the burden of proof lies totally with the applying club and the player.

L5.3.6 The Executive reserve the right to refuse, or cancel, any registration should a player fail to produce for examination, within seven days of being given notice, the necessary documentation when demanded by the Registration Secretary. This examination, by any nominated Executive member, shall include any papers from the Home Office (Immigration & Nationality Directorate), a Birth Certificate, a Passport, a National Insurance Card and/or any other qualification detail.

### **L5.4 PLAYER CATEGORIES:**

L5.4.1 *Category 1: a Player may be registered as a "Category 1 Player" if*

*L5.4.1.1 they are: EITHER (i) a British or Irish citizen; or (ii) an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, with settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, **OR***

*L5.4.1.2 has been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 210 days between 1 April and 31 March in the year preceding their participation in the relevant League, **PLUS** in either L5.4.1.1 or L5.4.1.2*



*L5.4.1.3 has not played cricket as a local/domestic player in any ICC Full Member Country (except England) in the 12-month period up to and including 31 March before the season in question, or at any time subsequently before or after applying to be, and being registered as a Category 1 Player.*

*L5.4.2 Category 2: A Category 2 Contracted Player is defined as a player (capped or uncapped) qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations and, currently, under contract to a First-Class County Club or MCC Young Cricketers. For the purposes of clarification, a contracted player is one who has a current full playing contract, a summer contract or a development (scholarship) contract, but not an Academy contract (16-19 years).*

*L5.4.3 Category 3: A player who does not meet the criteria for either Category 1 or 2.*

## **L6 PLAYER REGISTRATION - GENERAL**

### **L6.1 PLAYER & CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

L6.1.1 Players who have been duly registered in accordance with Rule L5 or Rule L9.2 (on day 2<sup>nd</sup> XI registration) shall be subject to all the provisions of this Rule.

L6.1.2 A club shall only register players who have fully complied with its membership requirements.

### **L6.2 PLAYING AN UNREGISTERED/INELIGIBLE PLAYER:**

L6.2.1 A player shall only play in League matches for the club with which he is registered and, other than via Rule L6.4, no person who is not a League Registered Player regardless of age shall be eligible to play for any club in any League match.

L6.2.2 A team playing an ineligible player shall, be fined £40 and have six points deducted from its league record for each contravention.

L6.2.3 A team shall also forfeit any points gained from the match and the opposing team shall be awarded the six points under the provisions of Rule L7.4.

L6.2.4 Where no play is possible the opposing team shall only receive the two points available for an abandoned match.

### **L6.3 JUNIOR PLAYER REGISTRATION RESTRICTION:**

L6.3.1 No player under the age of 12 on the 1st September in the year preceding the season may register to play in adult cricket, unless they satisfy the "ECB Guidelines for Junior players in Open Age Group Cricket" - Page 34.

L6.3.2 Players 12 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year preceding the season, plus those who qualify via Rule L6.3.1, may play in adult cricket provided that parental consent is given via Part 1a of the RTDF during the Registration Process.

### **L6.4 LOAN OF PLAYERS UNDER THE AGE OF 17:**

L6.4.1 A registered player aged 17 or under may play in a Second Eleven for another club without a formal transfer, provided the latter club obtains:

L6.4.1.1 The prior permission of the club with which the player is registered.

L6.4.1.2 Gives written notification of the arrangement to the Registration Secretary immediately it has been made.

### **L6.5 REGISTRATION EXCEPTIONS:**

L6.5.1 Except as provided by Rule L5.3.2, no player shall be registered by more than one club during the same season.

L6.5.2 No Test cricketer currently playing at First Class level, or a contracted county cricketer who has played in the County Championship during the current season, shall be eligible to play in the last six League matches of a season unless he has previously played in a minimum of four League matches for his club during that season.

L6.5.3 With the exemption of "Home Grown" players, only one Category 2 Contracted Player shall be registered at a club at any one time.

L6.5.3.1 Any club wishing to apply for "Home Grown" status for a player must provide written evidence of such to the General Secretary. Their claim will be considered within seven days of receipt, and the decision made shall be final.

### **L6.6 CATEGORY 3 PLAYERS:**

L6.6.1 Only one person who is designated a Category 3 player shall be registered at a club at any one time.

L6.6.2 The registration shall be made each season, and not until after his arrival in the UK.

*L6.6.3 After this time a Category 3 player may only be changed with the agreement of the Executive.*

### **L6.7 PLAYING IN ANOTHER LEAGUE or COMPETITION:**

If a registered player plays in another league or competition on a date when his club is playing in a League fixture, his registration shall be cancelled for the remainder of that season, unless:

L6.7.1 He is required to do so by a County Club to which he is contracted, or

L6.7.2 The match in which he plays is a recognised international fixture, or

L6.7.3 The Executive, at its discretion, decides otherwise.

### **L6.8 SUSPENDED PLAYERS:**

No player subject to suspension or other disciplinary action under the jurisdiction of any other league or competition may be registered.

### **L6.9 ACCEPTANCE OF LEAGUE RULES:**

It shall be a condition of registration that the player accepts the authority of the League's Rules, including the result of any relevant disciplinary action taken there under. In the case of a contracted player, whether UK or Overseas, the agreement between the player and the club shall include a written acknowledgement by the player of his obligations under this Rule.

### **L6.10 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS:**

League selection committees shall have priority in the choice of players chosen for any League representative teams. This priority will also extend to those selected to play in the Joe Lumb Cricket Competition.

### **L6.11 RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS:**

All club officials and players should carefully read and understand this rule and Rule L5, in conjunction with YCB Rules regarding Transfer of Players, when dealing with any transfer of a player from one club to another, irrespective of whether it is within this League or between leagues.

## **L7 FIXTURES, POINTS & AVERAGES**

### **L7.1 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION:**

There shall be independent promotion and relegation between all divisions as outlined in Rule L7.6.

## **L7.2 SEASON COMMENCEMENT:**

The season shall begin on the third Saturday in April.

## **L7.3 START DATE & TIME:**

All matches shall be played on dates arranged by the Match Secretary and the scheduled starts shall be:

Premiership; Championship and Conference matches: April - August: 12.30pm.  
*September: 12 Noon.*

All Alliance matches: 1.00pm.

No match shall be re-arranged without the approval of the Executive.

## **L7.4 LEAGUE POINTS:**

League points shall be awarded as follows:

L7.4.1 SIX POINTS: for a win - team scoring most runs (note Duckworth Lewis Stern) or if the opposing team fails to meet the requirements of Rule L7.5.

L7.4.2 NO POINTS: for a loss - team scoring least runs, plus any performance points.

L7.4.3 FOUR POINTS: for a tie - both teams scoring the same number of runs (note Duckworth Lewis Stern).

L7.4.4 TWO POINTS: Incomplete, or abandoned, match due to adverse weather, where no result has been achieved (note Duckworth Lewis Stern).

L7.4.5 Performance Points: To be awarded in the second innings only and only to the losing team:

L7.4.5.1 Batting:

L7.4.5.1.1 Scoring 75% of the 1<sup>st</sup> innings total, or the final revised 1<sup>st</sup> innings total - 1 performance point awarded.

L7.4.5.1.2 Scoring 90% of the 1<sup>st</sup> innings total, or of the final revised 1<sup>st</sup> innings total - 1 further performance point awarded.

L7.4.5.1.3 All % calculations shall be rounded up to the next whole figure

L7.4.5.1.4 Batting performance points are retained if the batting team is all out.

L7.4.5.2 Bowling:

L7.4.5.2.1 Taking 6 wickets - 1 performance point awarded.

L7.4.5.2.2 Taking 8 wickets - 1 further performance point awarded.

## **L7.5 UNFULFILLED FIXTURES:**

L7.5.1 Any club unable to fulfil a fixture must at the earliest opportunity contact, and receive acknowledgement from:

L7.5.1.1 The Match & Registration Secretary

L7.5.1.2 The Fixtures Secretary of the Umpires' Association and,

L7.5.1.3 The Secretary of the opposing club.

L7.5.2 A club which concedes a League match will receive no points, be fined £50, and provided at least one game throughout the League on the day has been completed, the 6 points for a win will be awarded to the opposing team. Should no games be completed on that day the opposing team will be awarded 2 points for an abandoned match.

L7.5.3 In the event that the transgressors are the away side they will be required to pay a further £100 in compensation to their opponents.

L7.5.4 In addition, a team conceding a league game shall be penalised a further 2 points for the first concession, 4 points for second concession and 6 points for each further concession.

L7.5.5 In any event the transgressors will also be required to pay both umpires full all-inclusive expenses should the said umpires, have attended the match or not been allocated an alternative fixture.

### **L7.6 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION:**

L7.6.1 In each division the team which has the highest number of points at the end of the season shall be declared Champions. Promotion and relegation shall be determined as follows, but with the provisos listed in Rules L7.6.2 - Rule L7.6.7

L7.6.1.1 The bottom two teams in the Premiership being replaced by the winners and runners-up of the Championship.

L7.6.1.2 The bottom two teams in the Championship being replaced by the two highest finishing 1<sup>st</sup> XI teams in the Conference.

L7.6.1.3 The bottom two teams in the Conference being replaced by the winners and runners up of the Alliance.

L7.6.1.4 The bottom two teams in the Alliance being replaced by the winners and runners-up of Alliance 2.

L7.6.1.5 The bottom two teams in Alliance 2 being replaced by the winners and runners-up of Alliance 3.

L7.6.1.6 The bottom two teams in Alliance 3 being replaced by the winners and runners-up of Alliance 4.

L7.6.2 No 2<sup>nd</sup> XI can be promoted into the Premiership or Championship. Promotion places into the Championship will be taken by the two highest finishing 1<sup>st</sup> XI teams in the Conference.

L7.6.3 No 2<sup>nd</sup> XI team can be promoted into a section containing its 1<sup>st</sup> XI team. In these circumstances the promotion place will be taken by the highest finishing qualifying team.

L7.6.4 If a 1<sup>st</sup> XI team is relegated into a division containing its 2<sup>nd</sup> XI team, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI team will also be relegated, and the highest qualifying team will not be relegated.

L7.6.5 No 1<sup>st</sup> XI team can be relegated below the Alliance, unless finishing in a relegation position during two consecutive seasons, or by request of the club, after finishing in a relegation position. The relegation place or places will be taken by the lowest qualifying team/s in the Alliance.

L7.6.6 No 1<sup>st</sup> XI team can be relegated from Alliance 3 into Alliance 4. In these circumstances the relegation place will be taken by the lowest finishing qualifying team in Alliance 3.

L7.6.7 No club can play in the Premiership or Championship without ECB Clubmark accreditation.

*L7.6.8 Any club in the Premiership or Championship that has Clubmark accreditation denied or removed by the ECB will be relegated.*

*L7.6.8.1 In the case of a Premiership club this will mean relegation to the Championship, and if they do not achieve Clubmark accreditation in the following year they will face a further relegation.*

*L7.6.8.2 In the case of a Championship club this will mean relegation to the Conference, and they will not be eligible for promotion back to the Championship until they secure Clubmark accreditation.*

*L7.6.9 The Executive are empowered to decide on any issues surrounding promotion and relegation, which are not wholly covered by the rules above.*

### **L7.7 TIE BREAKERS:**

L7.7.1 In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points, positions in the League table shall be determined by reference to the results obtained during the season in the following order of priority:

L7.7.1.1 The greatest number of wins achieved.

L7.7.1.2 The highest points per game average achieved, exclusive to all head to head games amongst the two or more teams.

L7.7.1.3 The better or best average of runs achieved, for and against per wicket.

L7.7.2 In the event of clubs having the same number of points over the last 6 games of the season, the above criteria (over the last six games) will apply to determine outright winners of the Hopkinson Trophy and Schweppes Cup.

### **L7.8 SUBMISSION OF AVERAGES:**

Each club shall send the following information for all their current players, within two weeks of the last League match of the season, to the Match Secretary for both 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs, having regard to the qualifications shown below. Performances in matches not completed because of inclement weather shall be included. Nil returns shall be made where there is no qualifier, making a total of sixteen returns for the two Elevens.

L7.8.1 League matches only:

L7.8.1.1 Best batter's average:

Premiership; Championship and Conference - 400 runs.

Alliance - 300 runs.

For qualification purposes, the player must have batted in at least 50% of the scheduled matches for the relevant division.

L7.8.1.2 Best bowler's average:

*Premiership; Championship and Conference - 35 wickets.*

Alliance: - 25 wickets.

L7.8.1.3 Best wicketkeeper's record (leading wicketkeeper in each team).

L7.8.1.4 Best fielder's record (the leading fielder in each team, excluding any catches as wicketkeeper).

L7.8.2 All League and Sykes Cup, Oddfellows Cup, Paddock Shield and Earnshaw Cup matches combined:

L7.8.2.1 List of all batter's averages:

Premiership; Championship and Conference - 450 runs.

Alliance - 325 runs.

For qualification purposes, the player must have batted in at least 50% of the scheduled matches plus one, for the relevant section, e.g. 26 matches - 14 innings; 23 matches - 13 innings.

L7.8.2.2 List of all bowlers' averages:

Premiership; Championship and Conference - 40 wickets.

Alliance - 30 wickets.

L7.8.2.3 List of all wicketkeepers' records.

L7.8.2.4 List of three leading fielders' records (excluding matches as wicketkeeper).

L7.8.3 Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be fined £50.

## **L8 MATCH PROCEDURES & RESULTS**

### **L8.1 MATCH CONDUCT:**

All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, including the Spirit of Cricket and all ECB Directives, Guidelines & Regulations, with the exception of MCC Law 42.1.4 where the batsman at the wicket may deputise for their captain, except as otherwise provided by this Rule.

### **L8.2 ADMISSION FEE:**

L8.2.1 The home club shall have a choice of taking a collection or charging the following admission fees for Premiership; Championship and Conference fixtures: Adults: £1.50 and Concessions £1.00.

L8.2.2 For all Alliance matches the home club shall have the option to charge admission fees, but any such fees shall not exceed half of the above amounts.

### **L8.3 PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING AREA:**

L8.3.1 No pitch shall be artificially watered, or in any way tampered with, during the period commencing 36 hours before the scheduled start of a match. A club who contravenes this Rule shall be fined £20 and have six points deducted from its total.

L8.3.2 After the toss, the pitch may then be rolled for not more than 7 minutes.

L8.3.3 The captain of the side batting second may require the pitch to be swept and rolled, with a choice of roller, for not more than 7 minutes between the innings. All rolling, whether mandatory or optional, and sweeping shall be the responsibility of the home club, and shall be supervised by the umpires.

### **L8.4 COVERING THE PITCH:**

L8.4.1 Clubs should use covers at the earliest opportunity, to protect the pitch and surrounding areas when inclement weather threatens a prompt or delayed start of play, and also at any interruptions in play due to inclement weather.

L8.4.2 Umpires are asked to report on the Team and Match Report Form (TMRF), where no reasonable efforts have been made to comply with the above, in order for the Executive to take any appropriate action.

### **L8.5 FITNESS OF THE PITCH FOR PLAY:**

L8.5.1 The umpires shall be the only judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light, both before and during the match.

L8.5.2 In order for play to start, continue or resume, both umpires should agree, at all times, that conditions do not present an actual and foreseeable risk of injury to any player or umpire.

L8.5.3 No match shall be cancelled or abandoned by the umpires on account of adverse weather or ground conditions until at least one hour after the scheduled start.

L8.5.4 The visiting captain may object to the condition of the pitch, other than damage caused by adverse weather, before the scheduled start of a match.

L8.5.5 If the objection is allowed by the umpires, whose decision shall be final, they shall order the home club to prepare another pitch under their supervision

L8.5.6 If after play has started on time, the umpires consider a pitch to be unsuitable and/or dangerous, and less than 30 overs have been bowled, they shall

proceed as above and start a new match applying the conditions of Rule L8.10. Should 30 overs or more have been completed the match shall be abandoned.

L8.5.7 If the umpires disagree on the condition of the pitch, the match shall NOT be played, or continued, on the original pitch. In all cases the umpires shall forward a joint report to the Match Secretary.

L8.5.8 A club whose ground has not been fully prepared for play to start as scheduled, or either of whose teams is not ready to start play as scheduled with the minimum seven players, irrespective of adverse weather, shall be reported on the TMRF, and shall be fined £5 plus £1 for each minute by which the start of the match is delayed.

### **L8.6 NOMINATION OF PLAYERS:**

L8.6.1 Before the toss is made, the team captains shall:

L8.6.1.1 List their players taking part in the match on the TMRF, and pass a copy to the senior umpire together along with the match balls for each innings.

L8.6.1.2 State on the TMRF the ages of any player under 19 years of age on the 31<sup>st</sup> August in the previous year.

L8.6.2 Only players named on the TMRF shall be allowed to bat, bowl or keep wicket in the match, although with the permission of the umpires a substitute fielder may be allowed to keep wicket.

L8.6.3 In an emergency a captain may list one entry as a "2<sup>nd</sup> XI player" in anticipation of a late arrival, provided that the player falls into the category.

L8.6.4 A minimum of seven players is required to start a match and at least five must be 16 years or over.

### **L8.7 THE TOSS:**

L8.7.1 The toss for the choice of innings shall take place on the field of play and between the two captains, with at least one umpire present.

L8.7.2 The captains shall toss for choice of innings not earlier than 30 minutes, nor later than 15 minutes, before the start of play and from that time no further practice shall be allowed.

L8.7.3 The captain winning the toss shall announce his intentions to bat or bowl to the opposing captain and umpires immediately after the toss.

L8.7.4 At the toss the umpires must confirm who has been appointed as the Duckworth Lewis Stern Match Manager (DLSMM).

### **L8.8 THE MATCH BALL:**

L8.8.1 In all Premiership, Championship and Conference matches each team shall use a new ball which shall be of a brand and grade approved by the Executive, and purchased from the League.

L8.8.2 In all Alliance *matches* each team shall use its own ball which meets the above criteria. It need not be new, but must be of acceptable quality.

L8.8.3 Match balls shall be handed to the umpires for their approval before they take the field of play.

L8.8.4 Subject to any special arrangements made by the home club the batting side shall be responsible for organising a search for any ball lost during play.

## **L8.9 THE SCORER:**

L8.9.1 Teams shall ensure that at all matches, and at all times a responsible person is available to carry out the duty of scorer.

L8.9.2 No match shall commence, or continue, unless one person representing each team occupies the area designated for scoring duties.

## **L8.10 LENGTH OF INNINGS:**

L8.10.1 In all Premiership, Championship and Conference matches each team shall bowl a maximum of 50 overs.

L8.10.2 In all Alliance matches each team shall bowl a maximum of 45 overs.

L8.10.3 In the event of play not starting as scheduled, due to adverse weather or ground conditions, the umpires shall reduce each team's overs by one for every full period of six minutes of playing time lost, allowing for a minimum of a 20 overs per side game.

L8.10.4 The decision to start matches shall be made as follows:

L8.10.4.1 Premiership, Championship and Conference: no later than 3 hours after the scheduled start time.

L8.10.4.2 Alliance: no later than 2½ hours after the scheduled start time.

L8.10.4.3 In all the above matches the start shall be made within a further half hour, and in these circumstances the tea interval will already have been taken.

L8.10.5 Latest starts times:

L8.10.5.1 Premiership, Championship and Conference: 4.00pm. *September: 3.30pm.*

L8.10.5.2 Alliance: 4.00pm.

L8.10.6 During each innings the home club shall ensure that the number of overs to bowl is clearly indicated on the scoreboard.

L8.10.7 Once the first ball of the game has been bowled there shall be no reduction in overs other than as described under Rule L8.18 - Interrupted Games. Any such reduction shall be an even number of full overs which shall be applied equally to both innings until the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> innings. The scheduled length of the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings must be full overs and can never be longer than the final scheduled length of the 1<sup>st</sup> innings.

## **L8.11 NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER:**

L8.11.1 *In Premiership, Championship and Conference matches*, no bowler may bowl more than 15 overs in an innings. If the overs are reduced due to a delayed start, an agreed reduction of overs or by interruptions to games, the maximum overs permitted per bowler will be as follows:

| Length of Innings | Maximum overs per bowler | Length of Innings | Maximum overs per bowler |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 50-47 overs       | 15 overs                 | 33-31 overs       | 10 overs                 |
| 46-44 overs       | 14 overs                 | 30-28 overs       | 9 overs                  |
| 43-41 overs       | 13 overs                 | 27-25 overs       | 8 overs                  |
| 40-38 overs       | 12 overs                 | 24-21 overs       | 7 overs                  |
| 37-34 overs       | 11 overs                 | 20 overs          | 6 overs                  |



L8.11.2 *In Alliance matches, no bowler may bowl more than 12 overs in an innings. If the overs are reduced due to a delayed start, an agreed reduction of overs or by interruptions to games, the maximum overs allowed per bowler will be as follows:*

| <i>Length of Innings</i> | <i>Maximum overs per bowler</i> | <i>Length of Innings</i> | <i>Maximum overs per bowler</i> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>45-42 overs</i>       | <i>12 overs</i>                 | <i>30-27 overs</i>       | <i>8 overs</i>                  |
| <i>41-38 overs</i>       | <i>11 overs</i>                 | <i>26-23 overs</i>       | <i>7 overs</i>                  |
| <i>37-34 overs</i>       | <i>10 overs</i>                 | <i>22-20 overs</i>       | <i>6 overs</i>                  |
| <i>33-31 overs</i>       | <i>9 overs</i>                  |                          |                                 |

L8.11.3 In Alliance 2,3 and 4 matches, each bowler shall be allowed to bowl a maximum of 9 overs.

If the overs are reduced due to a delayed start, an agreed reduction of overs or by interruptions to games, then the maximum overs per bowler shall be reduced by one over for every five overs deducted. Where the total overs are not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.

L8.11.4 Any incomplete over, which needs to be completed at the time of a stoppage due to inclement weather, must be completed by the same bowler at the restart of play, even though this could take him beyond the newly calculated maximum overs per bowler.

### **L8.12 "LEG SIDE WIDE":**

*In Premiership, Championship, Conference and Alliance matches deliveries passing wide of the leg stump, and outside the line of the batsman's body, that do not come into contact with the bat or any part of the batsman's person, shall be called WIDE.*

### **L8.13 RESTRICTIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF FIELDERS:**

L8.13.1 In all matches a fielding zone shall be drawn on the field of play. This shall consist of two semi-circles having respective centres at each middle stump, and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. The radius of each of the circles shall be 30 yards, but where any part of this zone would impinge within five yards of the boundary line then it shall be drawn at that limitation. The perimeter of the fielding zone shall be marked by a series of white discs.

L8.13.2 A minimum of 4 fielders, plus the bowler and the wicketkeeper must be inside the fielding zone, at the instant of delivery, throughout the innings. In the event of any infringement the umpire at square leg shall call and signal "no ball".

L8.13.3 *In Premiership, Championship, Conference and Alliance matches*, at the instant of delivery, there shall be no more than 5 fielders on the leg side. In the event of any infringement the umpire at square leg shall call and signal "no ball".

### **L8.14 SLOW OVER RATE:**

L8.14.1 All instances of slow over rates shall be reported by the umpires on the TMRF.

L8.14.2 If the fielding team exceed the actual playing time (drinks breaks, injuries and unavoidable stoppages are not to be included as playing time) then:

L8.14.2.1 they shall be fined £5 plus £3 for each completed, or partially completed over started thereafter, and also

*L8.14.2.2 from the start of the next new over, a minimum of five fielders (plus the bowler and the wicketkeeper) must be inside the fielding zone for the remainder of the innings.*

L8.14.3 For the purpose of this Rule actual playing time shall start when the first ball of the innings is bowled. If an innings is interrupted by adverse weather that timing shall be suspended when the umpires have removed the bails and shall re-start with the first ball after the interruption.

L8.14.4 In matches where the start is delayed through adverse weather, or because of any in game interruptions of more than 30 minutes accumulated time, the time allowed shall be reduced by 3.5 minutes for each over deducted. For any odd over game the time allowed after any reduction will be rounded up. See below:

| Overs per Innings | Time allowed | Overs per Innings | Time allowed | Overs per Innings | Time allowed |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 50                | 3hr 10min    | 39                | 2hr 32min    | 28                | 1hr 53min    |
| 49                | 3hr 07min    | 38                | 2hr 28min    | 27                | 1hr 50min    |
| 48                | 3hr 03min    | 37                | 2hr 25min    | 26                | 1hr 46min    |
| 47                | 3hr 00min    | 36                | 2hr 21min    | 25                | 1hr 43min    |
| 46                | 2hr 56min    | 35                | 2hr 18min    | 24                | 1hr 39min    |
| 45                | 2hr 53min    | 34                | 2hr 14min    | 23                | 1hr 36min    |
| 44                | 2hr 49min    | 33                | 2hr 11min    | 22                | 1hr 32min    |
| 43                | 2hr 46min    | 32                | 2hr 07min    | 21                | 1hr 29min    |
| 42                | 2hr 42min    | 31                | 2hr 04min    | 20                | 1hr 25min    |
| 41                | 2hr 39min    | 30                | 2hr 00min    |                   |              |
| 40                | 2hr 35min    | 29                | 1hr 57min    |                   |              |

L8.14.5 If a team infringes Rule 8.14.2.1 more than once, during a season, second and subsequent fines shall be progressively doubled, trebled etc.

**L8.15 EARLY ABANDONMENT:**

L8.15.1 If it appears obvious that due to inclement weather, a ground will not be fit for play, the home captain/representative may phone the away captain/representative prior to 10.00am on the day of the match to suggest the game is abandoned.

L8.15.2 If agreed the game shall be abandoned, and all relevant parties informed.

L8.15.2.1 For Premiership, Championship and Conference matches the Home Club must inform, and receive acknowledgement from both appointed umpires; the Match & Registration Secretary, and also inform the Appointments Secretary of the Umpires' Association.

L8.15.3 If not agreed the captains/representatives shall meet on the morning of the game to inspect the ground and reach a decision on the fitness of the ground. If the two captains/representatives do not agree then both teams must turn up as normal.

**L8.16 DELAYED STARTS:**

See Rules L8.10.4 and L8.10.5

**L8.17 AGREED REDUCTION OF OVERS:**

If both captains and both umpires agree that the prevailing weather conditions make it unlikely that the required maximum number of overs allocated to a game would be completed, they may prior to the start of play, agree to reduce

the number of overs down to a minimum of 20 overs. Without agreement from all parties the status quo will prevail. Umpires' Expenses will remain unchanged in a reduced over game.

## **L8.18 INTERRUPTED GAMES:**

### **L8.18.1 Time Lost in the game:**

L8.18.1.1 For all interruptions due to ground and/or weather conditions, or in the opinion of the umpires, other exceptional circumstances, the umpires should note the time lost during any suspension period.

L8.18.1.2 If such a game, as described in Rule L8.18.1.1, is interrupted for more than 30 minutes accumulated time (the waiver time), the Duckworth Lewis Stern method shall be implemented. The amount of time lost in each suspension period beyond the waiver time, to be known as "relevant time lost", shall determine a revision to the number of overs remaining in the game.

L8.18.1.3 The tea interval and any break between innings whether they are combined or separate shall neither be considered as a Suspension Period.

L8.18.1.4 In the event that the side batting first is all out prior to commencement of their final over, there will be additional Waiver Time on the basis of 3 minutes for every full over remaining in the 1st innings at that time.

L8.18.1.5 The umpires shall inform the DLSMM of the number of overs lost during any suspension period before any recommencement of play. The DLSMM will record a new Suspension Period in the PCS App and, if the 1st innings is complete calculate the Revised First Innings Total (RFIT).

### **L8.18.2 Interruptions in 1<sup>st</sup> Innings:**

For every full 6 minutes of any relevant time lost, 1 over shall be deducted from both innings up until the scheduled completion of the first innings. After this, overs will be deducted as in Rule L8.18.3 below.

### **L8.18.3 Interruptions in 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings:**

For every full 6 minutes of any relevant time lost 2 overs shall be deducted from the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings.

### **L8.18.4 Mid Over interruptions in play:**

In a game interrupted in mid over by ground and/or weather conditions and resumption is within the same innings then the over in progress shall continue unless that part over is the only one remaining in the innings. In the latter case that innings shall be closed and if that were the 1<sup>st</sup> innings the length of the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings would be equal to the number of full overs played in the 1<sup>st</sup> innings.

L8.18.5 Any revised 1<sup>st</sup> innings total should be posted on the scoreboard, and checked by the umpires before play commences.

L8.18.6 The game is automatically abandoned when the total number of overs available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings drops below 20 overs (provided a result has not previously been reached).

L8.18.7 If a minimum of 20 overs has been completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings, and there is no further play, the DLSMM shall record a new suspension break in the PCS App

stating “zero overs remaining”. This will give a new RFIT which will determine the result.

### **L8.19 PERFORMANCE COLLECTIONS:**

Collections may be taken for any of the following:

L8.19.1 Batsman scoring 50 runs.

L8.19.2 Bowler taking 5 wickets.

L8.19.3 Bowler performing the hat-trick.

### **L8.20 TEA INTERVAL:**

L8.20.1 There shall be a tea interval of 30 minutes between innings. However, if mutually agreed by captains and umpires at the toss, this may be reduced to a minimum of 20 minutes at games where teas are not provided. Should the tea interval have already been taken during an interruption caused by adverse weather the interval between innings shall be ten minutes.

L8.20.2 Between innings the home team shall be responsible for the sweeping and rolling of the pitch and remarking of the creases. (See Rule L8.3.3)

L8.20.3 Any time lost between innings, and its cause, shall be reported by the umpires on the TMRF.

L8.20.4 Home clubs shall have the option as to whether they provide teas on match days.

L8.20.5 Home clubs opting to provide teas shall provide free teas for umpires and visiting scorer at all matches, and shall provide teas for the visiting teams, although there shall be no obligation for the visiting teams to purchase any teas.

L8.20.6 Clubs with teams wishing to provide teas during the season should inform the Administration Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> April before the start of the season. A register of such teams will be posted on the League Website.

### **L8.21 DECLARATION OF INNINGS:**

A team declaring its innings closed before the completion of its allotted overs shall be deemed to have lost all its wickets.

### **L8.22 COMPLETION OF TMRF:**

L8.22.1 For all matches, including those not started or abandoned, a TMRF shall be completed by the home club. This must be fully completed (with full first names not initials) and signed by the Captain for each team, and handed to the Umpire(s) before commencement of play - Rule L8.6.1.

L8.22.2 Age groups of all players (i.e. u13/u15/u17/u19) who are under the age of 19 MUST be entered on the form (age group is based on the age at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August the previous year). Where there is no age group entered against a player it will mean he is over the age of 19.

L8.22.3 Indemnity declaration on the TMRF can be seen below:

“I confirm that in line with Club policy, all players under the age of 18 will wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting or when standing up to stumps when wicket keeping, and that the ECB Fast Bowling Directive applies to the players shown on the above team sheet. I also agree that prior to the toss that I have discussed with the umpire(s) the Club’s policy with regards to the wearing of helmets and the age groups of players taking part in the match. The Club hereby agrees to indemnify the Umpire(s) from and against all actions, costs,

claims and demands (including reasonable legal fees), and any other damage suffered or incurred arising from any confirmation contained in this document.”

- L8.22.4 The Umpire(s) should complete and sign the TMRF after the game and return to the Home Captain. The home club should forward it by hand, post or email to: PHIL SENIOR, 5 Carr Mount, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8XN. email: phil.senior@davair.co.uk within 48 hours following the match.
- L8.22.5 After the completion of the game, the result and scorecard for all matches, whenever played, must be fully completed on the club Play-Cricket website, by 12 noon on the day following the completion of the match. Incomplete and alternative formats will not be accepted.
- L8.22.6 After the scorecard has been published on the League website, representatives from either competing clubs shall have 7 days to dispute any specific scorecard details. After this time the details shall not be altered.
- L8.22.7 If a match does not take place for whatever reason, the TMRF, result and scorecard must still be completed and submitted.
- L8.22.8 Any club failing to comply with any part of this Rule shall be fined £10 on each occasion of non-compliance.
- L8.22.9 For each further week of non-compliance, any offending club will be fined an additional £10.
- L8.22.10 A player selected to play in a match which is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions, whether play has started or not, shall be deemed to have played if he is present when it is abandoned, and all such players shall be included on the TMRF notifying the abandonment.
- L8.22.11 Failure to comply with this Rule will result in any such selection being disregarded for the purposes of Rules L6.5.2 and C3.1.
- L8.22.12 If there are less than 7 players listed by a side on the TMRF at the time of abandonment, then that side shall be awarded no points.
- L8.22.13 A side listing 7 or more players shall receive 2 points for a match which is abandoned due to adverse weather.

### **L8.23 CRICKET CLOTHING DIRECTIVE:**

All clubs are expected to adhere to the Cricket Clothing Advertising Directive. Clubs who fail to comply with this directive shall be subject to punitive measures as decided by the Executive Committee.

The Cricket Clothing Advertising Directive is produced below:

#### **L8.23.1 Playing Shirts:**

##### **L8.23.1.1 Colour:**

- Primarily white or ivory. 2 additional colours may be used in small sections for contrast detail including piping, trim, topstitching or panel inserts only.

##### **L8.23.1.2 Club Badge:**

- Must not exceed 10 square inches (64.52 sq. centimetres).
- Must be positioned on the left chest.
- Only one Club Badge may be used on each playing shirt.

##### **L8.23.1.3 Manufacturers Mark:**

- Must not exceed 6 square inches (38.71 sq centimetres).

- May be positioned on either the right chest or the Arm.

#### L8.23.1.4 Sponsor Mark - Front:

- Must not exceed 32 square inches (206.45 sq. centimetres).

#### L8.23.1.5 Sponsor Mark - Back:

- Must not exceed 20 square inches (129.03 sq. centimetres).
- Must be positioned centrally and immediately below the player's shirt collar.

#### L8.23.1.6 Sponsor Mark - Arms

- Must not exceed 10 square inches (64.52 sq. centimetres).

#### L8.23.1.7 Sponsor Mark - Collar

- Both left and right sides of the collar may be used.
- Each mark must not exceed 3 square inches (19.35 sq cm).
- Marks may be replicated on the underside of the collar. These must be identical in size, design and positioning to the marks on the topside of the collar.

### L8.23.2 Sweaters (Sleeveless and Long Sleeve):

L8.23.2.1 Must be primarily white or ivory. The sweater must be a V-neck design. Additional stripes in team colours are permitted to be carried around the wrist cuffs, waist and neck. Where other colour is used, this should mirror the design of the Playing shirt.

L8.23.2.2 All Advertising Insignia and Club badges used on Sweaters should be to the exact specifications and locations as Advertising Insignia and Club badges used on playing shirts.

### L8.23.3 Trousers:

L8.23.3.1 Must be primarily white or ivory. As per Playing Shirts, up to 2 additional colours (the same as those used on the playing shirt) may be used in small sections for contrast detail including piping, trim, topstitching or panel inserts only. Use of colour will be strictly limited and no large blocks of colour will be permitted.

L8.23.3.2 As per playing shirts, only one manufacturer's mark and one Club badge are permitted on playing trousers.

L8.23.3.3 No other commercial marks may appear on playing trousers

### L8.23.4 T-Shirts and Base Layer Garments:

L8.23.4.1 Where the undergarment is not visible under the playing shirt, no colour restrictions will apply.

L8.23.4.2 Where a long sleeve undergarment is worn under a short sleeve playing shirt, any t-shirts or base layer garment must be white or ivory.

L8.23.5 Consistency of advertising logos - It is recommended that all flashes, logos and advertising should be identical for all players within any team

L8.23.6 Other types of advertising - There is no restriction whatsoever to advertising on tracksuits etc. that are not used on the field of play.

## **L8.24: Live Streaming and Filming of cricket matches:**

L8.24.1 All Clubs that film or live stream cricket matches must inform the Administration Secretary as soon as practically possible. A register of such clubs will be circulated to all Clubs and the Umpires Association, along with the register also being displayed on the League website.

- L8.24.2 All live streaming and filming of cricket matches must comply with privacy, data protection and safeguarding laws.
- L8.24.3 Signage informing all persons present that filming is taking place must be prominently displayed at the ground.
- L8.24.4 Only if Rules L8.24.1 - L8.24.3 are adhered to can filming routinely take place.
- L8.24.5 Filming may not take place on any occasion where before the game starts, either an Umpire or a junior player/parent object.
- L8.24.6 Film footage must never be used to criticise, ridicule or vilify any participant, or for decision referral or challenge.
- L8.24.7 The Executive have the authority to withdraw the automatic right of a club to film matches if they feel that the right to do so is being abused.
- L8.24.8 The use of film footage of events that are the subject of a disciplinary case is inadmissible.

## **L9 ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES - 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs ONLY**

### **L9.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

- L9.1.1 On a date when a club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI has no match, or in any of the final six matches of the season, a player shall not be eligible to play in the club 2<sup>nd</sup> XI if more than 50% of the games in which he has played for the club in the season have been for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI or if more than 50% of the games that he has played in the immediately preceding 10 league games have been in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI.
  - L9.1.1.1 No more than nine players shall be made ineligible by the provisions of this Rule.
  - L9.1.1.2 If a club has more than nine such players this limitation will be implemented by excluding from ineligibility only the excess number of players who have the fewest 1<sup>st</sup> XI league appearances during the period of the club's immediately preceding Ten 1<sup>st</sup> XI League games.
  - L9.1.1.3 If a player under disciplinary suspension during the immediately preceding 10 games would become eligible as a result of [this](#) suspension, then the player will, for the purpose of this rule, be deemed to have played in all games during their suspension.
- L9.1.2 Any Club playing two, or more, fewer players in its first team than in its second team on the same day shall be required to explain its reasons for doing so to the League Executive, and if the explanation is unacceptable, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will be deemed to have played an ineligible player.

### **L9.2 REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH:**

- L9.2.1 Subject to Rule L5.3.4 up to the time of the toss in any match a player, except under Rule L6.3.1 - County U12 player, and Rule L6.6.1 - overseas player, may be registered to play provided that the provisions of Rule L5.1, and the below, are met:
  - L9.2.1.1 He is either not already registered with another club or, in respect of a transfer, all relevant parts of the RTDF have been completed.
  - L9.2.1.2 The RTDF is fully completed before the scheduled start and signed by the captain of the opposing team.
  - L9.2.1.3 The completed RTDF is sent by the player's club, either by First Class post or electronically, to be received by the Registration Secretary within 48 hours of the match, Sundays excepted.

L9.2.1.4 The League Registered Player (LRP) nomination on the club's Play-Cricket website has been completed and received by the Registration Secretary within 48 hours of the match, Sundays excepted.

L9.2.2 If the player is allowed to participate in the match without the procedure in Rule L9.2.1 being strictly followed he shall be deemed to be ineligible, and the provisions of Rule L6.2 shall apply.

L9.2.3 No player registered in this manner shall play for the club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI until at least the Saturday after the initial match.

## **L10 UMPIRES**

### **L10.1 APPOINTMENTS:**

Umpires shall be appointed by the Umpires' Association Secretary.

### **L10.2 DUTIES:**

The duties of the umpires shall be those laid down in the Laws of Cricket and any other duties contained in these Rules.

### **L10.3 TRAINING:**

All new umpires will be expected to attend an ECB ACO Stage 1 (previously known as Level 1) training course upon joining the association.

### **L10.4 REPORTING TO THE GROUND:**

L10.4.1 Umpires shall report to the ground no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start and be at the wickets five minutes before that time.

L10.4.2 If an appointed umpire fails to report on time the captains shall agree to a deputy who shall stand for the match or until the appointed umpire arrives. The matter shall be reported to the General Secretary by the home club.

### **L10.5 EXPENSES:**

L10.5.1 The home club shall pay to the umpire(s), at or before the interval between innings, one of the following amounts in respect of all-inclusive expenses:

L10.5.1.1 Premiership, Championship and Conference match officiated by two umpires - **£57.00** each.

*L10.5.1.2 Alliance matches officiated by two umpires - **£47.00** each.*

L10.5.1.3 Any match officiated by one umpire: double all-inclusive expenses.

L10.5.1.4 Any scheduled match where no play is possible, with the exception of Rule L7.5.5: ½ of all-inclusive expenses.

L10.5.1.5 The home club may, at its discretion, make such payment as it thinks appropriate to any deputy umpire appointed under Rule L10.4.2.

L10.5.2 The above payments shall be amended each odd numbered year by applying the percentage change in the RPI for the preceding two-year period, November to October, and calculated to the nearest 50p.

### **L10.6 CLUB UMPIRES:**

L10.6.1 In all Alliance games both home and away teams shall provide an umpire, aged 18 years of age or over, to fulfil all duties of an official umpire, except in the case of ground conditions, light and specific Laws of the game that shall be in the sole domain of any nominated umpire from the UA. On field sanctions associated with Law 42 will not apply.

L10.6.2 It is a requirement of the ECB that all Umpires shall hold a current ECB DBS document.



- L10.6.3 All Club Umpires (more than one person can be included) who regularly officiate at matches must hold a current DBS certificate, and be trained to at least ECB ACO Stage1 level. Clubs must register the name/s of all Club Umpires; their DBS Certificate number/s, and ECB reference number/s with the Administration Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> April of each season.
- L10.6.4 All Club Umpires shall be made Members of the Club they intend to Umpire for in order to comply with, and be covered by the Public Liability Insurance held by the Club.
- L10.6.5 Both home and away team umpire shall be entitled to the all-inclusive expenses referred to in Rule L10.5.
- L10.6.6 We ask that all our club (and any pool) umpires adhere to the following dress code in all our matches:
1. Clean white coat.
  2. White polo shirt or white shirt & dark tie.
  3. Black/Navy trousers.
  4. White (or predominantly white) footwear.
  5. Neat headwear (if worn). This must be predominantly white. Baseball style caps are also acceptable.
- The necessity for both Umpires to wear matching attire is not required, so long as the items adhere to the above. Should one Umpire wish to wear a coat and the other a polo shirt/white shirt & tie, then this is acceptable.
- L10.6.7 If, in any one season, a club who fails to provide such an umpire on more than two occasions it shall be fined, for the third and each subsequent transgression, a sum equal to the all-inclusive umpires' expenses referred to in Rule L10.5.1.2, and Rule L10.5.1.3 plus 33.33%, calculated to the nearest £ above.
- L10.6.8 All such fines shall be separately audited and the total redistributed in equal shares, each October, to all clubs with a 100% provision rate.

### **L10.7 MISCONDUCT:**

Players guilty of misconduct and any spectators who interfere with play, the players, or the umpires, shall be reported by the umpires to the Disciplinary Secretary.

### **L10.8 COMPLAINT AGAINST AN UMPIRE:**

- L10.8.1 A club wishing to make a complaint against an umpire shall give written notice to the Disciplinary Secretary, the Umpires Association Secretary and the umpire concerned, no later than seven days after the completion of the match to which the complaint relates.
- L10.8.2 A fee of £20.00 shall be sent to the Disciplinary Secretary, and this fee shall be returned if the complaint is upheld.
- L10.8.3 Any complaint shall be heard by an enquiry panel comprising the President or Chairman of the League, who shall act as chairman, together with the General Secretary, a member of the Executive and two members of the Umpires' Association. The findings of the panel shall be binding upon all parties and actioned by the Umpires' Association.

### **L10.9: MARKING OF UMPIRES:**

All members of the Umpires' Association who officiate in Premiership and Championship games should be marked by the captains of the participating clubs, as per the process of the ECB Premier Leagues.

### **L10.10: STAND IN UMPIRES:**

Any stand-in umpire who takes up the position at the striker's end, in any game (whether substituting for an absent Club Umpire, or a Panel Umpire) must be at least 18 years old.

## **L11 COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

### **L11.1 COMPLAINT BY A CLUB:**

L11.1.1 Any complaint by a club, other than one against an umpire, shall be in writing together with a fee of £20.00. This fee shall be returned if the complaint is upheld.

L11.1.2 The fee shall be sent to reach the Disciplinary Secretary no later than seven days after the completion of the match or event to which it relates, or in the case of a complaint made under Rule L6.2, no later than seven days after the club first became aware of the ineligibility of a player.

L11.1.3 A copy of the complaint shall be sent to the club and/or individuals concerned by the complaining club.

### **L11.2 DISCIPLINARY REPORT BY AN UMPIRE:**

L11.2.1 A Disciplinary Report submitted by an umpire regarding the conduct of a player, coach, club or spectator on or around the field of play shall be sent to the Disciplinary Secretary with a copy sent to the Secretary of the Umpires' Association.

L11.2.2 The Report shall be dealt with in accordance with the ECB General Conduct Regulations, which are binding on both the League and all member clubs. The regulations are appended to this handbook, and may be viewed on the League website.

### **L11.3 DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS:**

L11.3.1 Following the receipt of a report the Disciplinary Secretary shall consider if there are sufficient grounds to charge the relevant participant or club with a breach of the regulations.

L11.3.2 If there are sufficient grounds the Disciplinary Secretary will issue a Charge Letter to the participant/s and/or to the club involved to share with the participant/s. If there are not, sufficient grounds the Disciplinary Secretary will inform the individual who submitted the report that no further action will be taken.

L11.3.3 If the Disciplinary Secretary decides that the matter does not require a Hearing the Summary Procedure in Regulations 15-20 shall apply. If the Disciplinary Secretary decides that the matter requires a Hearing, Regulations 21-30 shall apply

### **L11.4 APPEALS PROCESS**

*Any respondent may appeal against a decision made by a Disciplinary Chair or Panel in accordance with Regulations 31-45. Any appeal shall be in writing and sent to the Disciplinary Secretary, clearly setting out the grounds for the appeal, and shall be made within 7 days of the notification of the decision. A*

*fee of £100 must be included with the appeal, which will be returned should the appeal be successful.*

**L11.5 APPEALS AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE DECISION:**

L11.5.1 A club which is aggrieved by a decision of the Executive may appeal to the Council, with a fee of £20. Any appeal shall be sent to the Administration Secretary within seven days of the notification of the decision. The decision of the Council shall be final and binding.

**L11.6 THE POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE UNDER THIS RULE:**

L11.6.1 In the event of the Executive being made aware of any incident, not previously reported formally, which is a breach of the Laws of Cricket, or of these Rules, or is degrading or detrimental to the game or the League, it shall proceed as if a formal complaint or Disciplinary Report had been made.

L11.6.2 The Executive shall have the power to impose any penalty or fine, to award or deduct points and/or to order any match to be replayed.

**L11.7 RELEASE OF INFORMATION:**

The release of information regarding disciplinary proceedings taken against an individual shall be at the discretion of the Executive. In general, the circumstances of cases shall not be made public. However, the outcome of any Disciplinary Sanctions applied will be reported to ECB via the Play-Cricket Disciplinary Register.

**L11.8 WTU and GCR related Team Points Deduction System:**

*L11.8.1 This rule shall apply to Premiership and Championship League games and teams only.*

*L11.8.2 Team League points will be deducted based on an accumulation of Team Penalties.*

*L11.8.3 Team Penalties are awarded against teams for either of the following:*

*L11.8.3.1 Teams awarded low **Who's The Umpire Fair Play** scores.*

*L11.8.3.1.1 For any WTU Fair Play score of 11 - 8 (out of 20) the team will be issued with 1 Team Penalty.*

*L11.8.3.1.2 For any WTU Fair Play score of 7 - 0 (out of 20) the team will be issued with 3 Team Penalties.*

*L11.8.3.2 Disciplinary sanctions issued against individual players under ECB GCR Disciplinary Procedures:*

*L11.8.3.2.1 "Reminded of Responsibilities" 0 Team Penalty.*

*L11.8.3.2.2 Formal Warning 1 Team Penalty.*

*L11.8.3.2.3 Suspended Sanction 2 Team Penalties*

*L11.8.3.2.4 Level 1 Sanction 3 Team Penalties.*

*L11.8.3.2.5 Level 2 Sanction 6 Team Penalties.*

*L11.8.3.2.6 Level 3 Sanction 9 Team Penalties.*

*L11.8.3.2.7 Level 4 Sanction 12 Team Penalties.*

*L11.8.4 The total number of League Points Deducted from a team is based on the Accumulated Team Penalties awarded against a team. See the table below:*

| <i>Accumulated Team Penalties</i> | <i>Total League points Deducted</i> | <i>Accumulated Team Penalties</i> | <i>Total League points Deduct</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>1</i>                          | <i>0</i>                            | <i>4</i>                          | <i>1</i>                          |
| <i>2</i>                          | <i>0</i>                            | <i>5</i>                          | <i>2</i>                          |
| <i>3</i>                          | <i>0</i>                            | <i>6</i>                          | <i>3</i>                          |

|    |   |       |    |
|----|---|-------|----|
| 7  | 4 | 15-17 | 10 |
| 8  | 5 | 18-20 | 12 |
| 9  | 6 | 21-23 | 14 |
| 10 | 6 | 24-26 | 16 |
| 11 | 6 | 27-29 | 18 |
| 12 | 8 | 30-32 | 20 |
| 13 | 8 | ↓     | ↓  |
| 14 | 8 | ↓     | ↓  |

#### *L11.8.5 Administration*

*L11.8.5.1 The Administration Secretary will inform the relevant Club Secretary via email, within 72 hours of the completion of the game, that their team has, as a result of a low WTU Fair play score, received a Team Penalty.*

*L11.8.5.2 Team Penalties flowing from player Disciplinary cases will be confirmed in the case Outcome Letter.*

*L11.8.5.3 League Division tables will be updated immediately it has been confirmed that a Team has incurred a League Division points deduction.*

*L11.8.6 Any Penalties, and any resulting Team Points deducted from a Team during the season are only effective within the season they are awarded, and do not continue forward into the following season.*

## **L12 RULES & ALTERATIONS**

### **L12.1 QUESTIONS ON THESE RULES:**

The Executive shall have the power to decide any question arising on the construction of, or any matter which is not provided for in, these Rules and, subject to Rule L3.6, that decision shall be final.

### **L12.2 ADOPTION OF RULES:**

Any of these Rules may be altered or deleted and new Rules made either at the AGM or at an SGM, provided that at least two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour.

### **L12.3 RULE PROPOSALS DEADLINE DATE:**

Written notice of any proposed alteration or deletion of a Rule, or of any proposed new Rule, shall be given to the Administration Secretary by not later than 5 days after the final scheduled league game of the season, in the case of an AGM, or at least three weeks before any SGM called for this purpose. Full details of the proposal(s) shall be sent three weeks before any SGM.

### **L12.4 SUBMISSION OF VOTES BY CLUBS:**

L12.4.1 Each club shall send to the Administration Secretary its recorded vote(s) at least two weeks before an AGM or at least one week before any SGM.

L12.4.2 Any club failing to comply with the requirement of Rule L12.4.1 shall be fined £20.

### **L12.5 PROPOSED ALTERATION TO THE SAME RULE:**

Each club submitting a proposed alteration to a Rule for consideration at an AGM shall be notified in writing, not later than 30th September, of any other proposed alteration to the same Rule.

## **L12.6 EXECUTIVE EXPERIMENTAL RULE CHANGE:**

The Executive may, at its discretion, introduce a Rule on an experimental basis only, without it being formally incorporated in the Rules proper. No experimental Rule shall be introduced unless the appropriate procedures detailed in Rules L12.2 to L12.4 have been followed. If approved and implemented any such Rule shall be reviewed after one year of operation.

## **L13 ANNUAL AWARDS & TROPHIES**

### **L13.1 ANNUAL DINNER:**

L13.1.1 The Executive shall determine the awards and trophies to be presented annually at the 'League Dinner and Presentation Evening', normally to be held on the second Friday in November.

L13.1.2 The Executive shall be responsible for all presentation arrangements.

L13.1.3 Each club must purchase a minimum of 4 tickets.

### **L13.2 PUBLICATION OF AWARDS:**

A description of all current awards and trophies, and the competitions or performances to which they relate, shall be published annually in the League Yearbook together with a chronology of previous winners.

### **L13.3 AWARDS BY ASSESSMENT:**

L13.3.1 Where the winner(s) of an award or trophy is (are) to be determined by assessment, rather than by reference to factual data, these shall be judged by the Executive except for:

L13.3.2 The Lady Sykes Trophies & F.R. Stallard Cup (Senior Awards Sub-Committee consisting of the President, a Life Vice-President and the Chairman).

L13.3.3 The Tim Sugden Administration Award (The Secretariat).

L13.3.4 The David Boulton Trophy (UA).

### **L13.4 NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS:**

Any nominations for the Lady Sykes Trophies, F.R. Stallard Cup and Johnny Hunter Rose bowls shall be given to the Administration Secretary by not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **L13.5 COSTS OF AWARDS & ENGRAVING:**

The cost of all awards or trophies (other than those donated) and all engraving costs shall be met from League funds. The engraving of any trophy shall be arranged immediately following presentation, and shall be the responsibility of the (player's) club by ensuring it is delivered to Cobwood Trophies & Engravers, Milnsbridge, for updating.

### **L13.6 RECEIPT OF AWARDS:**

Each award or trophy shall be held for up to twelve months but shall remain the property of the League.

### **L13.7 AWARD WINNERS TIEBREAKERS:**

L13.7.1 For any Wicket-keepers with the same number of League victims or Fielders with the same number of League catches, the winner will be the player who has played in the fewer number of League games. Should this be the same, then the award will be shared.

L13.7.2 In the event of there being a non-qualifier for a specific batting or bowling League award, the winner will be the best non qualifier who has achieved the