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DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET LEAGUE

(Additions and amendments for 2019 are shown in italics)

L1 TITLE, OBJECT & CONSTITUTION

1.1 THE LEAGUE:

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

1.2 OBJECTIVE OF THE LEAGUE:

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

1.3 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.)

1.4 MEMBER CLUBS:

The League shall consist of the following clubs.

Full Members: Almondbury, Almondbury Wesleyan, Armitage Bridge, Barkisland, Birkby Rose Hill, Broad Oak, Clayton West, Cumberworth United, Delph & Dobcross, Denby, Denby Dale, Elland, Emley Clarence, Golcar, Hall Bower, Holmfirth, Honley, Hoylandswaine, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall, Lepton Highlanders, Linthwaite, Marsden, Meltham, Mirfield, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers, Moorlands, Rastrick, Scholes, Shelley, Shepley, Skelmanthorpe, Slaithwaite, Thongsbridge, Thurstonland and Upperthong.

Associate Members: (clubs with voting rights on all issues excepting those specifically connected with the 1st XI Competition) Cartworth Moor, Edgerton & Dalton, Flockton, Holmbridge and Nortonthorpe.

1.5 PARTICIPATION:

Each club shall enter First and Second Eleven teams and participate in the following competitions:

Full Members 1st XI - Drakes Premiership, JEDi Sports Championship or Cedar Court Conference, the *WisdenAuction.Com* Sykes Cup and the *Brook Miller Mobility Ltd* T20 Trophy or T20 Shield as appropriate.

Full Members 2nd XI - Drakes Premiership 2, JEDi Sports Championship 2 or Cedar Court Conference 2 or 3 (*with the exception of Hoylandswaine 2nd XI who shall participate in the Cedar Court Conference in 2019*), and the Fired Up Corporation Paddock Shield.

Associate Members 1st XI - Drakes Premiership 2, JEDi Sports Championship 2 or Cedar Court Conference 2 or 3, the All Rounder Cricket Sykes Cup and the Total Indoor Cricket Solutions T20 Shield.

Associate Members 2nd XI - JEDi Sports Championship 2 or Cedar Court Conference 2 or 3 and the Fired Up Corporation Paddock Shield.

1.6 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.

L2 COUNCIL, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE & SUB COMMITTEES

2.1 THE COUNCIL:

- 2.1.1 The League shall be governed by a Council consisting of a representative from each club together with a President, a Chairman, a General Secretary, an Administration Secretary, a Finance Secretary, a Registration Secretary, a Match Secretary, a Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary and a Media Secretary (the Officers).
- 2.1.2 Life Vice-Presidents appointed under the provisions of Rule L2.2 shall be ex-officio members of the Council.
- 2.1.3 From time to time any posts in the Secretariat may be combined.
- 2.1.4 Each club shall send details of their representative, and other officials, to reach the General Secretary by 31st January each year.
- 2.1.5 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.
- 2.1.6 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.
- 2.1.7 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.

2.2 THE EXECUTIVE:

- 2.2.1 A managing Executive Committee (the Executive) shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the League.
- 2.2.2 It shall consist of the Officers, two active Life Vice-Presidents and six club representatives elected annually in accordance with Rule L3.2.
- 2.2.3 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.
- 2.2.4 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.

2.3 DISCIPLINARY OR APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE:

- 2.3.1 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.
- 2.3.2 The Disciplinary Sub Committee shall include the Chairman or a Life Vice-President, and the Appeals Sub Committee shall include the President or a Life Vice-President.
- 2.3.3 No member shall sit on both Sub Committees in their consideration of the same case.

L3 MEETINGS

3.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 3.1.1 Unless the Executive decides otherwise the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held during the first week in December.

- 3.1.2 The chair at the meeting shall be taken by the President, or in his absence, the Chairman.
 - 3.1.3 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 31st October and the declaration of the voting on any proposed new Rules and/or Rule amendments.
 - 3.1.4 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.
 - 3.1.5 Any club not represented at the AGM shall be fined £10.
- 3.2 NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:
- 3.2.1 Nominations of Officers and Executive members may be made by any club and shall be sent to reach the Administration Secretary by 30th September.
 - 3.2.2 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 Chairman.
 - 3.2.3 Any nominations for office shall be included in the AGM notification referred to in Rule L3.1.
 - 3.2.4 In the absence of alternative nominations the existing Officers and Committee members, if willing to serve, shall be declared re-elected.
- 3.3 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:
- 3.3.1 Special General Meeting (SGM) may be convened on the initiative of the President, the Chairman or the General Secretary.
 - 3.3.2 The General Secretary shall convene a SGM on receipt of written requests from at least one-third of the total number of clubs.
 - 3.3.3 The chair at the meeting shall be taken by the Chairman, or, in his absence, a deputy elected by the club representatives present.
- 3.4 COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:
- 3.4.1 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.
 - 3.4.2 The chair at the meeting shall be taken by the Chairman 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.
 - 3.4.3 Council Meetings:
 - 3.4.3.1 The Umpires Association (UA) may appoint a representative to attend Council meetings on its behalf.
 - 3.4.3.2 No business shall be transacted at any Council meeting unless at least one-third of the clubs are represented.
 - 3.4.3.3 If an appointed representative is unable to attend a Council meeting his/her club shall appoint a substitute representative for that meeting.

3.4.3.4 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.

3.4.4 Executive Meetings:

3.4.4.1 No business shall be transacted at any Executive meeting unless at least five members are present.

3.4.4.2 Decisions made at any meeting shall be notified to, and be binding upon, all clubs.

3.4.4.3 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 a SGM, shall provide an explanation for any such decision.

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

3.5 At the meetings detailed below all attendees listed shall be entitled to take part in discussions. All references to 'Chairman' shall also apply to any appointed deputy. Voting rights at such meetings shall be as follows:

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

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

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

3.6 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

4.1 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

4.1.1 Each club shall pay the following annual subscription: *Full Members - £73; Associate Members - £54.*

4.1.2 Both annual subscriptions are to be received by the Finance Secretary by no later than 31st 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.

4.1.3 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.

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

4.2 PUBLIC LIABILITY:

4.2.1 All clubs shall take out public liability insurance, with a minimum indemnity cover of £3m.

4.2.2 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.

4.2.3 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.

4.2.4 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.

4.3 APPLICATION TO JOIN THE LEAGUE:

An application for membership of the League by a club must reach the General Secretary by 31st January in respect of the following year. It shall be considered and decided by the Executive subject to the requirements of Rule L3.6.

4.4 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.

4.5 RESIGNING FROM THE LEAGUE:

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

4.6 MINIMUM STANDARDS:

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

4.6.2 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:

4.6.3 First Aid:

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

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

4.6.4 Seating:

4.6.4.1 Any seating which is provided for games should be safe and well maintained

4.6.5 Changing Rooms:

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

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

4.6.6 Showers:

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

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

4.6.7 Umpires' Room:

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

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

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

4.6.8 Playing Area:

4.6.8.1 Clubs shall provide a well maintained playing area and outfield.

4.6.8.2 Pitches shall be marked out as per MCC Law 7.

4.6.8.3 There shall be well defined and accurate boundary edge markings.

4.6.8.4 Any non-turf pitch must be well maintained.

4.6.9 Scorebox/Scoreboard:

4.6.9.1 All clubs shall provide a clean and tidy score box for both scorers.

4.6.9.2 Score boxes shall be safe, self-contained, covered and easily accessible.

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

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

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

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

4.6.10 Sight Screens:

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

4.6.11 Covers:

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

4.6.12 Machinery:

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

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

4.6.13 Surrounds:

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

L5 PLAYER REGISTRATION - PROCEDURES

5.1 REGISTRATION PROCESS:

5.1.1 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. 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.

5.1.2 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.

5.1.3 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.

5.2 ANNUAL AUDIT OF REGISTRATIONS:

5.2.1 The secretary of each member club shall review their current list of League Registered Players on the Club's Play-Cricket website and notify the Registration Secretary of any de-registrations, in writing not later than 31st March in each year.

5.2.2 If the notification in Rule L5.2.1 is received after 31st March a fee of 50p per registration will be charged.

5.3 PLAYER REGISTRATION:

5.3.1 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.

5.3.2 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.

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

5.3.4 A fee of 50p shall be charged for each registration made after 31st March.

5.3.5 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 1st August and the end of the season.

L6 PLAYER REGISTRATION - GENERAL

6.1 PLAYER & CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

6.1.1 Players who have been duly registered in accordance with Rule L5 or Rule L9.2 shall be subject to all the provisions of this Rule.

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

6.2 PLAYING AN UNREGISTERED PLAYER:

6.2.1 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.

6.2.2 A team playing an ineligible player shall, be fined £20 and have six points deducted from its league record for each contravention.

6.2.3 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 L7.3.

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

6.3 JUNIOR PLAYER REGISTRATION RESTRICTION:

6.3.1 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 57.

6.3.2 Players 12 years old on 1st 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.

6.4 LOAN OF PLAYERS UNDER THE AGE OF 17:

6.4.1 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:

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

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

6.5 REGISTRATION EXCEPTIONS:

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

6.5.2 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.

6.6 OVERSEAS PLAYERS:

6.6.1 Only one person who is designated an overseas player shall be registered at a club at any one time.

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

6.6.3 After this time it may only be changed in either of the following situations:

6.6.3.1 The player reneges on his contract and does not play a match for his club.

6.6.3.2 The player sustains a serious physical injury whilst contracted to his club.

6.6.3.2.1 Any request to change an overseas player subject to Rule L6.6.3.2 may be made in writing to the Registration Secretary and accompanied by a copy of the initial player's contract together with any supporting evidence certificates from two independent UK doctors, stating that the player will be unable to play cricket until after the end of the season.

6.6.4 The player qualification criteria for this rule is shown below in Appendix A.

6.7 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:

6.7.1 He is required to do so by a County Club to which he is contracted, or

6.7.2 The match in which he plays is a recognised international fixture, or

6.7.3 The Executive, at its discretion, decides otherwise.

6.8 SUSPENDED PLAYERS:

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

6.9 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.

6.10 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.

6.11 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.

Appendix A - OVERSEAS PLAYERS:

A1 In all cases of qualification the burden of proof lies totally with the applying club and the player.

A2 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.

Appendix B - UK PLAYERS:

B1 Automatic qualification to register as a UK player will apply to any player holding a Full British/UK Citizen's Passport.

- B1.1 A person holding ONLY a British Subject, British Dependant, British Overseas Citizen, British National Overseas citizen or a British Protected Person's Passport as opposed to a Full British/UK Citizen's passport will NOT qualify by right as a UK Player.
- B2 Other players will qualify if they meet one of the following criteria:
- B2.1 Holds a Birth Certificate stating their place of birth is within the UK.
- B2.2 Has a Father or Mother born in the UK and the player has been a permanent resident in the UK for the preceding year.
- B2.3 Be aged 15 years or under and has been permanently resident in the UK for the preceding year.
- B2.4 Has been a permanent resident in the UK for at least 2 consecutive years. They should hold documentary evidence from the UK Government that they may remain in the UK for a minimum of 3 consecutive years calculated from their entry into the UK.
- B2.4.1 "Permanently Resident" is defined as not being absent from the UK for more than 35 days in any 12 month period.

L7 FIXTURES, POINTS & AVERAGES

7.1 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION:

There shall be independent First and Second Eleven League competitions with teams in each case divided into a Premiership section, a Championship section and a Conference section/s.

7.2 SEASON COMMENCEMENT:

The season shall begin on the third Saturday in April.

7.3 START DATE & TIME:

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

1st XI Competition: April to August - 1.00pm and September - 12.30pm.

2nd XI Competition: April to September - 1.00pm.

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

7.4 LEAGUE POINTS:

League points shall be awarded as follows:

7.4.1 SIX POINTS: for a win - team scoring most runs (note the "rain rule"), or if the opposing team fails to meet the requirements of Rule L7.4.

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

7.4.3 FOUR POINTS: for a tie - both teams scoring the same number of runs (note the "rain rule").

7.4.4 TWO POINTS: Incomplete, or abandoned, match due to adverse weather, where no result has been achieved (note the "rain rule").

7.4.5 Performance Points: To be awarded in the second innings only and only to the losing team:

7.4.5.1 Batting:

7.4.5.1.1 Scoring 75% of the 1st innings total, or the final revised 1st innings total using the "rain rule" - 1 performance point awarded.

7.4.5.1.2 Scoring 90% of the 1st innings total, or of the final revised 1st innings total using the "rain rule" - 1 further performance point awarded.

7.4.5.1.3 If necessary all % calculations shall be rounded up to the next whole figure.

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

7.4.5.2 Bowling:

7.4.5.2.1 Taking 6 wickets - 1 performance point awarded.

7.4.5.2.2 Taking 8 wickets - 1 further performance point awarded.

7.5 UNFULFILLED FIXTURES:

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

7.5.1.1 The Match & Registration Secretary

7.5.1.2 The Secretary of the Umpires' Association and

7.5.1.3 The Secretary of the opposing club.

7.5.2 A club which does not fulfil a League match, will be fined £50 and the 6 points awarded to the opposing team.

7.5.3 In the event that the transgressors are the away side they will be required to pay a further £50 in compensation to their opponents.

7.5.4 *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.*

7.5.5 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.

7.6 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION:

7.6.1 In each section of both the 1st XI and 2nd XI Competitions 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:

7.6.1.1 The bottom two teams in Premiership 1 being replaced by the winners and runners up in Championship 1.

7.6.1.2 The bottom two teams in Championship 1 being replaced by the two highest finishing 1st XI teams in Conference 1

7.6.1.3 The bottom two teams in Premiership 2 being replaced by the winners and runners up in Championship 2.

7.6.1.4 The bottom two teams in Championship 2 being replaced by the winners and runners up in Conference 2.

7.6.1.5 The bottom two teams in Conference 2 being replaced by the winners and runners up in Conference 3.

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

7.6.3 The club whose 1st XI team has the least number of points in the Conference at the end of the season, shall retire both its teams from the

League at the following AGM, but may apply for re-election. The application from the club must be received by the Administration Secretary by no later than 31st October.

7.7 TIEBREAKERS:

7.7.1 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:

7.7.1.1 The most number of wins achieved.

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

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

7.7.2 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.

7.8 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 1st XI and 2nd 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.

7.8.1 League matches only:

7.8.1.1 Best batsman's average:

1st XI Competition - 400 runs. 2nd XI Competition - 300 runs.

For qualification purposes, the player must have batted in at least 50% of the scheduled matches for the relevant section, e.g. 26 matches - 13 innings; 22 matches - 11 innings.

7.8.1.2 Best bowler's average:

Premiership - 40 wickets; Championship and Conference - 35 wickets.

Premiership 2, Championship 2, Conference 2 & 3 - 25 wickets.

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

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

7.8.2 All League and Sykes Cup/Paddock Shield matches combined:

7.8.2.1 List of all batsmen's averages:

1st XI competition - 450 runs. 2nd XI Competition - 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; 22 matches - 12 innings.

7.8.2.2 List of all bowlers' averages:

1st XI Competition - 40 wickets. 2nd XI Competition - 30 wickets.

7.8.2.3 List of all wicketkeepers' records.

7.8.2.4 List of three leading fielders' records (exc matches as wicketkeeper).

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

L8 MATCH PROCEDURES & RESULTS

8.1 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. 2nd XI Competition matches shall also be subject to the special provisions specified in Rule L9.

8.2 ADMISSION FEE:

8.2.1 The home club shall have a choice of taking a collection or charging the following admission fees: Adults: £1.50 and Concessions £1.00.

8.2.2 For 2nd XI Competition matches the home club shall have the option to charge admission fees, but any such fees shall not exceed half of the above amounts.

8.3 PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING AREA:

8.3.1 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

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

8.3.3 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.

8.4 COVERING THE PITCH:

8.4.1 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.

8.4.2 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.

8.5 FITNESS OF THE PITCH FOR PLAY:

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

8.5.2 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.

8.5.3 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.

8.5.4 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

8.5.5 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.

- 8.5.6 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 L8.11. Should 30 overs or more have been completed the match shall be abandoned.
- 8.5.7 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.
- 8.5.8 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.
- 8.6 NOMINATION OF PLAYERS:
- 8.6.1 Before the toss is made, the team captains shall
- 8.6.1.1 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.
- 8.6.1.2 State on the TMRF the ages of any player under 19 years of age on the 31st August in the previous year.
- 8.6.2 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.*
- 8.6.3 In an emergency a captain may list one entry as a "2nd XI player" in anticipation of a late arrival, provided that the player falls into the category.
- 8.6.4 A minimum of seven players is required to start a match and at least five must be 16 years or over.
- 8.7 THE TOSS:
- 8.7.1 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.
- 8.7.2 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.
- 8.7.3 The captain winning the toss shall announce his intentions to bat or bowl to the opposing captain and umpires immediately after the toss.
- 8.8 THE MATCH BALL:
- 8.8.1 In all 1st XI Competition 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.
- 8.8.2 In all 2nd XI Competition matches each team shall use its own ball which meets the earlier criteria, except that it need not be new.
- 8.8.3 Match balls shall be handed to the umpires for their approval before they take the field of play.

8.8.4 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.

8.9 THE SCORER:

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

8.9.2 No match shall commence, or continue, unless one person representing each team occupies the scoreboard for such duties.

8.10 LENGTH OF INNINGS:

8.10.1 In all 1st XI Competition matches, each team shall bowl a maximum of 50 overs.

8.10.2 In all 2nd XI Competition matches, each team shall bowl a maximum of 45 overs.

8.10.3 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. This reduction of overs will not pass below 30 overs per side (2nd XI Competition - 25 overs per side), allowing for a 20 over per side game.

8.10.4 The decision to start shall be made no later than 3 hours after the scheduled start time (2nd XI Competition 2½ hours), and that start shall be made within a further half hour. In these circumstances tea will already have been taken.

8.10.5 Latest starts times:

1st XI Competition: 4.30pm (September 4.00pm).

2nd XI Competition: 4.00pm.

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

8.11 NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER:

8.11.1 In all 1st XI Competition matches, no bowler may bowl more than 15 overs in a match. If the overs are reduced due to a delayed start or by a "rain rule" calculation or recalculation, 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

8.11.2 Any incomplete over at the time of a stoppage due to inclement weather in the second innings, must be completed by the same bowler at the restart of play, even though this could take him beyond the newly calculated "rain rule" maximum overs per bowler.

8.12 "LEG SIDE WIDE":

In all 1st XI Competition 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.

8.13 RESTRICTIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF FIELDERS:

8.13.1 In 1st XI and 2nd XI Competition 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.

8.13.2 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".

8.13.3 In all 1st XI Competition 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".

8.14 SLOW OVER RATE:

8.14.1 All instances of slow over rates shall be reported by the umpires on the TMRF. Subject to Rule L9.4, if an innings of 50 overs has not been completed in three hours 10 minutes of actual playing time (drinks breaks, injuries and unavoidable stoppages are not to be included as playing time) the fielding team shall be fined £5 plus £3 for each completed, or partially completed over started thereafter.

8.14.2 If a team infringes Rule 8.14.1 more than once, during a season, second and subsequent fines shall be progressively doubled, trebled etc.

8.14.3 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.

8.14.4 In matches where the start is delayed through adverse weather; 2nd XI Competition matches which have a duration of 45 overs, or because of any calculations/recalculations due to the "rain rule" Rule L8.15.3, 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.

Examples: 49 over game 3 hours 7 mins 48 over game 3 hours 3 mins
 47 over game 3 hours. 46 over game 2 hours 56 mins
 45 over game 2 hours 53 mins etc

8.15 RAIN RULE:

8.15.1 For a delayed start 1 over per side will be deducted for every 6 minutes lost, up to a minimum of a 20 overs per side match. Tea is not included in

any deduction. The latest start for 1st XI Competition match is 4.30pm (September - 4.00pm). Latest start for 2nd XI Competition match is 4.00pm. See Rule L8.10.3.

- 8.15.2 In a game interrupted by ground and/or weather conditions, the number of overs allocated at the outset of the 1st Innings shall not be reduced. A revised 1st Innings total shall then be calculated on the following basis:
- 8.15.2.1 Divide the runs scored in the 1st innings by the number of overs available to team batting first at start of their innings, to arrive at the 1st innings runs per over - the 1st innings run rate. (In the event of a side being dismissed within the total number of entitled overs the run rate will be calculated by dividing the runs scored by the total number of entitled overs.)
 - 8.15.2.2 Calculate 75% of the 1st innings run rate in Rule 8.15.2.1 above - the revised run rate.
 - 8.15.2.3 Multiply the revised run rate in Rule 8.15.2.2 above by the number of overs lost in the 2nd innings - the run reduction.
 - 8.15.2.4 Calculate the revised 1st innings total by deducting the run reduction, arrived at in Rule L8.15.2.3, from the first innings total, ignoring any decimals in the resulting calculation.
 - 8.15.2.5 The revised 1st innings total should be posted on the scoreboard.
- 8.15.3 For all interruptions due to ground and/or weather conditions in either innings the umpires should note the cumulative time lost and for every full 3 minutes, deduct one over from the second innings allowance.
- 8.15.4 The first innings should be completed, and the overs allowance for the second innings reduced accordingly by the number of overs lost, up to a maximum of 30 overs lost (25 overs in 2nd XI Competition) thus allowing for a minimum of a 20 over innings.
- 8.15.5 The revised 1st innings total, should then be calculated/recalculated using Rules L8.15.2.3 and L8.15.2.4 above.
- 8.15.6 The revised 1st innings total should be posted on the scoreboard.
- 8.15.7 The game is automatically abandoned when the total number of overs available for the 2nd Innings drops below 20 overs (provided a result has not previously been reached).
- 8.15.8 If a minimum of 20 overs have been completed in the 2nd innings, and the match is abandoned the result will be determined by recalculating the revised 1st innings total as per the prescribed calculation. The number of overs lost in the 2nd innings being the number of completed overs in the 2nd innings deducted from the number of overs available at the commencement of the 2nd innings. (For this purpose any part over received shall constitute a complete over).

8.16 PERFORMANCE COLLECTIONS:

Collections may be taken for any of the following:

- 8.16.1 Batsman scoring 50 runs.
- 8.16.2 Bowler taking six wickets.
- 8.16.3 Bowler performing the hat-trick.

8.17 TEA INTERVAL:

- 8.17.1 There shall be a tea interval of 30 minutes between innings. Should tea have already been taken during an interruption caused by adverse weather the interval between innings shall be ten minutes.
- 8.17.2 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)
- 8.17.3 Home Clubs shall provide teas for visiting teams, and free teas for the umpires and visiting scorer at all matches.
- 8.17.4 For all weekend and Bank Holiday matches the visiting team shall purchase no less than five teas, or alternatively contribute the total selling price.
- 8.17.5 The exception to Rule L8.17.4 being that during the month of Ramadan, visiting teams comprising of all, or mainly all Muslim players should be allowed to purchase less than the stated minimum. In such circumstances visiting teams must inform the Secretary of the home club of the number of teas required, no less than 72 hours before the start of play. Failure to do so will mean this part of the rule may be enforced by the home club.
- 8.17.6 During the month of Ramadan it is expected that any host clubs with a predominantly Muslim membership will provide teas for visiting teams and also free teas for the umpires and visiting scorer, at all matches.
- 8.17.6 Any time lost between innings, and its cause, shall be reported by the umpires on the TMRF.

8.18 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.

8.19 COMPLETION OF TMRF

- 8.19.1 For both 1st XI Competition and 2nd XI Competition 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.
- 8.19.2 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 31st August the previous year). Where there is no age group entered against a player it will mean he is over the age of 19.
- 8.19.3 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.”

- 8.19.4 The Umpire(s) should complete and sign this TMRF after the game and return it 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.
- 8.19.5 At the conclusion of play in a 1st XI match, including non-completed Sykes ties, the home club shall, within 15 minutes, telephone Coomber’s Sports Agency 01274 584295 (all 1st X1 results), with details of team scores and significant individual performances, unless the result has already been entered into Play-Cricket.
- 8.19.6 Following the completion of the game, the result and scorecard for all 1st XI & 2nd XI matches, whenever played, must be fully completed on the club Play-Cricket website, by 12.00 noon on the day following the completion of the match. Incomplete and alternative formats will not be accepted.
- 8.19.7 After the scorecard has been published on the League website, representatives from either competing clubs shall have 7 days to dispute any particular details of the scorecard. After this time the details of the scorecard shall not be altered.
- 8.19.8 If a match does not take place for whatever reason, the TMRF, result and scorecard must still be completed and submitted.
- 8.19.9 Any club failing to comply with any part of this Rule shall be fined £10 on each occasion of non-compliance.
- 8.19.10 For each further week of non-compliance, excluding the telephoning of Coomber’s Sports Agency, any offending club will be fined an additional £10.
- 8.19.11 A player selected to play in a match which is abandoned because of adverse weather conditions, whether play has actually 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.
- 8.19.12 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.
- 8.19.13 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.
- 8.19.14 A side listing 7 or more players shall receive 2 points for a match which is abandoned due to adverse weather.
- 8.20 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:

8.20.1 Playing Shirts:

8.20.1.1 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.

8.20.1.2 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.

8.20.1.3 Manufacturers Mark:

- Must not exceed 6 square inches (38.71 sq centimetres).
- May be positioned on either the right chest or the Arm.

8.20.1.4 Sponsor Mark - Front:

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

8.20.1.5 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.

8.20.1.6 Sponsor Mark - Arms

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

8.20.1.7 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 centimetres).
- 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.

8.20.1.8 Player's names and/or numbers on playing shirts are specifically prohibited.

8.20.2 Sweaters (Sleeveless and Long Sleeve):

8.20.2.1 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.

8.20.2.2 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.

8.20.2.3 Player's names and/or numbers on sweaters are specifically prohibited.

8.20.3 Trousers:

8.20.3.1 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.

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

8.20.3.3 No other commercial marks may appear on playing trousers

8.20.4 T-Shirts and Base Layer Garments:

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

8.20.4.2 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.

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

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

L9 ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES - 2nd XI COMPETITIONS ONLY

9.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

9.1.1 On a date when a club's 1st 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 2nd XI if more than 50% of the games in which he has played for the club in the season have been for the 1st XI or if more than 50% of the games that he has played in the immediately preceding 10 league games have been in the 1st XI.

9.1.1.1 No more than nine players shall be made ineligible by the provisions of this Rule.

9.1.1.2 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 1st XI league appearances during the period of the club's immediately preceding Ten 1st team League games.

9.1.1.3 *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.*

9.2 REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH:

9.2.1. Subject to Rule L5.3.1.5 up to the time of the toss of 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 following, are met:

9.2.1.1 He is either not already registered with another club or, in respect of a transfer, all relevant parts of the RTDF have been completed.

9.2.1.2 The RTDF is fully completed before the scheduled start and signed by the captain of the opposing team.

9.2.1.3 The completed RTDF is sent by the player's club, either electronically, or by First Class post, to be received by the

Registration Secretary within 48 hours of the match, Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted.

9.2.1.4 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 and Bank Holidays excepted.

9.2.2 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.

9.2.3 No player registered in this manner shall play for the club's 1st XI until at least the Saturday after the initial match.

9.3 CLUB UMPIRES:

9.3.1 Each home team 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 the UA nominated umpire.

9.3.2 The home team umpire shall be entitled to the all-inclusive expenses referred to in Rule L10.5.

9.3.3 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 L10.5.2, plus 33.33%, calculated to the nearest £ above (for 2019 - £55.00).

9.3.4 All such fines shall be separately audited and the total redistributed in equal shares, each October, to all clubs with a 100% provision rate.

9.4 NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER:

9.4.1 In the 2nd XI Competition each bowler shall be allowed to bowl a maximum of nine overs.

9.4.2 Where team overs have been reduced under the provisions of Rule L8.10.3 or Rule L8.15.3, then the maximum overs per bowler shall be similarly reduced by one over for every five overs deducted. Where the total overs is not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number per bowler necessary to make up the balance.

9.4.3 Any incomplete over at the time of a stoppage due to inclement weather in the second innings, must be completed by the same bowler at the restart of play, even though this could take him beyond the newly calculated "rain rule" over maximum per bowler.

9.5 SLOW OVER RATE:

9.5.1 In the 2nd XI Competition a fine shall be imposed on the fielding side under Rules L8.14.1 and L8.14.2, if an innings of 45 overs has not been completed in two hours and 53 minutes of actual playing time.

9.5.2 For a delayed start or interruptions due to adverse weather, the time allowed will be adjusted in line with Rule L8.14.4.

L10 UMPIRES

10.1 APPOINTMENTS:

Umpires shall be appointed by the Umpires' Association Secretary.

10.2 DUTIES:

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

10.3 TRAINING:

All new umpires will be expected to attend an ECB ACO Level 1 training course upon joining the association.

10.4 REPORTING TO THE GROUND:

10.4.1 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.

10.4.2 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.

10.5 EXPENSES:

10.5.1 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:

10.5.1.1 1st XI Competition: Match officiated by two umpires-£43.00 each

10.5.1.2 2nd XI Competition: Match officiated by two umpires-£41.00 each

10.5.1.3 Any match officiated by one umpire: 1½ times all inclusive expenses

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

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

10.5.2 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.

10.6 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 *Administration Secretary*.

10.7 COMPLAINT AGAINST AN UMPIRE:

10.7.1 A club wishing to make a complaint against an umpire shall give written notice to the *Administration 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.

10.7.2 A fee of £20.00 shall be sent to the *Administration Secretary*, and this fee shall be returned if the complaint is upheld.

10.7.3 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.

L11 COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

11.1 COMPLAINT BY A CLUB:

11.1.1 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.

11.1.2 The fee shall be sent to reach the Administration Secretary no later than seven days after the completion of the match 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.

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

11.2 COMPLAINT BY AN UMPIRE:

11.2.1 A complaint by an umpire shall be sent to the Administration Secretary with a copy to the Umpires' Association Secretary, and the Administration Secretary shall inform the club and/or individuals concerned.

11.2.2 Subject to any disciplinary code (i.e. The YCB Disciplinary Code and Procedures) which the Executive may, at its discretion, decide to operate, any complaint relating to the behaviour of any individual(s) shall be referred to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. All other complaints shall be heard by the Executive. In the case of all referrals at least seven days notice in writing of the hearing, and of the offence(s), shall be given to the player, or, in the case of a club, its secretary.

11.3 DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS:

At all hearings, cases may be presented, orally or in writing, by one or more representatives of the club, or, in cases referred to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, by the individual concerned and/or his representative. In either case witnesses may be called.

These parties shall, along with any member of the Executive having an interest in the outcome, retire from the hearing before the case is considered.

The decision of the (Sub) Committee shall be notified orally, or in writing, to the individual and/or the club concerned within 48 hours of the hearing.

Any suspension imposed for a number of matches will be converted to a period of time for the purposes of the rules of the ECB/YCB and applies to all competitions under the auspices of these bodies.

11.4 THE POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE UNDER THIS RULE:

- 11.4.1 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.
- 11.4.2 The Executive shall have the power to reduce or waive any penalty or fine laid down in these Rules.
- 11.4.3 The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall have the right to suspend or expel any player from the League for any breach of these Rules, or for conduct detrimental to the League's reputation.
- 11.4.4 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 had been made.

11.5 PERSISTENT BREACHES OF RULES:

Any club which is guilty of persistent breaches of these Rules may be expelled from the League provided that at least two-thirds of the clubs vote in favour.

11.6 APPEALS:

- 11.6.1 A club which is aggrieved by a decision of the Executive may appeal to the Council. A similar appeal may be made to the Appeals Sub-Committee by a club or an individual concerning any Disciplinary Sub-Committee decision, with a fee of £20.
- 11.6.2 At any appeal hearing the appellant shall have the same right of representation and to call witnesses as at the original hearing. If the appeal is successful the fee will be returned.
- 11.6.3 Any appeal shall be sent to the Administration Secretary within seven days of the notification of the decision. In either case the appeal decision shall be final and binding. Should no appeal be received within the specified time limit any suspension shall take effect from the eighth day after notification.

11.7 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.

L12 RULES & ALTERATIONS

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

12.3 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 31st August 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.

12.4 SUBMISSION OF VOTES BY CLUBS:

12.4.1 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.

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

12.5 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.

12.6 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

13.1 ANNUAL DINNER:

13.1.1 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.

13.1.2 The Executive shall be responsible for all presentation arrangements.

13.1.3 Each club must purchase a minimum of 4 tickets.

13.2 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.

13.3 AWARDS BY ASSESSMENT:

13.3.1 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:

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

13.3.3 The Tim Sugden Administration Award (The Secretariat).

13.3.4 The David Boulton Trophy (UA).

13.4 NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS:

Any nominations for the Lady Sykes Trophies and F.R. Stallard Cup shall be given to the Administration Secretary by not later than 30th September.

13.5 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.

13.6 RECEIPT OF AWARDS:

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

13.7 AWARD WINNERS TIEBREAKERS:

13.7.1 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.

13.7.2 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 most runs or wickets. If in this situation there is a tie, the winner will be determined by the individual with the best average.

13.8 OVERSEAS PLAYERS:

No overseas player is eligible to win any League Award other than the Overseas Player of the year award.

13.9 INSURANCE:

Each trophy shall be insured by the League but the (player's) club concerned shall be responsible for its safe custody and upkeep whilst in (his) its possession.

13.10 RETURN OF TROPHIES:

13.10.1 All trophies must be returned by the club in the same condition as when presented.

13.10.2 Any club failing to comply with Rule L13.10.1 will be responsible for the cost of any necessary repairs and/or a £10 fine in lieu of cleaning costs.

13.10.3 Clubs must return the following trophies to the Child Welfare, Trophies & Facilities Secretary, by the given dates of the year after the award was presented.

13.10.3.1 All cup knockout winners trophies (Sykes Cup, T20 Trophy, T20 Shield and Paddock Shield) by 1st July.

13.10.3.2 All League winners trophies by 1st August.

13.10.4 Clubs must return the following trophies to Cobwood Trophies & Engravers, Milnsbridge by the given dates of the year after the award was presented.

13.10.4.1 Hopkinson Trophy and Schweppes Cup by 1st October.

13.10.4.2 All individual trophies by 1st October.

13.10.5 Failure to meet any of the deadlines in Rule L13.10.3 and Rule L13.10.4 will result in a £10 fine per trophy for the club, which