

THE HUDDERSFIELD PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE UMPIRES ASSOCIATION RULES

- 1.** The Association shall be called "The Huddersfield Premier Cricket League Umpires Association".
- 2.** The aim of the Association shall be as follows:
 - a) The furtherance of all efforts made in the best interests of the game of cricket.
 - b) Co-operation with the Huddersfield Premier Cricket League wherever this is possible in suppressing unsporting behaviour and in the furtherance of the League.
 - c) Uniformity of action by all members on the field of play.
 - d) Improvement of efficiency of all members and to create and maintain a spirit of comradeship.
 - e) All members of the Association shall be members of the ECB ACO.
 - f) All members who joined the Association after 2010 shall have a minimum Stage 2/Level 1A Umpiring Qualification & a Grade M3 or M4 to be considered to stand in 1st XI Premiership matches. The Appointments Secretary does have the authority to appoint members to Premiership matches without the appropriate grade because of no 'WhosTheUmpire' grading.
- 3.** The annual subscription shall be fixed each year at the Annual General Meeting and will become due on the first of January each year. Any member who has not paid their membership subscription by the 31st May will not be considered for any semi-finals and finals by the Selection Committee and they could be suspended.
- 4.** The Officers of the Association shall be President, Chairman, Secretary, Appointments Secretary, Treasurer and Training Officer, who shall, with the exception of the President, be elected at the AGM. The Officers, plus not more than six members of the Association, who shall be elected at the AGM to serve for a period of 2 years in rotation, shall form an Executive Committee (Executive). The executive shall have the power to manage the affairs of the Association and decide all matters not directly covered by the rules. Their decision shall be binding on all members. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 5.** At the end of the current season umpires will be graded as per the 'WhosTheUmpire' system. The gradings allocated are M3 to M5 and to achieve the appropriate grade the umpire must have officiated successfully in a minimum of six matches as per the gradings chart. In June a selection committee shall meet to select umpires for the semi-finals and finals of the Huddersfield Premier Cricket League except the T20 competition. Appointments for the T20 Competition to be done by the Appointments Secretary. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Appointments Secretary, one member proposed by the Executive Committee and two members of the Association elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 6.** The Association shall meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from March to October. The Executive Committee of the Association will be called to meet at such times as the Secretary shall deem necessary.
- 7.** All nominations for the Officers (with the exception of President) and the Executive Committee of the Association shall be made at the September meeting. Proposed rule alterations shall be sent, in writing to the Secretary prior to the September meeting (All proposed rules and amendments MUST be signed by the Proposer & Seconder. An electronic signature will not suffice). All alterations shall be decided at the AGM and be subject to a two-thirds majority of members who attend the meeting. The Executive shall have the power to extend an invitation to a person to be President of the association and also to invite persons to be Life Vice-Presidents. Such appointments shall be made at the September Executive meeting and announced at the AGM.
- 8.** The Executive shall have the power to appoint any sub-committee it deems fit and proper. A League Executive Representative shall be appointed by the Executive. The Executive shall have the power to impose any penalty upon a member who brings the Association into disrepute, providing that such a member is given the right to a personal hearing before any such penalty is imposed. He also has the right of appeal. Any member shall have the right to meet the Executive provided that notification of all relevant details is given to the Secretary not later than 48 hours before such a meeting.
- 9.** All members to umpire up to 1st XI Championship Level. Premiership matches to be appointed at the discretion of the Appointments Secretary.
- 10.** Any Umpire wishing to change their umpiring appointments must inform the Appointments Secretary.
- 11.** DRESS CODE. When standing in the Huddersfield Premier Cricket League matches the following shall apply:
 - (1) A clean white coat.
 - (2) White polo shirt (displaying logos if appropriate) or white shirt & league tie if available.
 - (3) Black/Navy trousers (No shorts).
 - (4) White footwear.
 - (5) Neat headwear (if worn) all of an approved standard by the ECB.

An exception to the above is that Umpires may wear coloured clothing & footwear where a competition allows for this i.e., T20 Trophy/Shield.