

LWC DRINKS CORNWALL CRICKET LEAGUE

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To All Clubs

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2017 Draft League Fixtures

- 1 Apart from the Premier League only no fixtures have been scheduled for the May Day Bank Holiday Monday or August Bank Holiday Monday. The season begins on **Saturday 22 April**. The final games in all divisions are on **Saturday 9 September** (Premier League only on Sat 2 September). The end of season East v West County Finals will be on **Saturday 16 September**.
- 2 **The Premier League uses a ten-team matrix** where teams play each other home and away giving 18 games. The Premier League commences on **Saturday 20 May**.

The separate **40 over Premier Cup competition** has again been fixtured for the first five match days of the season. It commences on 22 April and includes May Day Bank Holiday Monday (1st) when the rest of the league is not scheduled. The fixtures have been compiled to interlink with the rest of the League to accommodate second XI home fixtures, but in doing so cannot give an ideal spread of the four cup fixtures to each club. With the fixtures in two geographical groups of five teams each team also has one bye which accounts for the additional match day. Premier clubs indexes are selected to give best fit to alternate home advantage/travelling for cup fixtures over a two year period.
- 3 **The twelve-team matrix** for all other 12 divisions interlink (with just one annual, unavoidable exception - in Division 2 West this year) to the ten-team Premier matrix. That ensures that 1st & 2nd or 3rd & 4th XIs or ground sharing clubs always have opposite home and away games, irrespective of their division. The one annual exception is a single Premier 2nd XI fixture at the beginning of the season (a rogue fixture). For fairness the policy of alternating which Premier club has this 2nd XI home fixture has again continued on a rotation. This year it is St Just 2nds v Truro 2nds – re-scheduled from 22 April to Mon 1 May.
 - These interlinking matrices take considerable time to compile and are very complex and non negotiable. Effectively a 150 piece numbered jig-saw where every piece has to interlink precisely with each other.
 - Generally no team has more than **two successive** home or away games.
 - Fixtures are made for Saturdays and Bank Holidays **only**, as the League Rule 17.2.1 dictates.
 - Fixtures have to be in different sequences in each half of the season to allow the interlink between 12 and 10 teams. All teams have one home and away game for the late May Bank Holiday double fixtured weekend.
 - The matrix has one fixture block that is repeated (home and away) on the late May Bank Holiday Monday and August Bank Holiday Saturday. This allows for 'local' games to be fixtured for countywide Division 1 on these busy holiday periods . Premier League fixtures on these holiday weekends however are automatically dictated unfortunately by the cup groups indexing. A case of the tail wagging the dog!
 - Virtually all requests for 'home' or 'away' games on specific dates have been written into the lists.
 - Where home venues are **not available** on certain dates these games will need to be **mutually rearranged, between the clubs themselves**. The League does not have the authority to specify dates outside of Saturdays and Bank Holidays. Monday 1 May and Monday 28 August can be used for such rearrangements in 2017, if wished, otherwise Sundays or mid week. Rearrangements **MUST** be done **no later than 1st March** and will subsequently appear in the Yearbook fixtures and automatically online and on play-cricket once notified. Any requests to rearrange **any games** after this date can **only be rearranged subject to prior League approval**
 - **Note: Games in Tier 3 (Division 5) may be rearranged by mutual agreement, without reason. Rule 17.2.1.3. This MUST be done by 1st MARCH however and the League notified of the new date.**
 - If a club wants to rearrange any fixture they must mutually agree with their opponents on a suitable date. If clubs require to alter the date of any fixture please contact the opposing club under Rule 17.2.1. If mutually agreed, in writing, **please inform** myself at the earliest - so the yearbook details can be amended before printing in March. Clubs in the Premier Division, County Division 1 and Division 2 please also inform the Umpires Appointments Secretary, Mr John Molden, of any alterations. The League will also amend the play-cricket fixtures as notified.
 - All 1606 fixtures will be set up on your **play-cricket sites**. Please check there are no inaccuracies. If so let me know.

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