

Constitution / Rules – Cornwall League
CORNWALL CRICKET LEAGUE
RULES & CONSTITUTION 2016

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SECTION A THE ORGANISATION

1. TITLE

- 1.1 The League shall be called 'The Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League' (hereinafter referred to as the 'CCL').

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 Aims

- 2.1.1 It is the policy of the CCL to provide a framework, administered and directed by an elected League Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as the 'LMC') to enable Clubs in Cornwall to participate in organised competitive cricket.

2.2 Objectives

- 2.2.1 The establishment and maintenance of policies, procedures and practices that encourage the smooth and efficient running of League activities, and the development of Cricket in Cornwall.
- 2.2.2 The raising of standards, at all levels, of playing performance; pitches; grounds; facilities; coaching; umpiring and scoring.
- 2.2.3 The developing of high standards of sportsmanship, fairness, self-discipline and consideration for others.
- 2.2.4 The playing of cricket in a safe manner without detriment to health or the environment and without unjustifiable discrimination.
- 2.2.5 The development of effective relationships with other bodies, agencies and organisations for the purpose of positively influencing the quality, nature and evolution of League Cricket in Cornwall

SECTION B MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 3.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in or about the month of January each year

3.2 Purposes - The AGM is to:

- 3.2.1 Receive Reports
- 3.2.2 Provide Statement of Accounts
- 3.2.3 Elect League Officers and LMC Members
- 3.2.4 Elect Life Members
- 3.2.5 Elect Vice-Presidents
- 3.2.6 Vote to authorise changes to Constitution and Rules.

3.3 Notice Requirements

- 3.3.1 Notice of any proposed nomination of League Officers and members must be with the Secretary of the League at least 28 days before the AGM
- 3.3.1.1 The Secretary shall forthwith notify the League Clubs of such proposed nomination.
- 3.3.2 Where any post remains vacant after an AGM, the committee may co-opt suitable persons to fill such posts. Such co-options shall be subject to election at the next AGM.
- 3.3.3 Proposals for the election of Life Members and Vice Presidents must be made in writing and lodged with the Secretary of the CCL at least 28 days before the AGM.

3.4 Alterations to constitution and rules

- 3.4.1 Only affiliated member clubs, the Cornwall Association of Cricket Officials (CACO), the Cornwall Women's Cricket Association (CWCA) and LMC may submit proposals for changes to the Rules and Constitution.
- 3.4.2 Proposals to alter the constitution or rules must be received by the League Secretary by 1st October. Proposals must also be seconded in writing by 'two' other current named CCL clubs.
- 3.4.2.1 The information supplied to include the wording of change and any supporting justification.
- 3.4.3 Where proposals are received, these to be circulated to clubs so they can be balloted by post.
- 3.4.4 Only those proposals that gain 50% or more of votes cast will be carried forward to the League AGM unless otherwise proposed by the LMC. Votes cast on the proposals will be as Rules 3.9.3 to 3.9.6.1. inclusive
- 3.4.4.1 Any club may put forward a proposal(s) related to clubs not in the proposer's Tier. However, only those clubs to whom the proposal refers may vote upon it.
- 3.4.5 Proposals submitted by the LMC may go straight to the AGM.
- 3.4.6 A closing date of 23.59 hours on 15th November will apply to all votes cast in the postal ballot described in 3.4.1 to 3.4.5 inclusive.
- 3.4.7 The LMC may arrange for e-postal ballots throughout the year to address LMC proposed administrative rule changes, subject to:

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- (i) A postal ballot may be called at any time between the 1 February and 31 October each year at the sole discretion of the LMC, who shall propose the issue or issues to form the subject of the postal ballot.
- (ii) The LMC will prepare the details of the ballot paper and approve any attached information.
- (iii) The ballot papers shall be issued by email unless a League Club specifically requests a paper copy; the completed ballot paper may be returned to the LMC by email or post.
- (iv) The issues for a postal ballot shall only refer to the administrative needs of the CCL and no issue can be put to postal ballot that materially affects player registration, player qualifications, and discipline or league competition match playing conditions.
- (v) Each Club will record their vote(s) on the issues or issues as instructed on the ballot paper. Any deviation(s) from those instructions will render the ballot paper invalid.
- (vi) A simple majority of those voting and eligible to vote shall be sufficient for each issue to be carried.
- (vii) For a proposal that affects all divisions of the CCL, each Club shall have: one league team - one vote; two or more League teams - two votes.
- (viii) Should an issue(s) affect only Clubs in a specific Tier, then only those Clubs will be balloted and voting rights will be as for an AGM proposal in that Tier.
- (ix) Any ballot paper that is received after midnight on the return date will be invalid.
- (x) The LMC will supervise the counting of the votes and announce the result of the ballot on the League website as soon as practicable, but in any case not later than 7 days from the ballot closing date.
- (xi) The ballot result will be formally recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the LMC and the revised or new rule(s) will be posted on the League website as soon as practicable but no later than 7 days after formal recording by the LMC. The new or revised rule(s) will commence on the day of posting on the League website.

3.5

Quorum

3.5.1

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be transacted by the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretaries and representatives from the league clubs, CACO & CWCA.

3.5.2

No business shall be conducted without a quorum of representatives from 12 clubs

3.6

Records

3.6.1

Minutes of the AGM shall be recorded and made available on request to constituent clubs.

3.7

Representation

3.7.1

All clubs shall send no more than two representatives to the AGM.

3.7.2

A club not represented at an AGM shall be fined £50. A club not represented at the AGM as in 3.7.1 shall have no vote on any AGM matter

3.7.2.1

There shall be no postal or proxy vote on any AGM matter; all votes must be cast in person by representation as in 3.7.1

3.7.3

The CACO may send two representatives to the AGM.

3.7.4

The Women's Tier shall send one representative per women's league club to the League AGM.

3.8

Elections

3.8.1

The following shall be elected at an AGM:

3.8.1.1

Life Members

3.8.1.2

Vice Presidents

3.8.1.3

President

3.8.1.4

Chairman

3.8.1.5

Vice Chairman

3.8.1.6

Secretaries

3.8.1.7

Treasurer(s)

3.8.1.8

Independent Financial Examiner

3.8.1.9

Management Committee Members (10)

3.8.2

No club shall have more than 2 associated members serving simultaneously on the LMC.

3.8.3

A Safeguarding Officer, as appointed by the CCB Ltd, shall as of right sit on the LMC.

3.9

Voting at Annual General Meeting

3.9.1

On matters relating to rules and conduct of the League, voting to be

3.9.1.1

Clubs playing one team - one vote.

3.9.1.2

Clubs playing two or more teams - two votes.

3.9.1.3

Cornwall Association of Cricket Officials - one vote.

3.9.1.4

Women's Tier – one vote per women's league club

3.9.2

The Chair of the AGM shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

3.9.3

Voting on all matters shall be carried out by all clubs, apart from that as in 3.9.4 & 3.9.6.

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- 3.9.4 Any proposition affecting playing conditions, professionals and umpires, made by a club in Premier League or County One, shall be voted on by the clubs in those divisions – ‘one club one vote’ – and such decision shall apply to Premier League or County One only.
- 3.9.4.1 In event of a dispute about eligibility of a proposition under this rule, the decision of the LMC shall be final and binding.
- 3.9.5 At the AGM, a 60% majority of votes cast is required to pass any alteration, amendment, correction or change of League Rules, whilst a simple majority is required for those LMC persons described in 3.8.
- 3.9.6 Matters relating to a particular Tier shall be voted on by the Clubs in that Tier only, one Team – one Vote, two teams – two votes. Matters relating to all Divisions – Rule 3.9.1 will apply.
- 3.9.6.1 Tier voting shall apply to the teams making up the respective tiers for the ensuing season.

4. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- 4.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of all clubs may be called at a written request of at least 12 clubs or by the LMC.
- 4.2 An EGM, properly constituted shall have the status and authority of an AGM and any decisions made shall be binding.
- 4.3 The EGM shall be held within 28 days of the valid request being received by the League Secretary.

5. FINANCE

- 5.1 Funding for the league shall be obtained through the following means:
- 5.1.1 Subscriptions and fees from constituent clubs
- 5.1.2 Sponsorship
- 5.1.3 Profitable enterprise
- 5.1.4 Grants and donations
- 5.2 The financial year shall run from 1st November to 31st October.
- 5.3 The Treasurer shall maintain records of financial matters and make annual summaries and reports.
- 5.4 The accounts shall be checked and verified.
- 5.5 An annual honorarium shall be offered to the League Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Results Secretaries and Media Officer, the amounts to be decided annually by the LMC.

6. THE LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6.1 League Management Committee

- 6.1.1 A LMC shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in accordance with Rule 3.8.
- 6.1.2 The LMC shall have the duties and powers to apply the rules, manage the league and deal with all matters as appropriate.
- 6.1.3 The decision of this Committee shall be final and binding.
- 6.1.4 The LMC may make necessary additional appointments (as in 6.1.4.1) to support the carrying out of its duties
- 6.1.4.1 Hon. Media Officer

6.2 Meetings

- 6.2.1 No business shall be conducted by the LMC without a quorum of seven.
- 6.2.2 The business of Committee Meetings shall be transacted by the officials elected and appointed.
- 6.2.3 Approved minutes of LMC monthly meetings will be available on the CCL website and sent to the CCB Board Secretary. A summary of the minutes will be made to the full Board at each meeting by the Board LMC representative.

6.3 Sub-committees:

- 6.3.1 The LMC shall authorise the formation of any sub-committee deemed necessary to fulfil the aims and objectives of the league.
- 6.3.2 A list of sub-committees currently formed is as below.

6.4 Executive Committee

- 6.4.1 The LMC shall authorise an Executive Committee which shall consist of Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer and any 3 other members of the LMC in order to deal with matters that cannot be delayed until the next meeting of the LMC. The 3 LMC officers may transfer the Executive function to their elected deputies should they be temporarily unavailable. The names of the Executive Committee shall be published in the first available LMC newsletter and the CCB Yearbook.
- 6.4.2 A full report of any such decisions shall be made to the LMC at its next meeting.
- 6.4.3 No business shall be conducted by the LMC Executive Committee without a quorum of 4 members, one of whom must be the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.

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- 6.4.4 The LMC Executive shall, as required, also assume the role of a Finance Sub- Committee. This group should expect to meet once annually, to address the finances and operational costs of the League.
- 6.5 Disciplinary Committee & Appeals**
- 6.5.1 The LMC shall appoint annually, in February, a Disciplinary Committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary and at least four other members (minimum of three to sit).
- 6.5.2 All matters relating to the infringement of League Rules, qualifications and conduct of clubs or players shall be subject to the discretionary powers of the LMC vested in the Disciplinary Committee which is empowered to impose appropriate sanctions. (Rule 36)
- 6.5.3 The procedures for a Club to appeal against a disciplinary or administrative decision of the LMC Disciplinary Committee is described in rule 32 and 39.5 respectively.
- 6.6 Cornwall Association of Cricket Officials** - the CACO shall annually elect at their AGM two representatives (representative and deputy) to serve on the LMC.
- 6.7 CCL Groundsmen Association** - the CCL Groundsmen Association shall annually elect at their AGM a representative to serve on the LMC.
- 6.8 Women's League** - the CWCA shall annually elect at their AGM a representative to serve on the LMC.

7. CHILD PROTECTION

- 7.1 League Policy**
- 7.1.1 The League embraces the ECB 'Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket' policy.
- 7.1.2 The League shall conduct its business in compliance with its requirement to protect 'Young People in Cricket'.
- 7.1.3 The League shall operate a system of controls to ensure clubs comply with 'Welfare of Young People in Cricket' policies.
- 7.2 Club requirements**– Rule 7.2 shall be managed by the CCB appointed County Safeguarding Officers who shall report any Club not fulfilling these requirements to the LMC. One of the County Safeguarding Officers will sit on the LMC.
- 7.2.1 All clubs to adopt and implement the 'ECB 'Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket' policy.
- 7.2.2 Each club to appoint a Club Welfare Officer (CWO).
- 7.2.2.1 Completed 'Welfare Officer' form to be submitted by each club to CCB Safeguarding Officer.
- 7.2.2.1.1 CWO to complete a 'Good Practice and Child Protection' course.
- 7.2.3 All club coaches, umpires and scorers must complete satisfactory CRB check.
- 7.2.3.1 Also, Club Officials who have regular contact/involvement with Young People.
- 7.2.4 Any club negotiating a contract with overseas personnel, must stipulate criminal check or Certificate of Good Conduct' be obtained from his country of origin.
- 7.2.4.1 This to be submitted to the ECB along with 'Overseas Clearance' form.
- 7.2.5 That the club meet 'their duty of care' to ensure any young people under the age of 18 has the ability to compete safely in a team for which they are selected to play.

8. HEALTH & SAFETY

- 8.1 League Policy**
- 8.1.1 The league, clubs and individuals have legal 'duty of care' to avoid carelessly causing injury to persons.
- 8.1.2 The league and clubs shall carry out risk assessments as appropriate for activities being undertaken.
- 8.1.3 The same shall adopt good practices in meeting health and safety requirements and procedures.
- 8.1.4 A suitable First Aid kit, regularly checked and maintained, to be available at all matches played

9. AFFILIATION FEES AND FINES

- 9.1 Fees**
- 9.1.1 Affiliation fees to the League, as fixed by the LMC, shall be paid direct to the League Treasurer by 31 October.
- 9.2 Fines**
- 9.2.1 Fines, as fixed by the LMC, shall be paid direct to the League Treasurer by 31 October.
- 9.2.2 Further penalties will be imposed on any club for non-payment of fees and fines by the date due. These to be paid by 31 December, or within 28 days, at discretion of the LMC

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9.3

Fixed Monetary Payments

- 9.3.1 Fixed fees and fines apply as follows:-
- 9.3.1.1 League Affiliation fee: £45 per team + an additional £10 if Premier & County 1.
 - 9.3.1.2 CCB fees: £30 – 1 team; £36 – 2 teams; £42 – 3 teams; £48 – 4 teams
 - 9.3.1.3 Hawkey, Rosevear & Vinter Cup fees: £5 per team
 - 9.3.1.4 Yearbook: £6 per book
 - 9.3.1.5 Late result fine (both £5 postal & £5 via play cricket):
 - 9.3.1.6 Failure by a club in the Premier & Tier 1 to submit a completed Umpire Assessment Report to the CACO as required by Rule 23.4.1.1 - £10 per report form
 - 9.3.1.7 Non attendance of League AGM: £50 per Club
 - 9.3.1.8 Compensation for teas: £33
 - 9.3.1.9 Team applying for admission to CCL or seeking re-election after withdrawing from CCL: £25
 - 9.3.1.10 Disciplinary fines: As levied by Disciplinary Committee
 - 9.3.1.11 Failure to submit a result card by the end of September: £50.
 - 9.3.1.12 Late return of Trophies – After 1 January following the year of presentation £10 per trophy, plus £1 for every day late per trophy; fines shall not exceed £40 per trophy.
 - 9.3.1.13 Membership to Cornwall Association of Cricket Groundsmen is compulsory for all affiliated league clubs. £15 per club.
- 9.3.2 All fees and fines are subject to an annual review.
- 9.3.3 Fines payments
- 9.3.3.1 Any fine(s) levied under section 9 must be paid to the League Treasurer within 14 days of the club(s) or player(s) being notified of such fine(s).
 - 9.3.3.2 Any fines outstanding at the end of the 14 day period will be increased by 100% of the original fine, when the Chairman or Secretary of the offending club(s) or reported player(s) shall be notified to the effect that the fine(s) is still outstanding. If the fines remain outstanding after a further 14 days from that reminder, a deduction of 5 points shall be made from the points gained by the club for either a default payment by the club or player concerned for every period of 14 days until the fine is paid.

Section C CRICKET LEAGUE

10. COMPOSITION OF LEAGUE

- 10.1 The CCL shall adopt 5-tier structure system to comprise:-
- 10.1.1 Premier – ECB Premier League countywide division and
- 10.1.2 Tier 1 – County Division 1 & Division 2 with separate East and West sections and
- 10.1.3 Tier 2 – Divisions 3 & 4 with separate East and West sections and
- 10.1.4 Tier 3 - Division 5 (East & West) & Division 6 (East, West & Central)
- 10.1.5 Having such divisions and sub-divisions as shall be decided by the LMC.
- 10.1.6 Women's Tier (League Cricket) – shall be managed and administered by the CWCA on behalf of the CCL in accordance with League Rules specific to Child Protection (7), Health & Safety (8), Player Qualifications (14), Registration (15), Code of Conduct & Discipline (Section D), Advertising Insignia (43) and ECB Directives (44). League match playing conditions for the Women's Tier are determined as per Rule 22. The Women's Tier is restricted to women players only.
- 10.2 Composition of respective East and West Divisions may be adjusted in order to maintain a balance of 12 teams in each division.
- 10.3 Only in exceptional circumstances will a club be permitted to compete in a division outside its area and only then, with approval of the LMC.
- 10.4 No club shall have more than one team in any division.
- 10.5 All matters relating to the composition of the divisions of the League, including promotion and relegation for the subsequent season, may not be altered after 31st December each year. The season shall be deemed to commence, for all administrative purposes, on January 1st. The season shall conclude at 23.59 hours on 30th September.
- 10.6 A full listing of constituent clubs can be found in the Club Directory section of current CCB Yearbook.
- 10.7 Clubs outside of Cornwall may be admitted at the discretion of the LMC.
- 10.8 Movement of clubs between leagues.
- Any club seeking to move to another league must resign from its present league prior to 30th June of the current season.

11. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

11.1 Promotion/Relegation

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- 11.1.1 The LMC has the duty and powers to regulate promotion and relegation to ensure that it is applied fairly for all participating clubs.
- 11.1.2 No team will be promoted or relegated more than one division up or down in any one season unless a club requests relegation or relegation by more than one division and this is subsequently granted by the LMC.
- 11.1.3 No team finishing in one of the bottom two positions in any division (or section of any division) shall be promoted.
- 11.1.4 All promotions shall be subject to clubs meeting published standards for grounds and facilities.
- 11.1.5 The LMC has the power, subject to appeal, upon recommendation of Grounds Committee, to expel or exclude any club from any Division of the League by reason of unacceptable ground conditions or facilities. (See Rule 13)
- 11.1.6 Where a Club seeking promotion can evidence that the required standard of facilities will be in place and meet the League requirements (see also Rule 13 for the Higher Tiers) before the following AGM, then that Club shall be considered for promotion.
- 11.1.7 Promotion and relegation between Premier League and County Division One shall be one up/one down.
- 11.1.8 Only one club shall be promoted from Division 2 East & one from Division 2 West in order to facilitate two being relegated from County Division One.
- 11.1.9 For all other divisions, promotion and relegation shall be two up/two down. However in the event of two clubs from the same section being demoted from County Division 1 both clubs shall return to their respective section (Division 2 West or Division 2 East). Three teams will then be relegated to Division 3 (East or West) as applicable, when all divisions will be regularised, in accordance with Rule 10.2. Promotions and relegations shall be 2 up and 3 down throughout the rest of that section but the opposite section shall have 3 up and 2 down in each division.
- 11.1.9.1 Three teams shall be relegated from each of Division 5 East and West and two teams shall be promoted from each of Division 6 East, Central and West. In the event of any vacancies team/s will be promoted, East or West as required, based on their ranking of average points gained per match. However in the event of two teams from County Division 1 being relegated into the same section four teams shall be relegated from Division 5 of that section and three teams from the opposite section. Two teams shall be promoted from each of Division 6 East, Central and West.
- 11.1.9.2 Clubs who withdraw a team from a division prior or during the season will not be eligible for any promotions for any of its lower teams for the current season. Refer to 10.5
- 11.1.9.3 When a vacancy occurs in any division, only one team will be relegated from that division, but two teams will be promoted from the division below. If two vacancies occur, no teams will be relegated
- 11.1.10 In the event of a 2nd XI being denied a promotion place (see 10.4) and/or if its 1st XI is in a relegation position, neither team will be relegated or promoted.
- 11.1.10.1 In either case, only one team will thereby be relegated from the higher division.
- 11.1.11 Other than for 11.1.10, if a 1st XI is relegated into a division containing its own 2nd XI, then that 2nd XI will be relegated to the division below and the team finishing 2nd bottom of that division will not be relegated.
- 11.1.11.1 The same applies in the event of a 2nd XI team being relegated to a division occupied by its 3rd team and/or for a 3rd team being relegated to a division occupied by its 4th team.
- 11.1.11.2 At the discretion of the LMC a club is permitted to have more than one team playing in the lowest division, provided the lowest division is not overborne with teams and it does not prevent another team from entering the league.
- 11.1.12 Where a team finishes in a promotion place, but is ineligible or unable to be promoted, then the team immediately below in the final league table shall be offered promotion, provided the team meets all other requirements.
- 11.2 Election/Re-election to the League**
- 11.2.1 The bottom two teams in the lowest Divisions (6E, 6W & 6C) and any team seeking admission to the League shall make application for election/re-election to the League Secretary not later than 30 September (see 17.3.6).
- 11.2.2 Teams applying for admission to the League shall be eligible to the Lowest Division only.
- 11.2.3 Teams applying for admission to the League and clubs seeking re-election after withdrawing from the League shall pay an entry fee of £25.00.

12. LEAGUE WINNERS

- 12.1 **League and County Champions**
- 12.1.2 The CCL Championship shall be awarded to club that finishes top of the Premier League table.
- 12.1.3 The club scoring the highest number of points in their respective division to be adjudged champions of that division.
- 12.1.4 Where separate East and West Divisions apply, the respective division champions shall play a County final on grounds to be decided by the LMC.

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- 12.1.5 If, on the completion of league fixtures, two or more teams tie with the same number of points, then the higher position in the league table shall be awarded to the team with:
- 12.1.5.1 the team gaining the most points from the games played between the two teams, or if still the same;
- 12.1.5.2 the most wins, or if still the same;
- 12.1.5.3 the most bonus points, or if still the same;
- 12.1.5.4 the most 'away' wins, or if still the same;
- 12.1.5.5 a play off with neutral umpires on a neutral ground shall take place.
- 12.1.6 Where points have been awarded to one side because of default by the other, it shall count as a win.

12.2 League Finals

- 12.2.1 The dates of the League Finals shall be decided each year by the LMC.
- 12.2.2 League clubs shall place their grounds at the disposal of the LMC for the purpose of playing Semi-final and Final games thereon, if and when required to do so by the LMC.
- 12.2.3 In selecting grounds for Finals, neutrality should be maintained unless participating clubs mutually agreed otherwise.
- 12.2.4 All Semi-finals and Finals shall be played under the existing conditions of the league.
- 12.2.4.1 In the event of a tie, the team losing the least number of wickets or if still equal
- 12.2.4.2 the team scoring the most runs off the bat or if still equal;
- 12.2.4.3 the side dismissing the most batsmen clean bowled, shall be declared the winners.
- 12.2.5 If a League Final, having commenced, is abandoned due to prevailing weather conditions, the clubs shall share the trophy.
- 12.2.6 A club that fails to make itself available to play in a League final will automatically be demoted and fined (9.3.1.10).
- 12.2.7 Medals awarded at League Finals shall be engraved 'Divisional East Winner' and 'Divisional West Winner' as appropriate.
- 12.2.8 At the conclusion of the regular season any division with three sections shall have the winners ranked on average points gained per match. The teams placed first and second will go forward to the Divisional County Final.

13. GROUNDS & FACILITIES

13.1 Facilities

- 13.1.1 All facilities required by the League must be in situ as at the end of the previous season. See also 11.1.12
- 13.1.2 In all divisions toilet and washing facilities must be available on ALL grounds (not just the main ground), and immediately adjacent to the playing area for players, umpires and scorers. All Higher Tier grounds must also provide toilet and washing facilities for match spectators
- 13.1.3 On grounds where it is not possible to satisfactorily view the field of play from either the pavilion or changing facilities, a suitable form of sheltered seating must be provided adjacent to the field of play for use by the scorers (if no scoreboard is provided) and the batting side.
- 13.1.4 A traditional 'cricket tea' must be provided by the home club at the venue. This to be taken during the interval between innings, or earlier at the direction of official umpires, or with the agreement of both captains in Tiers 2 and 3.

13.2 Ground Grading System: Guidance For Clubs

	Premier League / Division 1	Division 2	Divisions 3 & 4
SQUARE	Good quality grass. Level (free from undulation-smooth). Evidence of care and maintenance. Consistent bounce.	Evidence of care and maintenance. Well prepared.	Evidence of care and maintenance. Well prepared.
OUTFIELD	Properly cut and maintained. Generally smooth surface. Boundary clearly marked with a line or rope.	Properly cut and maintained. Generally smooth surface. Boundary clearly marked with a line or rope.	Properly cut and maintained. Generally smooth surface. Boundary clearly marked with a line or rope.
SCOREBOX	Box and board, not necessarily combined, showing total, wickets, last man, 1st inns. and overs. Clearly legible from the	Box and board, not necessarily combined, showing total, wickets and overs. Clearly legible from the square. Facilities for	Board, showing total, wickets and overs. Facilities for scoring under cover.

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	square. Comfortable scoring conditions. Full view (90%) of ground for scorers.	scoring within. Good (80 %) view of ground for scorers.	
CHANGING ROOMS	Two. Not cramped. Clean.	Two. Not cramped. Clean.	Two. Clean.
WASHING PAVILION	Two Showers. In working order. Available to each team. Clean. In good state of decoration. Seating for players and officials. Kitchen. Access to telephone.	Two Showers. In working order. Available to each team. Clean. In good state of decoration. Seating for players and officials. Kitchen. Access to telephone.	Hot and cold washing facilities for both teams. In good condition. Seating for players and officials.
TOILETS	Ladies and gents. Clean, with washing facilities. Available to players and non-players.	Ladies and gents. Clean, with washing facilities. Available to players and non-players.	Ladies and gents. Clean, with washing facilities. Available to players and non-players.
EQUIPMENT	Choice of heavy/light roller.	Choice of heavy/light roller.	–
VIEWING FACILITIES	For players, in either pavilion or changing rooms	–	–
UMPIRES	Separate changing room. Clean.	Separate changing room. Clean.	–
SIGHTSCREENS	Two, clean, in good repair. Easy to move.	Two, clean, in good repair. Easy to move.	–
COVERS	<p>Premier & County 1 only Full pitch and end covers must be provided for use as required by the umpires on match day and such covers must be used by the club prior to the match day to ensure that the pitch is presented on match day in the best possible playing conditions given the prevailing weather conditions.</p> <p>Any complaint regarding evidence of failure to provide sensible pitch protection prior to match day will be considered by the LMC disciplinary committee and may result in the club concerned being subject to penalties as described in Rule 39.4.</p>		

- 13.2.1 Note: this rule is amended for Premier and Tier 1 Clubs with the adoption of ECB PQS grounds grading system.
- 13.2.2 All Premier, County 1 and Div 2 Clubs shall have grounds graded each year by the CCL Groundsmen Association in accordance with Rules 13.2.2.1, 13.2.2.2, 13.2.3, 13.2.3.1, 13.2.4, 13.2.4.1
- 13.2.2.1 The grade shall be awarded according to information gathered throughout the whole season.
- 13.2.2.2 Clubs will be notified of their grades as soon as practicable at the end of the season.
- 13.2.3 Grounds shall be marked online by the officially appointed umpires in the Premier League & County Division 1 using WTU.
- 13.2.3.1 In Divisions 2 (East & West) this must be completed within 72 hours of the match by the visiting captain using the Cornwall Cricket website's online 'Ground Form'.
- 13.2.4 No club will be allowed into or remain in the Premier League or County One or Division 2 if it fails to meet the requirements of the Ground Grading System.
- 13.2.4.1 Any promotions or relegation shall be subject to meeting satisfactory ground standards.
- 13.2.4.2 Should any club in Premier and County 1 fail to achieve a minimum average season pitch mark (based on evenness of bounce, seam movement, carry/bounce, turn) of 12.00 OR an average season minimum mark of 3.00 for outfield and/or square, that ground shall be subject to a full PQS standard inspection at the club's expense by the County Pitch Adviser. Should that inspection show no mitigating circumstances for not achieving the minimum standards above, the LMC shall enforce remedial action including the possibility of demotion or suspension.
- 13.2.5 Grounds of clubs in Divisions outside those stated in 13.2.2 shall also be subject to inspection/report by the CCL Groundsmen Association and each club shall be advised of any adverse comments on the ground quality recorded on an online 'Complaint Form' on the Cornwall

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- 13.2.6 The CCL Groundsmen Association may visit, advise and warn Clubs, if playing facilities are below the standard required without the necessity for a written complaint from another club.
- 13.2.7 The CCL Groundsmen Association shall investigate low ground markings of 4 or less (2 for clubs graded under ECB PQS system), or further to written complaint, within 14 days.
- 13.2.8 The CCL Groundsmen Association shall report to the LMC as required, normally at each LMC meeting.

13.3 Artificial Surfaces

- 13.3.1 It is not permitted for a match held under the auspices of the LMC to be played upon an artificial surface.

14. PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

14.1 All players

- 14.1.1 Before any player may play in a CCL competition the player must be qualified as follows:
- 14.1.2 Be qualified to play for England as defined in ECB regulations governing the qualification and registration of cricketers (see 14.5) or an overseas Non Professional in accordance with Rule 14.2 or a Professional Overseas Player in accordance with 14.4
- 14.1.3 Have formal membership of a CCL club.
- 14.1.4 Be registered with the club via play-cricket.
- 14.1.5 Have no current disciplinary suspension from another cricket authority.
- 14.1.6 Have no outstanding commitments to another club.
- 14.1.7 If on a County ground-staff, be unregistered.
- 14.1.8 Apart from the Registered Professional and Seasonal Overseas player see 14.2 and 14.3, no player shall receive payment from the club, or any other interested party, e.g. Business, sponsor etc for playing or providing any services. Clubs shall be limited to one Registered Professional and one 'Seasonal' overseas player who shall be recorded on the 'Annual Player Registration Confirmation form' and recorded as either a Category 2 or Category 3 player on the club's Play Cricket Site.
- 14.1.8.1 A club may employ their own registered playing members to undertake contractual commercial services for the club such as maintenance of premises and playing facilities; the club is required to inform the LMC at the commencement of employment of the name(s) and the nature of the contractual commercial services being provided.
- 14.1.9 No-one, whose normal residence is out-of-county, and who has played for another out of county club during the season, shall be allowed to play his first match under the auspices of the Cornwall Cricket League that season after 31st July.
- 14.1.10 The CCL adopts the ECB Directive on junior cricketers playing in open age matches as stated Rule 44.4

14.2 Overseas players

- 14.2.1 There are no restrictions on the numbers of Overseas Players registered by a club provided that those players are living and working full time in the UK. Full details of each such player must be provided annually to the Asst. League Secretary.
- 14.2.1.1 Clubs are restricted to one non British or one non EU player per season. Clubs may assist with airfares and accommodation. Full details of such players must be provided to the Asst. League Sec

14.3 Professional players

- 14.3.1 Before a paid player, known as the 'Registered Professional' may play in a CCL competition, the player must be additionally qualified as follows:
- 14.3.1.1 No other playing member in the club, apart from the registered professional and 'Seasonal' overseas player, shall receive financial support or services or goods of any kind from the club or any other party associated with the club e.g. sponsors, businesses etc for playing for the club. The club may employ a playing member to undertake contractual commercial services for the club such as maintenance of premises and playing facilities. This exception does not apply to the Registered Professional and 'Seasonal' overseas player.
- 14.3.2 No contractual agreement between a registered professional and a club shall be for period in excess of 12 months nor extend into another cricket season.
- 14.3.3 Professional players are not permitted below County Division One.

14.4 Professional Overseas Players

- 14.4.1 Clubs may obtain the services of one professional overseas player/coach. Clubs must apply to the Border Agency for a sponsor's licence before they can employ an overseas player/coach under the 'points based managed migration system'. Rules 14.3.1.1, 14.3.2 and 14.3.3 still apply

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14.5 ECB Regulations governing the qualification and registration of cricketers and their qualification to play for England.

Information on overseas players can be found on the ECB website Generic Rules section 3.2 to 3.3.6

15. REGISTRATION

15.1 Registration

- 15.1.1 All CCL Registrations to be made through the Clubs play cricket site.
- 15.1.1.1 No player shall be registered concurrently with more than one club in the CCL with the exception of women players who may register with one club to play league cricket within the Premier Tier, Tiers 1, 2 & 3 and register with one other club to play specifically within the Women's Tier.
- 15.1.1.2 Once registered, a player remains registered to that club until either transferred (in accordance with 15.2) or the registration is removed by the club on play-cricket.
- 15.1.1.3 Clubs in the Premier & Tier 1 MUST use the online registration system on their Club Play Cricket site to register players throughout the year. Provided that a new player's registration is received and recorded on *Play-Cricket* before the start of a league match, then that player may be selected to play immediately. No player aged 18 years or older on the day of registration or re-registration can be registered after 31st July and before the last match of the current season.
- 15.1.2 The information shall contain name, address, Country of Birth (if outside UK – the date of most recent entry into the UK), and date of birth of all players.
- 15.1.3 See 14.5, for 'ECB regulations governing qualification and registration of cricketers and their qualification to play for England'.
- 15.1.4 Teams in **Tiers 2 & 3** can register players on the day of a game throughout the season; the player must be registered via Play-Cricket within 48 hours of the match in which they were registered. A player registered in this manner after 31st July may only play in the Tier 3 for the rest of that season. Failure to complete both the result sheet and play-cricket will result in the registration being invalid.
- 15.1.5 Any complaints arising from registrations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary within 7 days.

15.2 Transfers

- 15.2.1 A player may be transferred from one club to another at their request.
- 15.2.2 CCL Transfer Form must be completed for *all-year* transfer of players from one CCL club to another.
- 15.2.2.1 This form must be signed by the Secretary or Chairman of both clubs and the player being transferred and submitted to the League Secretary.
- 15.2.2.2 A player can be transferred to play for his/her new club provided the transfer, fully authenticated, is received and recorded on Play-Cricket by 10pm on a Thursday. That player may be selected to play from the immediately following Saturday match day.
With the exception of Tier 3, there are NO transfers or new registrations after 31 July until the end of the season.
- 15.2.3 Players who have not played for their club in the previous season to automatically become "free agents" and do not require a transfer.

15.3 Breach

- 15.3.1 Where the LMC is satisfied that there is a breach of the registration or transfer rules, the breach may be penalised by a fine on the club (maximum £500) and the deduction of points unfairly gained.
- 15.3.1.1 Points may also be awarded to the opposing team.
- 15.3.1.2 Clubs in Tiers 2 & 3 that play an unregistered player will be automatically deducted 5pts for each of the first three offences in any season; any subsequent breach will result in a 10 point deduction.
- 15.3.2 A club found to be contravening regulation rulings relating to payment of players shall be expelled from the League.
- 15.3.3 A player found to be accepting such payments shall be banned from playing in the League for minimum period of 3 years.

15.4 Loan Players

- 15.4.1 Players may be loaned freely between all teams in Tiers 2 and 3, with free team selection permitted, as per Rule 17.4.4. No prior LMC agreement is required, but clubs must advise the LMC of any loan players by placing the letter "L" after the name on the match result sheet.

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- 15.4.1.1 No loan player that has played 6/8 previous matches in Tier 2 may be loaned to play in a Tier 3 match whether the latter match is played on a Saturday or is a re-scheduled fixture.
- 15.4.1.2 A Tier 3 player may still be loaned with the player's permission to a match in Tier 2.
- 15.4.2 There shall be no restriction on the number of clubs a player may be loaned to or on the number of loan players allowed in any particular match.
- 15.4.3 Should a match in Tier 3 be mutually rescheduled and played on the immediate Sunday following its scheduled match day (or immediately prior to a scheduled Bank Holiday Monday fixture), then that match is also defined as being played on a normal scheduled match day and loan players may be used, except:
- 15.4.3.1 No regular Tier 2 player (as defined in Rule 17.4.5.2) may be loaned to a Tier 3 team for a rescheduled match as described in 15.4.3.
- 15.4.3.2 No player may play for two league teams over the same weekend (except where there are two scheduled match days, i.e. a Bank Holiday).
- 15.4.4 For all other rescheduled fixtures as defined in Rules 17.2, loan players are subject to Rules 17.4.5.1 and 17.4.5.2.
- 15.4.5 Contact and agreement must be made between either the Secretary and /or the Chairman of both Clubs.

16. DISCIPLINE – See Section D Rules 26-38

17. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS General

To be read in conjunction with 18 - Premier League 19 - Tier 1
20 - Tier 2 21 - Tier 3, as applicable. For Women's Tier refer to Rule 22

17.1 Rulings

- 17.1.1 All matches shall be played under the MCC Laws of Cricket except where CCL Rules state otherwise.
- 17.1.2 All Directives from the ECB shall be binding in all League Competitions (see Section E– Appendix: 44)
- 17.1.3 Any clarification to interpretation of the Laws of Cricket shall firstly be referred to the Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd and thereafter, the MCC, for settlement.
- 17.1.3.1 In all other matters, the decision of the umpires shall be final.

17.2 Schedule

- 17.2.1 All matches shall be scheduled by the LMC to be played on Saturdays and Bank Holidays. The clubs will be advised of the season match schedule for all divisions no later than 1 February.
- 17.2.1.1 There shall be no re-scheduling of any matches in the Premier & Tier 1.
- 17.2.1.2 Clubs in Tiers 2 & 3 must immediately notify (no later than 1 March) the LMC Secretary of any date(s) when their ground will be unavailable due to other non-cricket uses. The LMC Secretary will then work with the clubs concerned to set a mutually agreeable re-scheduled date. Should the match not be played on the re-scheduled date due to any reasons other than those of ground or weather conditions, the game will be declared null and void with no points awarded to the defaulting club(s).
- 17.2.1.3 Clubs in Tier 3 may arrange fixtures on Sunday by mutual consent. (Rule 17.2.1.2 applies)
- 17.2.1.4 Should a ground unexpectedly become unavailable **after 1 March** due to other non-cricket uses, the club so affected must advise the LMC Secretary in writing without delay giving the reason for unavailability? The LMC Secretary will work with the clubs to set a mutually agreeable re-scheduled date. Should the match not be played on the re-scheduled date due to any reasons other than those of weather or ground conditions, the game will be declared null and void with no points awarded to the defaulting club(s).
- 17.2.1.5 Should the LMC decide in 17.2.1.1 or 17.2.1.2 that no mutually agreeable re-scheduled date can be found, the game shall be declared null and void with no points awarded to the defaulting club(s).
- 17.2.1.6 Under the conditions of 17.2.1.2, no re-scheduled date shall be set after 1 August; should a ground be advised as unavailable on or after 1 August, the game shall be declared null and void and no points awarded to the defaulting club.
- 17.2.1.7 Where a match is not played on the re-scheduled date for reasons other than those of weather or ground conditions, the non defaulting club shall be awarded 20 match points

17.3 Fixtures

- 17.3.1 The clubs in respective divisions shall play each other home and away, in accordance with fixtures as compiled by the LMC
- 17.3.2 Clubs may have no more than 4 teams participating within the Premier, Tier 1, 2 or 3 in any season. A club may have a 5th adult team provided that team is all-female and plays in the Women's Tier

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- 17.3.3 Clubs with more than 2 teams in the CCL must have 2 grounds available on Saturdays and Bank Holidays throughout the season.
- 17.3.4 In divisions containing 8 or fewer teams, they shall play each other three times during the season.
- 17.3.5 If a club fails to fulfil a fixture for reasons other than weather or condition of the ground, the Disciplinary Committee shall award 20 points to their opponents.
- 17.3.5.1 Undisputed claims to be sent to the Results Secretary of the respective section.
- 17.3.5.2 If no dispute, both clubs to advise the Results Secretary.
- 17.3.6 Where a team fails, on two occasions for Premier, Tier 1 & Tier 2 and three occasions for Tier 3 in a season, to fulfil a fixture for reasons other than weather or ground conditions, the team shall also be relegated at the end of the season or, if in the lowest division, be required to seek re-election to that division in accordance with rule 11.2. If a team forfeits on 5 occasions during the season then they will be both automatically withdrawn from the Division and any points achieved from previous fixtures that year will be expurgated from the league table.
- 17.3.6.1 If such a team finishes outside the bottom two then the team finishing second from bottom will not be relegated. In the case of only one team being relegated it will be in place of the team finishing bottom. Where there would have been no relegation an additional team will be promoted from the division below.
- 17.3.7 A visiting club, cancelling a match on the day of the fixture, shall pay to the home club, within seven days, compensation for teas. See rule 9.3
- 17.4 Players and Selection**
- 17.4.1 Players of contesting teams who do not arrive on the ground until one hour or later after the scheduled time for commencement of play, shall not be allowed to take part in the game, except under exceptional circumstances when permission is granted by the opposing captain.
- 17.4.2 A player arriving after commencement of play must report to one of the Official Umpires.
- 17.4.3 A club, having three or more players selected and available to play for the County on a day on which a League fixture has been arranged, may re-arrange that fixture in accordance with Rule 17.6.1.
- 17.4.4 Normal Match Day Selection
- 17.4.5.1 On scheduled league match days, where at least the top two teams are representing a club then clubs may select, promote or demote players as they see fit, but when a club's 1st or 2nd team is without a fixture (including a bye), the club is reminded not to play higher level players in its lower team(s). A definition of a higher level player shall be a player who has played 6 of his/her last 8 games at a higher level in the current or previous season.
- NOTE 1: Should a match in Tier 3 be mutually re-scheduled and played on the immediate Sunday following its original scheduled match day, then that re-scheduled match is played under the rules of 17.4.4.
- NOTE 2: for matches defined in NOTE 1, clubs should also ensure player selection conforms to the requirements of rule 15.4.3, 15.4.3.1 and 15.4.3.2.
- 17.4.5 Re-scheduled fixtures
- 17.4.5.1 On the 1st August, or thereafter in a season, a player who has played 75% or more games, that have started, for a higher Division team are not permitted to play for a lower Division team unless they have not played in the three previous games, that have started, for the higher Division team.
- 17.4.5.2 When a match is a LMC approved re-scheduled fixture (see rules in section 17.2), then Clubs must not to abuse the selection process in an attempt to prejudice the result by the selection of a regular member of one of the club's higher division teams into a lower division fixture.
- 17.4.5.3 When a match is a LMC approved re-scheduled fixture (see rules in section 17.2), the definition of a regular member of one of the club's higher division teams shall be a player who has played 6 of his/her last 8 games at a higher level in the current or previous season.
- 17.4.5.4 A player mutually agreed by both captains before the start of play of a LMC approved re-scheduled fixture (see rules in section 17.2), irrespective of previous status, shall be exempt from 17.4.5.3. Both captains must sign a specific section of the official result form when they mutually agree such a player.
- 17.4.5.5 In the event of a breach of the above selection procedure covered above the Disciplinary Committee may, award or deduct points, impose a fine or all three.
- 17.5 Weather and Ground Conditions**
- 17.5.1 There shall be no re-arrangement of matches due to weather or ground conditions.
- 17.5.2 Refer to 18.5 (for Premier League) or 20.5 (for other Divisions) or 22.5 (Women) regard cancellation of matches on account of weather or ground conditions.
- 17.5.3 In matches where official umpires are not appointed, the captains to decide if play is to start, re-

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start, be suspended or match abandoned.

- 17.5.3.1 Weather, light and/or fitness of ground shall be only criteria in making such decision.
- 17.5.4 In event of suspension of play due to rain, covers, if available, should be placed on the wicket until rain ceases.
- 17.5.4.1 Should home club fail to do in within reasonable period of time, the umpires shall report the matter to LMC for action, as considered necessary.
- 17.5.5 In matches cancelled or later abandoned by appointed umpires due to dangerous state of pitch and/or reasons other than the weather, the home club shall be fined and deducted 10 points that may be awarded at the discretion of the LMC to the visiting team.
- 17.5.5.1 The amount of such fine and costs shall be decided by the LMC.

17.6 Team Priority

- 17.6.1 Where a club has to abort game(s) through unavailability of players or, any other reason, the lower division team match (es) shall be cancelled. Priority must always be given to the higher division fixture being played.

17.7 Match Balls

- 17.7.1 Only certain types of cricket balls may be used in the Premier League, County One and Divisions 2, 3 & 4 East & West
- 17.7.2 The balls used by the Premier League and County One to be agreed by the majority of clubs in those divisions.
 - 17.7.2.1 In 2016, the Oxbridge Buckingham ball is to be used in the Premier League.
 - 17.7.2.2 In 2016, the Oxbridge Buckingham ball is to be used in County One.
 - 17.7.2.3 If the original match ball is 'lost' before the end of the sixth over of an innings the home club shall provide a replacement new ball. Any replacement ball then lost will be replaced by a standard spare ball.
- 17.7.3 The balls used in Division 2 East & West to be specified by LMC.
 - 17.7.3.1 In 2016, the Oxbridge Buckingham ball is to be used in Division 2.
- 17.7.4 The balls used in Division 3 & 4 East & West to be specified by LMC.
 - 17.7.4.1 In 2016, the Oxbridge Magna ball, as a minimum requirement, is to be used in Divs 3 & 4.
 - 17.7.5 Also refer to sections 18.7, 19.7, 20.7 or 21.7 as appropriate.

17.8 Reporting of Results

- 17.8.1 Result sheet to be completed and signed by representatives of both clubs at conclusion of match.
- 17.8.2 The Secretary (or other club official) of the home club is to notify the relevant Results Secretary of the result of the game by first post on Wednesdays, or first post on Thursdays for matches played on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Notification of matches cancelled by weather, to the appropriate Results Secretary, must be done by results sheet or by e-mail in the normal manner.
- 17.8.3 Home clubs shall telephone results to the person (s) appointed by the local press before 8.45pm, or by e-mail or via the online press form on the website, no later than 9.30pm on match day.
- 17.8.4 The home club is to enter the match result and bonus points online at their Club's play cricket website within 48 hours of the match being played. The away Club is then to confirm the result online at their Club's Play cricket website within 96 hours of the match being played in order to verify the result and points input relating to the match. Bonus batting and bowling points are input by Clubs whilst match result points are automatically calculated by the input of the result on the Play cricket website.
 - 17.8.4.1 All clubs must submit complete scorecard details within 48 hours of end of play. The League 'About Us' section of the play-cricket.com site must be kept up to date and all Premier Division clubs must enter, as a minimum, ground and clubhouse details, team information and at least one contact address and e-mail address in this section of the site.

17.9 Conceded Matches

- 17.9.1 In the event of a match being conceded the home club shall notify in writing to the Result Secretary within 48 hours of the match. Also see rules 18.5 & 20.5

17.10 Delivery Bouncing More Than Once

MCC Law 24.7, as modified by ECB, is to apply in all CCL competitions as follows: "The Umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball if a ball which he considers to have been delivered without having previously touched bat or person of the striker, either bounces more than once or rolls along the ground, before it reaches the popping crease"

17.11 ECB Team sheet Cards

- 17.11.1 ECB Team sheet cards must be completed and signed for every CCL match played.
- 17.11.1.1 This to be undertaken by the Captain or person responsible for the team.

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- 17.11.2 Completed cards to be passed to CACO Panel or Club umpires officiating the match, before the 'toss' takes place.
- 17.11.2.1 If card is not issued, this is to be reported on the result sheet by the Panel umpires.
- 17.11.3 Where no appointed umpires officiate, the persons responsible for both teams to check cards are correctly completed and signed before the 'toss' takes place.
- 17.11.4 At end of the match, the Captain or representative of the Home team to take possession of both cards and forward, with the Results sheet, to the relevant Results Secretary.

18. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS - Premier Tier - Premier League

To be read in conjunction with General Playing Conditions - Rule 17.

THE ECB CORNWALL PREMIER LEAGUE

- 18.1** The Premier League to comprise of 10 teams playing each other each other home & away in 50 over 'Win/Lose' matches played on Saturdays/ B.H. Mondays.
- 18.1.1 League placements shall be determined by the number of points gained during the season
- 18.2 Hours and Conditions of Play**
- 18.2.1 All matches to start at 1.00pm throughout the season.
- 18.2.1.1 Clubs may, by mutual consent, arrange to start earlier on those match days when players have to travel away later to represent the County.
- 18.2.2 Each match will consist of 100 overs maximum.
- 18.2.3 An average of 17 overs per hour must be bowled.
- 18.2.4 If the start of the match is delayed or the match is interrupted during the first innings for any reason, the umpires shall determine the number of overs to be deducted.
- 18.2.4.1 The overs available to each side shall be reduced by one over for every seven minutes of any delay or interruption to the first innings, provided that the overs available to each side does not fall below 20.
- 18.2.5 For matches that are scheduled to start at 1pm, no match shall start after 5pm nor any second innings after 6.30pm; these latter times will move forward in line with any other scheduled start time.
- 18.2.6 A side, not ready to start at the scheduled time, shall lose one over of its innings for every three and a half minutes they are late.
- 18.2.6.1 In addition, at the start of the match, they shall forfeit the toss.
- 18.3 Duration of Innings**
- 18.3.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 50 overs.
- 18.3.2 Should the side batting first be dismissed in less than 50 overs the side batting second shall be entitled to bat for 50 overs maximum.
- 18.3.3 An innings may not be declared after the 44th over has been completed if the side batting has already lost 8 wickets.
- 18.3.3.1 The team batting second may not declare their innings closed until the opposition score has been passed.
- 18.4 Intervals**
- 18.4.1 Tea Interval - 30 minutes maximum, taken between innings or at a time mutually agreed by both Captains. If no play is possible before 4.00pm, tea will be taken immediately.
- 18.4.2 Drinks Intervals - 5 minutes each, maximum.
- 18.4.1.1 If the first Innings closes at or before 3.15pm, there shall be an interval of 10 minutes after which the side batting second shall begin their innings.
- 18.4.1.2 Tea shall then be taken at 4.15pm.
- 18.4.1.3 If, however, (i) the first Innings closes or (ii) there is a stoppage for weather or light between 3.15pm and 4.15pm, tea shall be taken immediately.
- 18.4.1.4 In the event of (i) above, there shall be no separate or additional Interval between Innings.
- 18.4.2.1 One drinks interval may be taken after 25 overs
- 18.4.2.3 All drinks intervals shall normally be taken on the field of play and may be waived only by agreement of both captains and the umpires.
- 18.5 Cancellation of Fixtures** (see also 17.5 Weather and Ground Conditions)
- 18.5.1 No fixture shall, on account of weather or ground conditions, be cancelled before 11.00 am (Premier & County 1 only – 9.30am) on the match-day and then only with agreement of the other club. Should the visiting club disagree with the decision they have the right to travel provided there is ANY possibility of play commencing before 5.00pm. Matches shall not be cancelled before 5.00pm on the day of the match, unless mutually agreed by the respective Captains.
- 18.5.2 The visiting side shall have right to travel and inspect the ground, but must advise the home club of their intention.

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- 18.5.2.1 Where there are appointed umpires, they shall decide if play can commence and they shall not be advised of cancellation until the visiting club has accepted it.
- 18.5.2.2 If the match is then cancelled, the visiting team shall be responsible for payment of:
 - i) compensation for teas and ii) both umpires, where applicable.
- 18.5.3 In the event of the home team failing to contact the visiting team before departure time, the home club shall be fined and may have points deducted.

18.6 Bowling Restrictions

- 18.6.1 No bowler to bowl more than 20% of the available overs in any innings.
- 18.6.1.1 If there is an interruption in play during the first innings which causes the number of overs to be reduced, then the maximum number of overs available to each bowler must be recalculated as per Rule 18.6.1. Where the overs are reduced and the total overs are not exactly divisible an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption). "e.g. 32 overs = 7+7+6+6+6". If a bowler has exceeded the limit set in Rule 18.6.1 then he will not be permitted to bowl again unless it is to complete an unfinished over. In such a case the restrictions on bowlers in the second innings may be adjusted to match those in the first innings, which in some cases may mean a bowler legitimately exceeds the maximum number of overs as stated in Rule 18.6.1.
- 18.6.1.2 The umpires will, in a reduced over match and prior to start (or restart) of the innings, advise captains and scorers of maximum number of overs available per bowler.

18.7 Match Balls – (see also 17.7)

- 18.7.1 Each side shall provide one new quartered leather ball
- 18.7.1.1 Both balls to be lodged with the umpires before the commencement of the match.
- 18.7.2 The ball used first in the match shall be deemed to be that supplied by the home side.
- 18.7.3 The side fielding second shall have the option to use the second new ball.
- 18.7.3.1 If this option is not exercised, the original ball, or that substituted for it during play, must be used throughout.
- 18.7.4 Two good used balls must also be available at all such matches.

18.8 Scoring of Points

- 18.8.1 The maximum number of points any side can be awarded is 20.
- 18.8.2 Bonus points awarded prior to the abandonment of a match shall stand.
- 18.8.3 **Match Points** shall be awarded as follows:-
 - 10 points** for an outright win
 - 7 points** for tie or draw with the scores level
 - 6 points** for a cancellation or abandonment
- 18.8.4 **Bonus Points** shall be awarded as follows:-
- 18.8.4.1 **Batting:** 1 batting point shall be awarded for the first 100 runs and 1 further point for each additional 25 runs, up to a total of 200 (i.e. maximum 5 points).
- 18.8.4.2 A winning side batting second shall receive 5 batting points, less 1 point for every two wickets lost, provided that the total batting points awarded under 18.8.4.1 and 18.8.4.2 does not exceed 5.
- 18.8.4.3 **Bowling:** 1 bowling point shall be awarded for every 2 wickets taken.
- 18.8.4.4 If a side cannot bat a full eleven, the bowling side shall be awarded the maximum of 5 points when all available wickets are taken

18.9 Wide Balls

- 18.9.1 In addition to MCC Law 25, the following shall apply in the Premier & Tier 1 matches. For offside wides, a delivery that passes outside of a line drawn (in blue) seventeen inches (17") inside either return crease, will be called and signalled a wide. A leg side wide shall be called and signalled if a delivery passes the stumps outside the line of the leg stump, but shall not be called if the ball passes between the batsman and the line of the leg stump.

18.10 Over Rates

- 18.10.1 In all innings which exceed 40 overs duration an average over rate of 17 overs per hour of actual playing time must be achieved.
- 18.10.2 Part overs shall be deemed to have been completed.
- 18.10.3 In circumstances which cause loss of playing time and which are beyond the control of the bowling side such as injury, adverse weather or light, time wasting by the batting side etc., the umpires shall make due allowance of time and note same on the report sheet.
- 18.10.4 Any bowling side failing to achieve the required over rate shall lose 1 point for every one over or part thereof per hour by which they fall short of the requirement.
- 18.10.4.1 Any such penalty shall be applied by the umpires at the conclusion of the match and shown

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on the match report sheet. An appeal against any such penalty must be sent to the Results Secretary with an appeal fee of £20; the Results Secretary's decision, after consultation with the umpires, shall be final and binding.

18.11

Fielding Restrictions

see 18.18 for Premier 50/50 Cup matches.

- 18.11.1 Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play.
- 18.11.1.1 The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch.
- 18.11.1.2 The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards.
- 18.11.1.3 The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch.
- 18.11.1.4 The field restriction area should be marked by continuous painted white lines of "dots" at approximately 5 yard intervals, each "dot" to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches in diameter.
- 18.11.2 At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fieldsmen plus the bowler and the wicket-keeper must be inside the fielding restriction
- 18.11.2.1 In the event of an infringement, the square leg umpire shall call and signal "No-Ball".

18.12

Ground and Equipment

- 18.12.1 During interval between innings, the pitch must be brushed and creases re-marked.
- 18.12.1.1 The batting captain may request pitch to be rolled with either light or heavy roller, if choice available, for a period not in excess of 7 minutes.
- 18.12.2 It shall be responsibility of the batting side to provide any adjustment to the sight-screens, as required.
- 18.12.2.1 Play shall not be delayed to allow such adjustments.

18.13

Scorers

- 18.13.1 The provision of a competent non-playing scorer is mandatory.
- 18.13.2 Failure of a club to provide a competent non-playing scorer, as required by the rule above, will result in a penalty of 2 points for each such failure.

18.14

General

- 18.14.1 Premier Division clubs will ensure that their facilities and youth policies do not fall below the mandatory requirements of the ECB Assessment Panel and aim to achieve the optional standards at the earliest opportunity.
- 18.14.1.1 Serious failure to meet these standards will result in expulsion from/or failure to achieve promotion to the Premier League.
- 18.14.2 ECB Grant money may be withheld from any club that has been notified of a deficiency and which they have failed to rectify within the timescale imposed.
- 18.14.3 Decisions on Playing Conditions for the Premier League and the distribution of ECB Grant money shall be taken by the clubs in the Premier Division.
- 18.14.4 Any player selected for an England Board XI match or County representative match who does not make himself available will not be eligible to play in a Premier League match scheduled for the same day unless approval is received from the ECB Director of Cricket Operations or Cricket Operations Manager (Recreational Cricket), or from the Manager of the County team in the case of County matches. This rule also covers the period when players would be expected to travel/report for England Board or County matches.
- 18.14.5 In addition to normal press coverage the Result of each Premier League match MUST be phoned by the HOME CLUB no later than 9.00p.m. on the evening of the match to the League Secretary. The following information must be given: - Match Totals of both sides, Match Result and the Official Match Points Totals (as agreed at the end of the match by the Captains and Umpires). A fine will be imposed on the home club for failing to comply. Premier League result sheet also to be forwarded to the Result Secretary as per League Rule 17.8.

THE PREMIER LEAGUE 50/50 CUP COMPETITION

Read as for Premier League matches above (18.2 - 18.14), except for following:-

18.15

Hours and Conditions of Play

- 18.15.1 The competition shall be played in two stages.
 - Part 1. Teams will be grouped into two geographical area leagues of 5 teams. In each League teams to play each other once. The LMC will decide the composition of each area league. The winners of their respective leagues will go forward to a final to be played at the earliest opportunity.
 - Part 2 The final to be held on a Sunday at a neutral ground; the League to supply umpires, balls &

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teas.

18.15.2 Every player shall be qualified and registered as per League rules 14 & 15; any player having played in the Premier League Cup Competition in the current season shall be "cup tied" and not be eligible to play for any other club in that competition in the current season.

18.15.3 For all matches except the Final of the Premier League Cup Competition, rule 18.9 and subsections shall apply. For the Finals, any bowling side that fails to achieve 17 overs per hour shall lose 10 runs for every one over or part over per hour by which they fall short of the requirement.

18.16 Scoring of Points (within area leagues)

18.16.1 Match Points shall be awarded as follows:-

10 points for outright win **7 points** for tie or draw with the scores level
6 points for cancellation or abandonment as decided by appointed umpires.

18.16.2 Bonus Points in area league games shall be awarded as 18.8.4 above.

18.16.3 In the event of two or more teams within an area league having an equal number of points at the conclusion of the area games, the higher position shall be the team with the most away wins, or, if still equal, the team with the highest net run rate over all 4 area league matches. If still equal, the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

18.17 The Final

18.17.1 In the event of a draw or tie in the Final, the winner shall be decided on:

1. number of wickets remaining at the end of the innings or, if still equal,
2. the number of runs scored off the bat, or if still equal
3. the side dismissing more batsmen clean bowled or, if still equal
4. the toss of a coin

18.17.2 If the Final has reduced overs per side due to weather, light or ground conditions, each side must have faced or had the opportunity to face a minimum of 20 full overs per innings to constitute a match. If this minimum number of overs is not met for both teams (unless either is dismissed in less than 20 overs), the match may be considered abandoned and will be re-scheduled by the LMC.

18.17.2.1 If each side has faced or had the opportunity to face more than 20 full overs per innings, but a team be unable to complete its allotted overs due to weather, light of ground conditions, the target score for the team batting second will always be based on the average run rate achieved in the innings.

18.17.2.2 If there is a delay before the match starts or during the 1st innings, the match overs available to each side will be reduced at the rate of 1.7 overs per hour; if there is a delay to the start of or during the 2nd innings, the number of overs available to the side batting second will be reduced at the rate of 1.7 overs per hour provided neither innings falls below 20 overs.

18.18 One Free hit after a no ball foot fault

18.18.1 The delivery following the call of No Ball for a foot fault shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing. If the free hit delivery is itself not a legitimate delivery, then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing.

18.19 Power Play Regulations

18.19.1 At the instant of delivery, there may be not more than 5 fielders on the leg side (applies throughout the match).

18.19.2 In addition to the restriction contained in clause 18.19.1 above, further fielding restrictions shall apply to certain overs in each innings. The nature of such fielding restrictions and the overs during which they shall apply (hereinafter referred to as the Powerplay Overs) are set out in the following paragraphs.

18.19.3 The following fielding restrictions shall apply:

a) Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards (27.43 metres). The semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or 'dots' at 5 yard (4.57 metres) intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches (18 cm) in diameter.

During the first block of Powerplay Overs (as set out below), only two fieldsmen shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area at the instant of delivery.

During the second block of Powerplay Overs only three fieldsmen shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area at the instant of delivery.

b) Two inner circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The circles shall have as their centres the centre point of the popping crease at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the circles shall

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be 15 yards (13.72 metres). These fielding restriction areas should be marked by 'dots'. The segment of the circles reserved for the slip positions shall not be demarcated

During the first block of Powerplay Overs (in an uninterrupted innings, the first 10), there must be a minimum of two stationary fieldsmen within the applicable fielding restriction area measured from the striker's end at the instant of delivery. When a fast bowler is bowling the two stationary fieldsmen may be permitted to stand deeper than 15 yards (13.72 metres) (in the un-demarcated area) provided only that they are standing in slip, leg slip or gully positions

18.19.4

During the non Powerplay Overs, no more than four fieldsmen shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area referred to in clause 8.19.3 (a) above.

18.19.5

Subject to the provisions of 18.19.6 below, the Powerplay Overs shall apply for 15 overs per innings to be taken as follows:

a) The first block of Powerplay Overs (block of 10 overs for an uninterrupted match) shall be at the commencement of the innings.

b) The second block of Powerplay Overs (block of 5 overs for an uninterrupted match) shall be taken at the discretion of either of the batsmen at the wicket. In an innings of scheduled duration of between 41 and 50 overs, it may not be completed later than the 40th over. (No equivalent restriction applies to innings of shorter scheduled duration.)

c) A batsman must nominate his team's Powerplay no later than the moment at which the umpire reaches the stumps at the bowler's end for the start of the next over.

d) Once a batsman has nominated a Powerplay, the decision cannot be reversed.

e) Should the batting side choose not to exercise their discretion, their Powerplay Overs will automatically commence at the latest available point in the innings (e.g. in a 50 over innings, this will begin at the start of the 36th over).

18.19.6

In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of Powerplay Overs shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match

INNINGS DURATION	FIRST POWERPLAY	SECOND POWERPLAY	TOTAL	INNINGS DURATION	FIRST POWERPLAY	SECOND POWERPLAY	TOTAL
20 - 21	4	2	6	35 - 38	7	4	11
22 - 24	5	2	7	39 - 41	8	4	12
25 - 28	5	3	8	42 - 44	9	4	13
29 - 31	6	3	9	45 - 48	9	5	14
32 - 34	7	3	10	49	10	5	15

18.19.7

Each block of Powerplay Overs must commence at the start of an over

18.19.8

If play is interrupted not during the Powerplay overs, then on resumption, it is necessary to determine how any remaining Powerplay overs should be allocated. The total number of Powerplay overs for the innings is derived from the table in 18.19.6. Any Powerplay overs already taken prior to the interruption will be deemed to have been from the initial allocation followed by the batting side's allocation. The decision of the batting side of when to take any remaining Powerplay overs is made in the usual way.

Illustrations of 18.19.8

A match starts as 50 overs, is interrupted after 12 overs and reduced to 43 overs. (The first 10 overs have been Powerplays (PP); the next two were not.) The new PP allocation is 9+4, so there are 3 overs left for the batting side. These must start no later than the 38th over in order to be completed by the 40th over.

18.19.9

If play is interrupted during the first Powerplay and on resumption the overs required to be bowled in that Powerplay have already been exceeded, then the second Powerplay will be assumed to have been taken immediately and will continue until it is completed.

Illustrations of 18.19.9

A 50 over innings is interrupted after 9.3 overs, and on resumption has been reduced to 43 overs. Powerplay overs are 9+4. 2nd Powerplay is in progress with 0.3 out of the 4 overs completed, i.e. it covers overs 10 to 13. The fielding restrictions relating to the second Powerplay take immediate effect on resumption.

18.19.10

If, following an interruption, on resumption the total number of Powerplay Overs for the innings has already been exceeded, then there will be no further Powerplay deliveries bowled in the innings. Note that this is the only circumstance under which the Powerplay status can be changed during an over.

Illustrations of 18.19.10

A 45 over innings is interrupted after 8.3 overs, and on resumption has been reduced to 28 overs. Powerplay overs are 5+3. All Powerplay overs have been completed. Non-Powerplay restrictions take effect immediately and do not need to wait until the end of the over.

18.19.11

If following an interruption while a Powerplay is not in progress, it is found on resumption that the

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recalculated number of Powerplay Overs remaining exceeds the number of overs to be bowled in the innings, then the Powerplays will commence at the start of the next over, with fewer than the scheduled number of Powerplay Overs being bowled in the innings.

Illustration of 18.19.11

A 41 over innings in which only the 1st Powerplay has been taken is interrupted after 35.1 overs and reduced to 39 overs. Powerplay overs are still 8+4. Powerplays automatically resume for the start of the next over, but only 11 of the 12 scheduled Powerplay overs can be bowled in the innings.

- 18.19.12 At the commencement of the second block of Powerplay Overs, the umpire shall signal such commencement to the scorers by rotating his arm in a large circle.
- 18.19.13 The umpire shall also indicate to the fielding captain before any signal is made that the batting side has chosen its Powerplay
- 18.19.14 In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, the square leg umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'.

19. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS - Tier 1 - County One & Division 2

To be read in conjunction with General Playing Conditions - Rule 17.

- 19.1 Tier 1 Playing Conditions** as for **Rules 18.2 -18.13** unless stated below:
- 19.2 Hours and Conditions of Play** – Refer to 18.2 apart from:
 - 19.2.1 Starting times may be rescheduled 30 minutes either side of the scheduled start time by mutual agreement between both Captains and any independent umpires. The arrangement of a start time outside of these parameters requires the agreement of the LMC.
 - 19.2.2 The overs per team shall be reduced by 1 over for every full six minutes of any delay or interruption of the innings of the side batting first, provided that the overs per team shall not be reduced below 20.
- 19.3 Duration of Innings** – Refer to 18.3
- 19.4 Intervals** – Refer to 18.4
- 19.5 Cancellation of Fixtures**–Refer to 18.5
- 19.6 Bowling Restrictions**
 - 19.6.1 No bowler to bowl more than 25% of the available overs in any innings. However, if the number of overs per innings (whether or not this has had to be revised) is not exactly divisible by four, an additional over shall be allowed to as many bowlers as is necessary to make up the balance (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), eg. 50 overs = 13+13+12+12
 - 19.6.2 If there is an interruption in play during the first innings which causes the number of overs to be reduced, then the maximum number of overs available to each bowler must be recalculated as per Rule 19.6.1. Where the overs are reduced and the total overs are not exactly divisible an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption). "e.g. 38 overs = 9+9+10+10". If a bowler has exceeded the limit set in Rule 19.6.1 then he will not be permitted to bowl again unless it is to complete an unfinished over. In such a case the restrictions on bowlers in the second innings may be adjusted to match those in the first innings, which in some cases may mean a bowler legitimately exceeds the maximum number of overs as stated in Rule 19.6.1.
 - 19.6.3 The umpires will, in a reduced over match and prior to start (or restart) of the innings, advise captains and scorers of maximum number of overs available per bowler
- 19.7 Match Balls** – Refer to 18.7
- 19.8 Scoring of Points**
 - 19.8.1 The maximum number of points any side can be awarded is 20.
 - 19.8.2 Bonus points awarded prior to the abandonment of a match shall stand.
 - 19.8.3 **Match Points** shall be awarded as follows:-
 - 10 points** for outright win
 - 7 points** for tie or draw with the scores level
 - 6 points** for cancellation or abandonment
 - 19.8.4 **Bonus Points** shall be awarded as follows:-
 - 19.8.4.1 **Batting:** 1 batting point shall be awarded for every 40 runs scored up to a total of 200 (i.e. maximum 5 points),
 - 19.8.4.2 1 batting point shall be awarded to a winning side batting second for every 2 wickets standing at the end of the match, providing total batting points awarded do not exceed a maximum of 5.

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- 19.8.4.3 **Bowling:** 1 bowling point shall be awarded for every 2 wickets taken.
19.8.4.4 If a side cannot bat a full eleven, the bowling side shall be awarded the maximum of 5 points when all available wickets are taken

- 19.9 Wide Balls** – Refer to 18.9
19.10 Over Rates – Refer to 18.10. (County 1 only)
19.11 Fielding Restrictions – Refer to 18.11
19.12 Ground and Equipment – Refer to 18.12
19.13 Scorers – Refer to 18.13 (County 1 only)

20. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS – Tier 2 (Divisions 3 - 4)

To be read in conjunction with General Playing Conditions - Rule 17

- 20.1 Tier 2 Playing Conditions** as for **Rules 18.2 – 18.9** unless stated below:
- 20.2 Hours and Conditions of Play** – as Rule 18.2 apart from:
20.2.1 All matches will start at 1.30pm throughout the season.
20.2.2 Each match will consist of 90 overs maximum.
20.2.3 An average of 17 overs per hour should be achieved.
- 20.3 Duration of Innings**
20.3.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 45 overs.
20.3.2 An innings may not be declared after the 40th over has been completed if the side batting has already lost 8 wickets.
20.3.2.1 The team batting second may not declare their innings closed until the opposition score has been passed.
- 20.4 Intervals** – refer to 18.4
- 20.5 Cancellation of Fixtures** – refer to 18.5
- 20.6 Bowling Restrictions**– refer to 19.6 (Tier 1)
- 20.7 Match Balls**
20.7.1 New quartered leather (Rule 17.7.4) shall be provided by the home Club and lodged with the Umpires before the commencement of play.
20.7.2 Two good used balls must be available at all such matches.
- 20.8 Scoring of Points**– refer to 19.8 (Tier 1)
- 20.9 Wide Balls**
20.9.1 In addition to MCC Law 25, the following shall apply in Tier 2 matches. For offside wides, a delivery that passes outside of a line drawn (in blue) seventeen inches (17”) inside either return crease, will be called and signalled a wide. A leg side wide shall be called and signalled if the ball passes on the leg side of the wicket, without touching any part of the striker’s person or bat and outside of where the batsman would be standing in his normal position.

21. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS – Tier 3 (Division 5 & below)

To be read in conjunction with General Playing Conditions Rule 17.

- 21.1 Tier 3 Playing Conditions** as for **Rules 18.2 – 18.9** unless stated below:
- 21.2 Hours and Conditions of Play** – as Rule 18.2 apart from:
21.2.1 All matches will start at 2.00pm throughout the season.
20.2.2 Each match will consist of 80 overs maximum.
20.2.3 An average of 17 overs per hour should be achieved.
- 21.3 Duration of Innings**
21.3.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 40 overs.
21.3.2 An innings may not be declared after the 36th over has been completed if the side batting has already lost 8 wickets.
- 21.4 Intervals** – refer to 18.4

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- 21.5** **Cancellation of Fixtures** – refer to 18.5
- 21.6** **Bowling Restrictions**– refer to 19.6 (Tier 1)
- 21.7** **Match Balls**
21.7.1 Two good used balls must be available at all such matches.
- 21.8** **Scoring of Points**– refer to 19.8 (Tier 1)
- 21.9** **Wide Balls**
21.9.1 In addition to MCC Law 25, the following shall apply in Tier 3 matches:
For offside wides, a delivery that passes outside of a line drawn (in blue) seventeen inches (17") inside either return crease, will be called and signalled a wide.
For leg side wides, Law 25 applies: The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker unless it is sufficiently within his reach for him to be able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke.
- 22 MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS – Women’s Tier**
- The CWCA shall each year at their AGM make such rules as required for the match playing conditions of women’s league cricket in Cornwall; these rules shall be submitted in February of each year to the LMC for ratification. A copy of these rules shall be placed in the Yearbook of the Cornwall Cricket Board.
- 22.1** **Rulings** – Refer to Rule 17.1
- 22.2** Hours and Conditions of Play – Refer to Rule 18.2, apart from:
22.2.1 All matches to start at 2.00pm; no match to start later than 5.00pm.
22.2.2 Refer to Rule 19.2.2
- 22.3** **Duration of Innings**
22.3.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 36 overs.
22.3.2 An innings may not be declared closed after the 32nd over has been completed if the side batting has already lost 8 wickets.
22.3.2.1 As Rule 18.3.3.1
- 22.4** **Intervals** – As Rule 18.4, except: Drinks interval to read “... 18 overs ...”
- 22.5** **Weather and Ground Conditions / Cancellation of fixtures** – Refer to Rules 17.5 and 18.5.
- 22.6** **Bowling restrictions**
22.6.1 No bowler may bowl more than 25% of the available overs in any innings. See also Rules 18.6.1.1 and 18.6.1.2
- 22.7** **Match Balls**
22.7.1 A new 5oz quartered leather ball shall be provided by the home club.
22.7.2 Two good used balls must also be available.
- 22.8** **Scoring of Points**
22.8.1 The maximum number of points any side can be awarded is 20.
22.8.2 Bonus points awarded prior to the abandonment of a match shall stand.
22.8.3 **Match Points** shall be awarded as follows:-
10 points for outright win **7 points** for tie or draw with the scores level
6 points for cancellation or abandonment
- 22.8.4** **Bonus Points** shall be awarded as follows:-
22.8.4.1 **Batting:** 1 batting point shall be awarded for every 30 runs scored up to a total of 150 (i.e. maximum 5 points),
22.8.4.2 1 batting point shall be awarded to a winning side batting second for every 2 wickets standing at the end of the match, providing total batting points awarded do not exceed a maximum of 5.
22.8.4.3 **Bowling:** 1 bowling point shall be awarded for every 2 wickets taken.
22.8.4.4 If a side cannot bat a full eleven, the bowling side shall be awarded the maximum of 5 points when all available wickets are taken
- 22.9** **Schedule** – all women’s league matches shall be played on Sundays or Bank Holiday Mondays unless teams concerned mutually agree another day of the week.
- 22.10** **Fixtures** – the Women’s Tier fixtures shall be compiled by the CWCA. If a team fails to fulfil a fixture for reasons other than the weather or state of the ground, the CWCA shall consider any

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appeal for points and award accordingly. A visiting team who cancels a match on the day of the fixture shall pay the home team compensation for cost of teas etc within 7 days. (See Rule 9.3.1.8).

22.11 **Players** – As Rules 17.4.1, 17.4.2

22.12 **Registration** – Refer to Rule 15

22.13 **Umpires**

22.13.1 The CWCA shall be responsible for the appointment of umpires.

22.13.1.1 Should only ONE appointed umpire be available, the home club shall, where possible, provide a competent club umpire, who shall be permitted to stand at one end for the full duration of the match

22.13.1.2 If the home club is unable to provide an umpire as in 22.13.1.1 above, they should contact the away club, which is then invited to provide an umpire to fulfil this role.

22.13.1.3 If neither club can provide an umpire to stand for the whole match as in 22.13.1.1 above, then each shall provide one umpire for their side's batting innings. This may, of course, be a player umpire. The Captains must agree whether any such umpires are to stand at one end or at the striker's end only.

22.13.2 Where no appointed umpires are available, each club must provide someone to umpire the match. Such umpires may also be players and may be two players from the same club in each innings. Each such umpire shall be permitted to officiate at one end. However, if the Captains agree, they may decide that one competent club umpire shall always stand at the bowler's end and that other volunteers will stand only at the striker's end.

22.14 **Reporting of results**– Refer to Rule 17.8

22.14.1 Late Result Fines shall apply. Refer to Rules 9.3.1.5 and 9.3.3.

22.15 **ECB Team Sheet cards** – Refer to Rule 17.9

23. UMPIRES & SCORERS

23.1 **Expenses**

23.1.1 The expenses of Official Umpires shall be shared equally by both clubs and must be paid before the match commences.

23.1.2 The expenses of the official umpires shall be annually agreed by negotiation between the LMC Exec and the CACO Committee. The match expenses shall be advised to the clubs in the LMC newsletter and on the County website and shall refer to all league matches and competitions played under the auspices of the LMC where official umpires are appointed by CACO

23.1.3 Where the expenses paid by the clubs to the umpires do not cover their actual costs, the CACO shall apply to the CCB Board Secretary for specific further funding.

23.1.4 When a game is cancelled for any reason and the Official Umpires appointed arrive on the ground, the home club shall pay each umpire 100% of the normal expenses.

23.1.5 The expenses of Official Umpires shall be £35 per umpire per match for umpires standing in the Higher Tier, £25 per match in Division 2 and £12 per match for all 20/20 league competitions.

23.1.6 The CACO will appoint panel umpires to stand in all Premier and County Division 1 league matches and in the Premier 50/50 cup competition. The CACO will also appoint panel umpires to stand in other cup competitions run under the auspices of the LMC; appointments for other cup competitions may be restricted to quarter, semi and finals of such competitions should insufficient panel umpires be available.

23.1.7 Clubs in the Tiers 2 & 3 must accept Official Umpire(s) when appointed by CACO; the Official Umpire(s) expenses will be shared equally by both clubs and must be paid before the match commences.

23.2 **Request for Umpires**

23.2.1 An application may be made by any club for Official Umpires, such application to be sent to the Appointments Officer of the CACO not less than seven days before the date of the games for which umpires are required.

23.2.2 The Appointments Officer shall notify both Home and Away teams in matches where the officially appointed umpire(s) are unable to stand.

23.3 **Club Umpires**

23.3.1 Where a competent Club umpire is officiating a League match, that umpire shall be permitted to stand at one end for the full duration of the match.

23.3.1.1 No member of the opposition team or club may oppose his standing.

23.3.1.2 Any cause of concern shall, in form of a written complaint, be referred to the CCL Assistant

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Secretary for investigation.

23.4 Umpire Assessment

23.4.1 Where CACO Panel Umpires are officiating in a League fixture, the match captains to complete the Umpire Assessment Report.

23.4.1.1 The Umpire Assessment Report to be returned to, and received by CACO, no later than 5 days following the match.

23.4.1.2 Failure to do so shall result in a £10 fine for each late report and an additional fine of £1 for every day late thereafter in returning the report. Persistent failure to submit these reports in time will be referred to the LMC Disciplinary Committee and may result in the club concerned being subject to the penalties in Rule 31.

23.5 Umpire Grounds Assessment

23.5.1 For all Premier & County Division 1 matches, the panel umpires shall submit a grounds assessment report via WTU to CACO within 72 hours of the conclusion of the match. These reports will then be collated by the CCL Groundsmen Association for reporting to the LMC. For matches in Division 2 East and 2 West, the away captain will complete the online grounds assessment form on the Cornwall Cricket website within 72 hours of the conclusion of the match. The CCL Groundsmen Association will collate the reports on behalf of the LMC.

24. GENERAL

24.1 Trophies

24.1.1 All trophies to be returned, by 1st January following the year of presentation. Also see 24.1.1.1.

24.1.1.1 They shall be properly engraved and in good condition.

24.1.2 Failure to comply shall result in a £10 fine per trophy on the defaulting club and additional fine of £1 for every day late thereafter in returning trophy.

24.1.2.1 A maximum fine of £40 per club may be imposed.

24.1.3 Where a league trophy is to be awarded, such presentation to take place at the end of a match.

24.2 Averages

24.2.1 Average forms must be returned to the League Secretary by 1st October.

25. CUP COMPETITIONS

25.1 Vinter, Hawkey, Clive Rosevear & WT Edwards Cup Final Generic Rules

25.1.1 The Hawkey, Rosevear and Vinter 20/20 Cup Competitions shall be run under the auspices of the CCL. The LMC shall have the powers to resolve all matters not covered by existing rules and their decision(s) shall be final and binding.

25.1.2 Every player shall be qualified and registered as per League Rules 14 & 15; any player having played in one of the above competitions at any stage for a club is 'cup tied' and may not play for another club in that same competition in that season. Guest players are not permitted.

25.1.3 Players are only permitted to play in either the Hawkey or the Vinter competitions; clubs contravening this rule will be disqualified from both competitions for that season.

25.1.4 A club having 2 sides in a competition cannot include any regular players from the first team in the second team even if the first team is eliminated before the second team. Any complaint about this provision will be resolved by the LMC and their decision(s) shall be final and binding.

25.1.5 Entry fees per team shall be: Hawkey – £5; Rosevear – £5; Vinter – £5.

25.1.6 All rounds of the competitions up to the quarter finals must be completed by dates set by the LMC; any team not completing their fixtures on the specified dates, and having no legitimate excuse, will be eliminated from that competition. All concessions must be advised to the Competition Secretary at least 7 days before the match, otherwise a fine of £20 per concession will apply.

25.1.7 If all playing members of one side are not present and ready to take the field at the start time and the other team is so able, the defaulting side will forfeit the toss.

25.1.8 **Start Times** – All matches in the early rounds will start no later than 6.30pm. The Hawkey and Vinter Cup quarter-finals, semi-finals and the Finals will start at 6pm.

25.1.9 **Balls** – for all matches before the semi-finals and finals, the home side must provide sound league approved cricket balls and sufficient spares of the same standard; the match ball and spares must be lodged with the umpires before the start of the match. The LMC will provide new 'pink' balls for each innings for each semi- final and final.

25.1.10 **Overs** – each match will consist of 20 six ball overs to each side; no bowler shall bowl more than **four** overs in an innings. Each match will normally be played on the ground of the first named club except in cases of mutual agreement.

25.1.11 **Panel Umpires** – must be appointed by the CACO from the quarter finals onwards in each competition; clubs may agree to ask for panel umpires however in any round. The umpires

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expenses shall be £12 per umpire; each club to pay one umpire. The competition will pay for the umpires in the finals.

- 25.1.12 **Fielding Restrictions** – will apply in all competitions from the quarter finals onwards.
 25.1.12.1 No side may have more than 5 fielders on the leg side at the moment of delivery; any infringement of fielding restrictions shall be called NO Ball by the striker's end umpire (NOTE, not a free hit)
 25.1.12.2 A 30 yard circle will be drawn on the field of play; for the 1st six overs of each innings, a maximum of two fielders is permitted outside the circle at the moment of delivery. After six overs have been bowled, four fielders (not including wicket keeper and bowler) must be within the 30 yard circle at the moment of delivery; any infringement of fielding restrictions shall be called NO Ball by the striker's end umpire (NOTE, not a free hit)
 25.1.12.3 When overs have been reduced, the table below will be applied by the panel umpires to determine the fielding restrictions for the 30 yard circle

TOTAL OVERS	Up to 6	7 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 16	17 -19
NUMBER OF INITIAL OVERS WITH RESTRICTIONS	1	2	3	4	5

- 25.1.13 **Wides** – in all 20/20 matches, wides shall be adjudged as follows: In addition to **MCC Law 25**:
 25.1.13.1 For offside wides, a delivery that passes outside of a line drawn (in blue) seventeen inches (17”) inside either return crease, will be called and signalled a wide.
 25.1.13.2 Leg side wide: a delivery that passes the stumps outside the line of the leg stump shall be called and signalled a wide, but shall not be called if the ball passes between the batsman and the line of the leg stump.
 25.1.14 **Free Hits** – there shall be one free hit after a No Ball foot fault – the delivery following the call of No Ball for a foot fault shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing. If the free hit delivery is itself a No Ball, then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing. The batsman is not to be given out except under MCC Law 24.15. Field changes are permitted for a free hit delivery within any fielding restrictions
 25.1.15 **Fast Short Pitched Bowling** – a bowler shall be limited to ONE per over; such a delivery is defined as a ball which passes or would have passed over the shoulder of the strike standing upright at the crease. The umpire shall call No Ball and remind the bowler that only one such delivery is permitted per over; any repeat within an over shall initiate the warning sequence as given in MCC Law 42.6
 25.1.16 **High Pitched Balls (Beamers)** – either umpire may call and signal such a delivery defined as one that passes or would have passed above the waist of the striker standing upright at the crease irrespective of the speed of the delivery. Any such delivery must initiate the warning sequence of MCC Law 42.8
 25.1.17 **Hours of Play**
 25.1.17.1 Teams have 1 hour 15 minutes to bowl 20 overs
 25.1.17.2 A six run penalty shall be added to the batting side total for every over not bowled in the allotted time. In reduced over matches, the fielding side has a one over leeway and the umpires may also allow for stoppages and must advise the fielding captain of the time allowed to bowl the reduced number of overs.
 25.1.17.3 In the event of any interruption or delay in either innings, the umpires will reduce the number of overs in that innings by one over for every full 3.75 minutes lost (16 overs/hour).
 25.1.18 **The Result**
 25.1.18.1 For matches that have reduced overs per side due to weather, light or ground conditions, each side must have faced or had the opportunity to face six full overs per innings to constitute a match. If this 6 overs per innings condition is not met for both teams, the match may be considered abandoned and re-arranged in accordance with 25.1.19. If each side has faced or had the opportunity to face more than 6 full overs per innings, but a team be unable then to complete its allotted overs in its innings due to weather, light or ground conditions, the target score shall be calculated by average run rate based on the number of legitimate balls bowled. If tied on run rate, rule 25.1.18.3 shall be used for the Final but for all other matches, the number of extras will then decide the result; if still tied, the result will be decided on the toss of a coin.
 25.1.18.2 For matches where each team has faced or had the opportunity to face an equal number of overs, then, in the event of a tie (equal number of runs), 25.1.18.3 shall be used for the Finals but for all other matches the winner shall be the side losing the least number of wickets. If still tied, the winner shall be the team scoring most runs off the bat; if still tied, the match will be decided by the toss of a coin.
 25.1.18.3 **For Finals only** – in the event of a tie according to equal run rate (25.1.18.1) or equal number of runs (25.1.18.2), then the winner will be determined by the Super Over Rules:
 (i) Subject to weather conditions, a one over per side eliminator will take place on the

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scheduled match day to commence if possible within five minutes after the conclusion of the match. Main match rules apply.

- (ii) A super over will take place on the match pitch unless determined otherwise by the umpires.
- (iii) Prior to the commencement of the super overs, each side shall select three batsmen and one bowler and these nominated players are recorded by the umpires
- (iv) Each umpire shall stand at the same end at which they finished the match and the umpires shall decide which end to bowl from (same end for both teams)
- (v) The standard circle restriction, of a minimum of 4 fielders inside (not including wicket keeper and bowler) the 30 yard circle and no more than 5 fielders on the leg side, shall be used for both super overs.
- (vi) Team batting second in the match will bat in the first super over
- (vii) The match ball as used at the end of the second innings of the main match shall be used for both super overs.
- (viii) The loss of two wickets in the over ends the team's one over innings
- (ix) The winning team shall be the team with most runs scored in the super over; in the event of a tie for the super overs, the team that has scored the most sixes combined from its two innings in both the main match and the super over shall be the winner.
- (x) If the number of sixes as defined in IX is equal, the team whose batsmen have scored the most number of fours combined from its two innings in both the main match and the super over shall be the winner.
- (xi) If the number of fours is equal, the super overs will be repeated until a winner is obtained

25.1.19 Cancelled or Abandoned Games If, due to weather, light or ground conditions, matches are cancelled or abandoned as defined in 25.1.18.1, those shall be re-arranged before the date for the next round; the re-arrangement must be advised to and confirmed by the Competition Secretary.

25.1.19.1 Rosevear Cup group matches that are cancelled or abandoned as defined in 25.1.18.1, due to weather, light or ground conditions, will be mutually re-arranged to be played not less than 14 days before the date of the Final; the re-arrangement must be advised to and confirmed by the Competition Secretary. Only one attempt at a re-arrangement will be allowed after which the match will be considered Abandoned (no result) with both sides receiving one point

25.1.20 20/20 Cup Trophies must be returned to the Competition Secretary by 1 January following the year of presentation

25.1.21 Man Of The Match Awards will be made in all Finals. The winners, losers, umpires and scorers will receive medals in the Finals.

25.2 Hawkey Cup – specific rules to be read in conjunction with generic rules above.

25.2.1 Entry to the Hawkey Cup is voluntary and is open to all teams in the CCL Eastern Section.

25.2.2 Teams playing in the Premier League shall enter the competition in the 2nd round.

25.2.3 A knock-out draw will determine the fixtures.

25.2.4 Admission Fees for the Final shall be £3, OAP's & Under 16's £1.50.

25.3 Clive Rosevear Cup - specific rules to be read in conjunction with generic rules above.

25.3.1 Entry to the Clive Rosevear Cup is voluntary and shall be open to clubs in Division 3 and below in the Eastern Section.

25.3.2 Clubs may enter more than one team. However no player may play for more than one team in the competition.

25.3.3 Teams shall enter the competition on a sliding scale with teams from higher divisions entering later than those from lower divisions.

25.3.4 A knock-out draw will determine the fixtures.

25.3.5 The semi-finals and final to be played at one venue on a Sunday Finals Day

25.3.6 No regular Premier, County 1 or Division 2 player is eligible to play at any stage in the Clive Rosevear Cup. A regular player is one that has played 3 consecutive Premier, County 1 or Division 2 matches in the current season.

25.3.7 Finals Day Admission Fees shall be £2, OAPS and Under 15s £1. Where admission charges are not permitted host clubs to make suitable alternative arrangements.

25.4 Vinter Cup - specific rules to be read in conjunction with generic rules above.

25.4.1 Entry to the Vinter Cup is voluntary and is open to all teams in the CCL Western Section.

25.4.2 Teams playing in the Premier League shall enter the competition in the 2nd round.

25.4.3 A knock-out draw will determine the fixtures.

25.4.4 Admission Fees for the Final shall be £3, OAP's & Under 16's £1.50.

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- 25.5 WT Edwards Cup - specific rules to be read in conjunction with generic rules above.**
25.5.1 The winners of the Hawkey and Vinter Competitions shall compete for the WT Edwards Cup. The WT Edwards Cup winner shall represent Cornwall in the national T20 Competition.
25.5.2 The WT Edwards Final shall be played under the conditions for the Hawkey/Vinter Finals; the match date (and reserve) and location shall be decided by the LMC
25.5.3 Admission Fees for the Final shall be £3, OAP's & Under 16's £1.50.
25.5.4 The winners of the W T Edwards Cup will host the Nat West T20 Regional Finals Day when it is held in the county

Section D DISCIPLINE

The Disciplinary Regulations of the Cornwall Cricket League relating to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket

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26 AIMS AND JURISDICTION

- 26.1 The England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct in the game of cricket. As an affiliated league, the Cornwall Cricket League (CCL) accepts and takes this commitment very seriously.
- 26.2 To this end, these discipline regulations, incorporating a Code of Conduct and The Spirit of Cricket, have been adopted by the CCL and are intended to provide guidance and ensure uniformity in dealing with any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.
- 26.3 These regulations shall be complied with by all those who participate in competitions or league cricket or any cricketing activity under the jurisdiction of the CCL League Management Committee (LMC); this shall include players, clubs, club officials, club members and match officials and club supporters.
- 26.4 Subject to the mutual recognition provisions (34), the LMC shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of the disciplinary regulations in relation to the participants registered to the League and/or participating in cricket related activities under its auspices. All participants by virtue of their registration with the League and/or participation in cricket related activities under its auspices agree to be bound by the disciplinary regulations.
- 26.5 All participants are required to co-operate with the LMC in regard to discipline. Any club that fails to take all reasonable steps to ensure the proper conduct of its players, officials and/or members or spectators in all matters for which the club or its committee is responsible, or acts in any way which is prejudicial or detrimental to the interests or reputation of the CCL, breaches this Code of Conduct. For the purposes of these regulations, the expression 'player' shall throughout this document be deemed to mean and include any player, whether professional or otherwise, involved in any incident of alleged misconduct occurring on any part of a cricket ground or buildings and not merely on the field of play.
- 26.6 There is nothing in this Code preventing or discouraging clubs from applying additional or stronger sanctions against offenders than those appearing within the Code, whether or not they are the subject of a discipline report. To this end, it is important that clubs have their own code of conduct and disciplinary procedures in place (see Rule 37 for a model club discipline procedure)
- 26.7 For the purposes of these regulations, the expression 'Club' shall throughout this document be deemed to include any person associated with a club whether official, casual or spectator who is involved in any incident of alleged misconduct occurring on any part of a cricket ground or buildings and not merely on the field of play.

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- 26.8 For the purposes of these regulations, any reference to the male gender applies equally and without prejudice to the female gender. The CCL fully supports and applies the ECB policies on Equity, Anti Doping, Anti Corruption and all ECB Directives.
- 26.9 Complaints relating to alleged breaches of the administrative rules and regulations of the CCL must be referred to the CCL as described in Rule 39.
- 26.10 It is to be remembered at all times that the core aim of these regulations is to maintain the highest standards of behaviour and conduct in the game of cricket. The procedures detailed here are intended to be fair, straightforward and proportionate to the needs of the league and participants respecting fundamental principles of natural justice and fairness but recognising that those involved will not be and do not need to be legally qualified. Therefore, provided the principles are not infringed, minor practical or technical points will not serve to invalidate the procedure or any decisions or findings under the disciplinary regulations.
- 26.11 In the event that any incident or other matter occurs which is not provided for in these disciplinary regulations, then the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, or his deputy, or the Committee itself may take such action as considered appropriate in the circumstances, taking the specific circumstances and principles described above into account.

27 CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

27.1 Code of Conduct

- 27.1.1 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.
- 27.1.2 Players and club officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player, official or spectator.
- 27.1.3 Players and club officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player, any official or a spectator.
- 27.1.4 Players and club officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging"), nor make offensive gestures or hand signals, nor deliberately distract an opponent.
- 27.1.5 No persons as defined in 26.7 shall use language, gestures or actions that offends/seriously offends, discriminates against, insults, humiliates, threatens, disparages, or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's actual or perceived age, disability, gender identity, race (including colour, ethnic origin and nationality), religion or belief, sex (gender), sexual orientation or socio-economic background.
- 27.1.6 No persons as defined in 26.7 shall use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- 27.1.7 Participants shall not make any public or media comment which is detrimental to the League, clubs, umpires or the game in general. In this instance, public or media comment shall include press, radio, television, external websites, club websites, social networking sites and club match programmes. See also section 35.
- 27.1.8 Participants shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this Code or the Spirit upon hearing any report or decision arising from such breach.
- 27.1.9 Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their players, officials, members and supporters.

27.2 The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

- 27.2.1 There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of Captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's Conduct

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In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising a decision by word or action, showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, requesting the latter to take action.

- 27.2.2 **Players**
Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this requirement.
- 27.2.3 **Fair and Unfair Play**
According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time, and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.
- 27.2.4 **The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:**
Time wasting
Damaging the pitch
Dangerous or unfair bowling
Tampering with the ball
Any other action that they consider to be unfair
- 27.2.5 **The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:**
Your opponents
Your own captain and team
The role of the umpires
The game's traditional values
- 27.2.6 **It is against the Spirit of the Game:**
To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
- Appeal, knowing the batsman is not out
 - Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.
- 27.2.7 **Violence**
There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.
- 27.3 **Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Rule 27 in any competition or league match played under the auspices of the CCL may lead to disciplinary action, whether or not a formal umpire report has been made. Any penalty applied by another cricketing authority in any competition or league under the overriding auspices of the ECB will be accepted and discharged if required by the CCL and its affiliated clubs.**

28 BREACHES

- 28.1 **A breach of the disciplinary regulations occurs when:-**
- a. Any player in the course of, or in connection with a match, offends against the Code of Conduct or the Spirit of Cricket or acts at any time to prejudice the good name or interests of the CCL.
 - b. Any club fails to properly control or discipline its players or acts in a manner prejudicial to the good name or interests of the CCL.
- 28.2 **Any player or club committing such a breach shall be liable to penalties in the manner prescribed in this document.**
- 28.3 **A Breach of 28.2 will normally be categorised as Level 1, 2, 3 or 4, as set out in 34; categorisation will be made by the umpire(s) concerned or by the CCL Disciplinary Chairman should he/she decide to convene a Disciplinary Hearing. A club may categorise an offence within its Club Code of Conduct but cannot amend or reject a categorisation made by an umpire or the CCL Disciplinary Chairman. Should a club or player consider that a categorisation made by the umpire(s) or CCL Disciplinary Chairman is incorrect based on their understanding of the alleged offence(s), the club or player may request a Disciplinary Hearing.**
- 28.4 **Level 1 Breach Procedure**

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28.4.1 Team Warning

When the two umpires together both hear a player using foul and/or abusive language and/or sledging or dissent at an umpire's decision, they will together inform the Captain (when the offence is committed by the fielding side) or the two batsmen and the subsequent batsmen (and the batting side captain as soon as is practicable, when the offence is committed by the batting side), that they are issuing a Team Warning. This warning will stay in force for that team for the remainder of the match.

- a. The next time any player or players from that team uses foul or abusive language or sledging or shows dissent, the player or players concerned will receive a Level 1 First and Final warning. This warning will be accompanied by penalty runs (see section 36.1)
- b. any subsequent use of foul or abusive language or sledging or dissent by any members of that team will result in a full Level 1 report being issued to the player(s) concerned; for a Level 1 breach of 28.2, the umpires will caution the player as to his conduct, advising the player and the captain that this is a Level 1 report and that the player will be named on the umpires' report card. In addition, further penalty runs will be applied for each offence.

28.4.1.1 The Team Warning will apply to any player, on or off the field, from the start to the conclusion of the match.

28.4.1.2 The umpires shall note all Team Warnings and any subsequent actions on the match result sheet.

28.4.2 If any player who has been reported under Paragraph 28.4.1 above commits one or more subsequent breaches in the same match, the umpires will advise him and his captain (see 27.2.1) and the Executive of his club that they will be submitting a Level 2 report.

28.4.3 Should the umpire(s) consider that the first offence of a Level 1 breach is sufficiently serious, they have the authority to decide to submit a formal report (level 1 or above) without having issued any previous warning. The player and captain should be advised accordingly.

28.4.4 When a Level 1 ban is implemented, a player has the right to a Disciplinary Hearing under the provisions of section 29.5 (bullet point 3).

28.5 Reports

28.5.1 For any Level 1 breach under Paragraph 28.4.1 or 28.4.3 above, the umpire(s) will submit a report using the LMC match report form; for any Level 2, 3 or 4 breach, the umpire(s) will submit a report using the standard disciplinary report form, available on the CACO website

29 PROCEDURE

29.1 Any alleged breach of 28.2 that is the subject of a report (to be known as 'a complaint') shall be notified by telephone to the LMC Disciplinary Chairman within 24 hours of the end of the match and confirmed in writing within 3 days of the end of the match. All written complaints must be submitted on club headed notepaper and, if necessary, be countersigned by the club secretary.

29.1.1 Such a complaint may be lodged by a club official, umpires or scorers;

29.1.2 The club official, umpires or scorers will also promptly lodge a copy of the complaint with the Secretary of the Cornwall Association of Cricket Officials (CACO)

29.1.3 To avoid delay, should the LMC Disciplinary Chairman be unavailable at any time, a copy of the complaint must also be sent to the Chairman of the LMC.

29.2 For complaints lodged by umpires or scorers, the LMC Disciplinary Chairman or his nominated deputy, (the LMC Chairman) shall, within 3 days of receiving the complaint, inform the Secretary of the player's club of the details of the complaint in writing.

29.3 It is intended that any breach at Level 1 and/or Level 2 should, in the first instance, be dealt with by the player's club who shall, within 48 hours of receiving written notification of the complaint, notify the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee of any club action taken.

29.4 Any breach reported at Level 3 or level 4 shall be immediately referred to a full Disciplinary Hearing by the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee. Such a breach cannot be referred to club action.

29.5 The Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee (or his nominated deputy, the LMC Chairman) shall be advised as soon as possible of the club action following a Level 1 and/or a Level 2 complaint. Within 48 hours of receipt of that advisement, the Chairman of the Discipline Committee has the right to refer a Level 1 or 2 complaint to a full Disciplinary Hearing if he records that:

- any prior sanctions by the club do not comply with the penalties listed in 35, or

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- the alleged complaint would appear to be more serious than the Level classification imposed by the umpires or scorers, or
- the club (or player) has requested a Disciplinary Hearing on the specific grounds of mistaken identity, misrepresentation or failure of the umpires to follow the procedures above.

29.6 In the case of an incident involving a player under the age of 18 years old, the County Board Safeguarding Officer will immediately be informed. In such circumstances, the incident may be regarded as:

- 1 A welfare and child protection case, or
- 2 An outright disciplinary case. If the incident is being investigated by another organisation (e.g. the Police, ECB Welfare Department etc.) the League will await the outcome of that investigation before proceeding with any internal action). The player must be accompanied at any Hearing by a parent or guardian, club or county safeguarding officer or an acceptable senior club official.

29.7 The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee may also choose to initiate a complaint on behalf of the LMC, whether or not a formal complaint has been lodged by a club, umpire(s) or scorer(s).

29.8 When the player(s) or club is subject to a disciplinary report, players and clubs are reminded that no contact shall be made with officials or members of the Disciplinary Committee or persons who have made the complaint except in writing through the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee who shall have absolute discretion whether or not any written contact will be permitted. Breach of this rule will be considered by the Disciplinary Committee for an appropriate penalty.

29.9 The Disciplinary Committee must, as a minimum, ensure the decision of the Committee, with any reasons for the decision, is made known to player(s)/club(s) and LMC and reporting officials as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Hearing, ensuring that attention is drawn to the right of Appeal and its timescale.

29.10 Any complaints submitted must be made in good faith; the submission of a report which is trivial, vexatious, made for tactical reasons or otherwise improper may itself be treated as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

30 DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

30.1 In any case which is referred for a Disciplinary Hearing, the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee shall convene the Hearing within 14 days of the decision to refer. Any adjournments may be granted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Hearing.

30.2 For all levels of complaint, where a complaint against a player is referred to a Disciplinary Hearing, the captain and club may be charged separately under their responsibilities as set out in the Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket above.

30.3 Where the complaint is against a player(s) and/or captain, or a club, at least seven days' notice in writing of the Hearing shall be given to the Club Secretary. The notice shall specify the alleged breach(es) of Paragraph 28.2 above.

30.4 The reported player(s) or club shall be entitled:

- To submit written statements to be received no later than 7 days ahead of the Hearing. These statements must be made on club headed notepaper and countersigned by the player(s) concerned and the club secretary in all cases.
- To attend the Hearing
- To state his case (in the case of a club, by its Secretary or other official)
- To be supported by a colleague and to call witnesses.

30.5 If the player or club is to have representation present at the Hearing, then the details of that representation must be given in writing to the Disciplinary Chairman not less than 48 hours before the date of the Hearing.

30.6 The Hearing shall be conducted by a Disciplinary Panel appointed by the LMC and shall consist of not less than three and not more than 5 persons drawn from a list approved by the League Management Committee. None of the Panel shall be connected with the player, the club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach, or a club which might directly benefit from the outcome of any disciplinary action. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be by majority vote with the Chairman having a casting vote

30.7 A club or player involved in disciplinary proceedings will be solely responsible for meeting

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such costs or expenses as it or they may incur, including the cost of any legal or other representation.

- 30.8 The standard of proof shall be on the balance of probabilities.
- 30.9 If, during a Disciplinary Hearing, further breaches of the Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket, arise from the investigation into the original complaint(s), the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee may, at his discretion, ask his Committee to consider these further breaches at the current Hearing provided all parties to those further breaches are present and all relevant evidence is available at the Hearing.
- 30.10 A player(s) and/or club(s) that does not attend a disciplinary hearing, without giving the Disciplinary Chairman prior notice of 4 days as to due cause and reason(s) for non-attendance, will still have the alleged disciplinary complaints(s) heard in their absence.
- 30.11 Where any individual behaves inappropriately or fails to respect the formality at any level during a Disciplinary/Administrative Hearing, the Disciplinary Committee assumes the right to impose further penalties or corrective actions as it sees fit.
- 30.12 Where a witness or representative behaves inappropriately or fails to respect the formality at any level during a Disciplinary/Administrative Hearing, this can be dealt with under the Code of Conduct by having a separate Hearing.
- 30.13 The LMC will report the outcome of all **disciplinary** hearings to the County Board and the ECB as below:
- Information on penalties to be shared with individuals at ECB, County Board and Club on a need to know basis in order to give effect to the penalty(s)
 - Information about bans shall be shared with other clubs (out of County) on a need to know basis in order to give effect to the penalty(s)
 - Individuals subject to penalties must be advised that information on such penalties will be shared as above

31 PENALTIES

31.1 Level 1

- 31.1.1 A Level 1 First and Final warning shall stand for a period of 12 months from the date of the first and final warning. Any player so named again at Level 1 within that 12 months period by any umpire within any competition or league match played under the auspices of the CCL will receive an immediate automatic ban for the next two league or competition matches or for a stated period of time for which he is selected and available to play.
- 31.1.2 Any player reported at Level 1 for the third time within the period of 12 months from the date of his first and final warning shall be immediately suspended by his club for the next four league matches or competition matches for which he is selected and available to play.
- 31.1.3 Any player reported at Level 1 for four times within the period of 12 months from the date of his first and final warning shall be immediately suspended by his club for the next six league matches or competition matches or for a stated period of time for which he is selected and available to play. Any player reported more than 4 times within a period of 12 months shall be referred to the League Disciplinary Level 2 procedure
- 31.1.4 The Disciplinary Committee shall have absolute discretion to decide which league or competition (or a combination) matches or period of time shall be included in the suspension.
- 31.1.5 Unavailability due to work commitments, illness or injury will not count as having discharged one or more suspensions.
- 31.1.6 In addition to the penalties described at 31.1.1 to 31.1.4 inclusive, where the same player of a club is reported at Level 1 on more than one occasion in any one season, that club shall have FIVE league points deducted, on the second, and each subsequent occasion the player is the subject of a level 1 report. Where required, any such points penalty shall be carried over into the following season.
- 31.1.7 Any individual club, having three or more different players reported at Level 1 in any one season shall have TEN league points deducted at the end of that season, in addition to any deductions or penalties described at 31.1.1 to 31.1.4 inclusive.

31.2 Level 2

- 31.2.1 For a breach reported at Level 2, the player's club may impose an automatic suspension as listed in Rule 35.

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- 31.2.2 If the Chairman of the League Discipline Committee is satisfied with the prior action taken by the club, the complaint will be closed.
- 31.2.3 However, if a Hearing is requested by the player/club or by the Chairman of the League Discipline Committee, the Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to impose one or more penalties as listed in 34, together with an order as to costs as it deems appropriate
- 31.2.4 The Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to suspend the operation of any part, or all, of the penalties it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions it deems appropriate.
- 31.2.5 Decisions of the Disciplinary Panel (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision on penalties) shall be by majority vote; where necessary the Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 31.3 Levels 3 & 4**
- 31.3.1 All complaints reported as Level 3 or Level 4 will be referred for a full Disciplinary Hearing by the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee. The procedure for the Disciplinary Hearing is described in Rule 30.
- 31.3.2 If, at a Hearing, a breach of Rule 28 is proved, the Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to impose one or more penalties as listed in 34, together with an order as to costs as it deems appropriate:
- 31.3.3 The Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to suspend the operation of any part, or all, of the penalties it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions it deems appropriate.
- 31.3.4. Decisions of the Disciplinary Panel (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision on penalties) shall be by majority vote; where necessary the Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 31.3.5 The League shall report match bans in writing to the relevant club's County Board for national circulation. Players should understand that match bans will normally apply to all cricket played under the auspices of ECB.

32 APPEALS

- 32.1 Where a breach of League Rule 28 has been proved at a LMC Disciplinary Hearing, a player or club shall have the right of appeal.
- 32.2 All Appeals against decisions of the LMC Disciplinary Committee will be heard by an Appeal Panel convened under the appeal regulations and procedures of the Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd.
- 32.3 A notice of appeal must initially be notified in writing, within 7 days of receipt of the decision(s) by the LMC Disciplinary Committee, to the Board Secretary who will then advise on the appeal procedure.
- 32.5 If a notice of appeal is made, any penalty(s) imposed by the LMC Disciplinary Committee will be suspended pending the Appeal Hearing and outcome of the Appeal.

33 NON PAYMENT OF FINES

- 33.1 Any fine levied under these procedures or imposed for the breach of any match rule must be paid to the League Treasurer within twenty-eight days of the Club or player being notified of such fine.
- 33.2 Any fines still outstanding at the end of that period shall be increased by 100% of the original fine, when the Secretary or Chairman of the offending Club or reported player shall be notified to the effect that the fine is outstanding. They will be given a reminder that if after a period of fourteen days from that reminder, the fine is still outstanding; a additional deduction of five points shall be made from the points gained by the club with which the reported player is registered. Further failure to pay the fine may lead to the LMC imposing other penalties including club or player suspension.

34 MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PENALTIES

- 34.1 The LMC and clubs shall mutually recognise and give full effect to any penalty imposed by the Discipline Committee

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- 34.2 The LMC and clubs shall mutually recognise and give full effect to penalties imposed pursuant to any disciplinary or relevant regulations of all competitions under the auspices of County Boards as defined and listed in the ECB Articles of Association and any other competition as directed by ECB.
- 34.3 A player may not play in matches under the auspices of the LMC whilst serving a suspension from any competitions described in 34.2.
- 34.4 The LMC may give and receive information concerning penalties imposed on participants as in 31.3.5

35 DEFINITION OF BREACHES OF DISCIPLINE

Certain conduct, whether on or off the field of play, amounting to a breach of the Laws of Cricket and/or the Spirit of Cricket, has been categorised into 4 levels which are set out below:-

Level 1

- a) time wasting by either the fielding side or the batting side
- b) abuse of the cricket ground, equipment or fixtures
- c) showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- d) using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and or the making of an obscene gesture
- e) excessive appealing
- f) sledging

Level 2

- a) showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- b) inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play
- c) charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- d) deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play, regardless as to whether such conduct is deemed to be fair under law 42.5
- e) throwing the ball at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and dangerous manner
- f) using language or gesture that is obscene or of a serious insulting nature to another player, umpire, team official or spectator
- g) changing the condition of the ball other than as permitted by Law 42.3
- h) the bowling of fast short pitched balls that result in the bowler being disallowed from bowling further in that innings
- i) causing avoidable damage to the pitch contrary to Laws 42.13 and/or Law 42.14 that results in a five run penalty being awarded

Level 3

- a) intimidating an umpire by word or action
- b) threatening to assault another player, team official or spectator
- c) using language or gesture that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
- d) the deliberate bowling of any high full-pitched ball contrary to Law 42.8

Level 4

- a) physical and/or verbal threatening of an umpire
- b) physical assault of another player, umpire, official or spectator
- c) any act of violence on the field of play
- d) using language or gestures that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

The conduct listed in Level 1 to Level 4 above cannot be considered to be exhaustive.

Where any alleged breach falls outside of those described above, the Discipline Chairman shall determine the appropriate level with reference to the following factors:

- the level of harm or potential harm to the interests or reputation of the CCL or the game of cricket in general
- whether any alleged language used or gesture made may be a breach of 27.1.5

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- whether it is alleged that any conduct was likely to cause distress or physical harm to another person or child or such harm was reasonably foreseeable
- whether it is alleged that any conduct was likely to be criminal or otherwise unlawful

For the avoidance of doubt, any online postings on any form of social media shall also be determined in accordance with the appropriate level of reference immediately above:

- participants will be considered responsible for any postings on their social media accounts which are caught by the factors above. The fact that a posting may have been made by someone else in the participant's name will not necessarily prevent disciplinary action
- disciplinary action may result from re-tweeting by others which are caught by the factors above.
- The deleting of any inappropriate content, whilst advisable, does not of itself prevent disciplinary action being taken.

36 PENALTIES

36.1 **TEAM WARNING** – warning must be recorded on the Match Report Sheets only

- Further offence by player or players in same side:
 - First & Final Warning must be issued
 - 5 penalty runs to be awarded to the opposing side for each offence in a 20/20 match, or...
 - 10 penalty runs to be awarded to the opposing side for each offence in a league match
- Subsequent offence by player or players in same side:
 - Level 1 Report must be issued
 - 10 penalty runs to be awarded to the opposing side for each offence in a 20/20 match, or...
 - 20 penalty runs to be awarded to the opposing side for each offence in a league match

36.2 The following is a guide to the match bans that may be imposed by the LMC Disciplinary Committee for individual proven breaches of discipline, as set out in Rule 34 above:

Level 1	2 to 6 matches
Level 2	3 to 8 matches
Level 3	4 to 10 matches
Level 4	A minimum of 10 matches

Match bans may be modified to be stated as periods of time at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.

36.3 For a reported player or club official (see 26.7) - in addition to or instead of the above match bans in one or more of following penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Discipline and/or Appeal Committees:

- require the player to submit written letter(s) of apology to the umpires concerned and captain of opposing club within a specified period of time
- a formal reprimand to be placed on the player's registration details with a warning as to future conduct
- a fine not to exceed £500
- to deduct league points from the player's team
- to expel the player from all participation in any league or competition played under the auspices of the CCL for a period up to one (1) year for any offence proven at Level 3 and for a period up to 3 years for any offence proven at Level 4

36.4 For a club - in addition to or instead of the above points deductions in 36.2, one or more of following penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Discipline Committee:

- to require the club to submit written letter(s) of apology to the umpires concerned and captain of opposing club within a specified period of time
- for a formal reprimand to be placed on the club's affiliation details with a warning as to future conduct
- to impose a fine
- to deduct league points from the club's team
- to relegate to a lower division of the League
- expel the club from all participation in any league or competition played under the auspices of the CCL for a period up to one (1) year for any offence proven at Level 3 and for a period up to 3 years for any offence proven at Level 4
- to relegate the club to any lower division
- to expel the club from the League

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- 36.5 When determining the penalties to be imposed, the Disciplinary Committee shall take into account:
- if the accused player/club has pleaded guilty
 - the player/club's previous disciplinary record
 - if the player is also the captain
 - the conduct of the player subsequent to him being warned and told that he will be reported
 - if the request for a Hearing is considered spurious

37 SUGGESTED CLUB MODEL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

- 37.1 A Club of its own authority may convene an internal club inquiry concerning any alleged case of misconduct by their club player or club official whether that allegation is written or oral.
- 37.2 The purpose of the internal club inquiry shall be to establish the facts and where appropriate to take disciplinary action so that the Club does not fail to properly control or discipline its players and officials thus ensuring that the Club acts in a manner designed to protect the good name of the Club and Cornish cricket.
- 37.3 Any player or club official required to attend an Internal club inquiry, or any Appeal there from, shall be entitled to be accompanied at the inquiry by a friend or supporter or other representative.
- 37.4 In addition to the club convening its own internal club inquiry, the Chairman of the LMC Disciplinary Committee may, at his discretion, ask the club to conduct its own inquiry into an allegation of misconduct by a player or club official as described in sections 31.1 and 31.2; club inquiries are limited to allegations placed at Levels 1 & 2 only.
- 37.5 **Penalties**
Should a player or club official be found by an internal club inquiry to be in breach of an offence as listed in Rule 35, a guide to the penalties for Level 1 & 2 offences are found in Rule 36
- 37.6 **Club Appeals procedure**
The player or club official shall have the right to appeal to the President of the Club or the President's nominee for a review of the findings of the club internal inquiry and the penalty or penalties imposed. The decision of the President or his nominee shall be final and binding in all cases.

38 CACO REPORT FORM

- 38.1 The current CACO report form is to be found on the CACO website pages.

39 PROCEDURE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ALLEGED ADMINISTRATION INFRINGEMENTS OF CCL RULES

- 39.1.1 All matters relating to the infringement of administrative league rules shall be subject to the discretionary powers of the LMC vested in the LMC Disciplinary Committee which is empowered to operate the related Hearings system and impose appropriate sanctions as necessary.
- 39.1.2 Any club that fails to take adequate measures to ensure the proper conduct of its club, players, officials and/or members on all matters for which the club and/or its Committee members has responsibility or acts in any way that is prejudicial or detrimental to the interests or reputation of the CCL and that results in an infringement of administrative league rules, shall be subject to this procedure.
- 39.1.3 Clubs are advised that no contact must be made with the LMC Disciplinary Committee members when the club is subject to an alleged administrative infringement report other than that permitted in writing to the Discipline Chairman.

39.2 LMC ADMINISTRATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

- 39.2.1 Any alleged breach of the LMC Rules and Regulations shall be reported in writing (known as the "Complaint" or "Protest") to the Chairman of the LMC Disciplinary Committee and must be received by him within seven (7) days of the alleged breach. The Chairman of the LMC Disciplinary Committee must then forward a copy of the complaint to the Club against which the complaint was made. Such complaints regarding alleged maladministration by another club must be made by a club official.

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- 39.2.2 The LMC may also choose to initiate an administration complaint whether or not an official complaint has been lodged by a club.
- 39.2.3 Upon receipt of such a complaint or protest and as soon as reasonably practical, the Chairman of the LMC Disciplinary Committee shall consider the complaint and either:
- a. Take no action except to record the complaint and notify the club, or
 - b. Endorse the remedial (or disciplinary) action taken by the club, or
 - c. In the case of a minor infringement, apply a penalty based on precedent having examined the complaint with the club concerned, or
 - d. In the case of a more serious infringement determined at the Chairman of the Discipline Committee's discretion, refer the matter to a Disciplinary Hearing, which shall be convened by the Chairman of the Discipline Committee as soon as reasonably practical.

39.3 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

- 39.3.1 In any case that is referred to a Disciplinary Hearing, at least seven (7) days notice in writing of the Hearing shall be given the Secretary of the Club against whom the complaint has been made, to the Secretary of the complainant club and also to any other person(s) involved.
- 39.3.2 The club against whom the complaint has been lodged will be entitled to attend the Hearing, state their case, be represented and to call witnesses.
- 39.3.3. Should a Disciplinary Hearing be convened, any written evidence by any party to that Hearing shall be received by the Chairman of the Discipline Committee not later than seven (7) days of the Hearing date; written evidence received within seven (7) days of the Hearing date will only be admitted to the Hearing at the discretion of the Chairman of the LMC Disciplinary Committee.
- 39.3.4 The Hearing shall be conducted by members of the LMC Disciplinary Committee which shall consist of not less than 3 persons none of whom shall be connected with the club(s) involved or their opponent(s) at the time of the alleged breach.
- 39.3.5 A player(s) and/or club(s) that does not attend an administrative hearing, without giving the Hearing Chairman prior notice of 4 days as to due cause and reason(s) for non-attendance, will still have the alleged administrative complaints(s) heard in their absence.

39.4 PENALTIES

- 39.4.1 If, at a Hearing, the LMC Disciplinary Committee finds the alleged breach proven (based on reasonable doubt) it shall have the power to impose one or more of the following penalties together with such order(s) for costs as it deems appropriate; the value of any fines and/or points deduction shall be based as far as practically possible on existing precedent:
- a. To require the club to apply remedial action for any proven acts of maladministration within a specified time
 - b. To record a formal reprimand and to give a warning as to future administration standards
 - c. To impose a fine
 - d. To deduct League points from the club; the LMC Disciplinary Committee shall have the absolute discretion to decide how and where those points will be deducted
 - e. To relegate the club to any lower league division; the LMC Disciplinary Committee shall have the absolute discretion to decide how and where those relegations will be made.
 - f. To expel the club from any competition held under the auspices of the LMC for a set period of time
 - g. To expel the club from the League for a set period of time
- 39.4.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend the operation of all or part of any penalty(s) that it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.
- 39.4.3 Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision of penalty(s) shall be by majority vote; where necessary, the Panel Chairman shall have a casting vote.

39.5 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

- 39.5.1 Where an administrative breach of League Rules has been proved at a LMC Hearing, a club shall have the right of appeal.

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- 39.5.2 All Appeals against administrative decisions by the LMC Disciplinary Committee will be heard by an Appeal Panel convened under the appeal regulations and procedures of the Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd.
- 39.5.3 A notice of appeal must initially be notified in writing, within 7 days of receipt of the decision(s) by the LMC Disciplinary Committee, to the Board Secretary who will then advise on the appeal procedure.
- 39.5.4 If a notice of appeal is made, any penalty(s) imposed by the LMC Disciplinary Committee will be suspended pending the Hearing and outcome of the Appeal.

40 DATA PROTECTION CONSENT

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998 and otherwise, each participant shall have been deemed to have agreed that their personal data may be processed and disclosed in accordance with, and for the purposes of the implementation of the Discipline Regulations.

41 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 41.1 All disciplinary proceedings, which take place under these disciplinary regulations, shall be confidential and take place in private.
- 41.2 The LMC and the ECB shall have the right to publish any written decision of a disciplinary hearing including (but not necessarily limited to) publication on their websites and participants shall be deemed to have consented to such publication.

SECTION E APPENDIX

42. ECB ACCREDITATION

- 42.1 The ECB Premier League Assessment of Facilities Criteria will be available to view at www.cornwallcricket.co.uk
- 42.2 **(From the start of the Cricket Season 1 January 2018)**
All clubs competing in the Premier League and County Division 1 must have previously achieved and currently hold the ECB Clubmark Accreditation or its equivalent replacement.
- 42.2.1 No club will be promoted to County Division 1 unless they already hold ECB Clubmark Accreditation or its equivalent replacement.
- 42.2.2 (From 31 October 2017) Any Premier League or County Division 1 club not holding Clubmark Accreditation or its equivalent replacement will be relegated with immediate effect.
- 42.2.3 Any club whose Clubmark or equivalent replacement expires in 2018 or during any subsequent season must achieve re-accreditation by 31 October that year. Failure to do so will result in relegation of the club for the next season.
- 42.2.4 A club relegated from the Premier League to Division 1 as a consequence 42.2.2 or 42.2.3 must achieve accreditation in Clubmark or equivalent replacement by 31 December that year or be relegated to Division 2 for the following season.
- 42.2.5 Any Club relegated in accordance with rule 42.2 will not be eligible for any promotions or prize monies for any of its lower teams for the current season.
- 42.3 **Youth Cricket**
- (From the start of the Cricket Season 1 January 2017)**
- 42.3.1 Any Premier League club that did not have an identifiable youth section, with at least three teams (U17 or below, boys or girls), playing inter-club competitive matches* in the previous season should be identified and an action plan put into place to correct this.
- 42.3.2 Any County Division 1 club that did not have an identifiable youth section, with at least one team (U17 or below, boys or girls), playing inter-club competitive matches* in the previous season should be identified and an action plan put into place to correct this.
- 42.3.3 Failure to comply with 42.3.1 or 42.3.2 above for a second successive season shall result in that club being relegated with immediate effect.
- 42.3.4 A club shall not be precluded from gaining promotion into County Division 1 through 42.3.2 above, but the requirement must be met during the following season.

* Qualification: All age-groups to count (i.e. U9 through to U17), boys or girls. Any organised, competitive (including 'friendly') matches or festivals to count. 1 day = 1 fixture, i.e. a festival day

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counts as just one game. The team must have played (i.e. started), or received by concession, a minimum of FOUR fixtures.

43. CCL ADVERTISING INSIGNIA ON CLOTHING REGULATIONS

43.1 General

43.1.1 The CCL rules for insignia are based on the ECB rules for first class cricket. However any player or club participating in an ECB competition must be aware that the local insignia regulations for the CCL (43.2) may not be permitted for ECB or other national competitions.

43.2 Parameters of Permitted Advertising and Design for League Competitions under the auspices of the CCL.

43.2.1. Playing Shirts & Sweaters:

Playing Shirts must be primarily white or ivory.

Sponsors mark on the front of player's shirts and sweaters must not exceed 32 square inches.

The full regulations can be viewed at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/regulations/first-class-cricket> then click on *Clothing and Equipment Regulations*

44 ECB DIRECTIVES

44.1 Fast Bowling Match Directives

Age	Max. overs per spell	Max. overs per day	Age	Max. overs per spell	Max. overs per day
Up to 13	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day	U16, U17	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day
U14, U15	6 overs per spell	12 overs per day	U18, U19	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day

For the purposes of these Directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would ***in normal circumstances*** stand back to take the ball.

Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his* spell have been bowled from the same end. A bowler can change ends without ending his current spell provided that he bowls the next over that he legally can from the other end. If this does not happen his spell is deemed to be concluded. If play is interrupted, for any reason, for less than 40 minutes any spell in progress at the time of the interruption can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end. If the interruption is of 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowler can commence a new spell immediately.

Once a bowler covered by these Directives has bowled in a match he cannot exceed the maximum number of overs per day for his age group even if he subsequently bowls spin. He can exceed the maximum overs per spell if bowling spin, but cannot then revert to bowling fast until an equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end. If he bowls spin without exceeding the maximum number of overs in a spell the maximum will apply as soon as he reverts to bowling fast.

Captains, Team Managers and umpires are asked to ensure that these Directives are followed at all times.

For guidance it is recommended that in any 7 day period a fast bowler should not bowl more than 4 days in that period and for a maximum of 2 days in a row

*Any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her.

Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

44.2 Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players

In February 2000 the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) issued safety guidance on the wearing of helmets by young players up to the age of 18. In brief, the guidance recommends that:

- Helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions
- young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box)
- Young wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps.

With the assistance of schools, cricket clubs and leagues, the wearing of helmets by young players is now standard practice in cricket throughout England and Wales. Helmets are widely available and are covered by a British Standard (BS7928:1998).

A face protector represents an alternative head protection system for young wicket keepers. Face protectors are, at the time of publication of this guidance, a relatively new innovation. Wicketkeeper Face Protectors are covered by a new British Standard (BS 7928 – 2:2009).

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The original guidance allowed parents or guardians to give their written consent to allow a young player not to wear a helmet. However now parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket.

This guidance applies to all players up to the age of 18, both in adult cricket and in all junior cricket played with a hard cricket ball. The guidance also applies during all practice sessions. Any individual taking responsibility for players should take all reasonable steps to ensure that this guidance is followed at all times.

The ECB asks that the guidance is communicated to the parents or guardians of all young players through clubs and schools, and that young players are not allowed to bat or stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard ball without wearing appropriate protection.

44.3 Fielding Regulations

The ECB has regulations covering the minimum fielding distances for young players in all matches where a hard ball is used.

- No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).
- These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.
- Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- In addition any young player in the Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.
- These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

44.4 Junior Cricketers playing in Open Age Matches *(Revised 2012)*

The ECB has issued guidance covering the selection and participation of young players in open age group cricket. This is to help clubs decide when to select young players in open age group cricket and how best to help their cricketing development when they play within open age groups. The ECB keeps these guidelines under review and, following feedback from clubs and leagues, has revised these guidelines for the 2012 season. The ECB will continue to monitor the impact of these guidelines and you are invited to feedback your thoughts and comments in writing to the ECB Non-First Class Cricket Department

1. Making the step up from junior to open age group cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket experience. Ensure that the player's safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are considered.
2. There is no definitive age at which they should be introduced to open age group cricket but determine each case on an individual basis dependent on their ability and stage of cognitive and emotional maturity to take part at this level, however, clubs, squad coaches and managers must take into account the requirements on age at point 9 of this guidance
3. ECB Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations should always be adhered to for junior players in open age group cricket.
4. Provide an opportunity for players to show their talents in an appropriate way. Children who are just used as fielders will not fully experience the game.
5. Be supportive at all times for all forms of effort even when children are not successful. Try and put them in situations where they will experience some success (however small) and ensure plenty of praise and encouragement.
6. Try and involve them in all aspects of the game wherever possible i.e. socialising, team talks, practice, decision making etc. so that they feel part of the team.
7. Children will often feel more comfortable and able to perform if they have a family member or friend also playing in the side.
8. Remember, children's early experiences will remain with them always and will often determine whether they want to remain playing the game or give up and do something else.
9. Players who are selected in a County U12 squad in Spring for a summer squad or in another squad deemed by ECB Performance Managers to be of a standard above 'District level' for that season are eligible to play Open Age Cricket. This is providing they are at least 11 years old, are in School Year 7 on 1st September in the year preceding the season and have written parental consent to play. In allowing these players to play in Open Age Cricket it is essential that Clubs and Coaches recognise the 'Duty of Care' obligations towards these young players.

This means boys and girls who are county squad and area squad players, are able to play open age group cricket if they are in an U12 age group and are a minimum of 11 years old on 1st September of the year preceding the season. District and club players who are not in a county or area squads must wait until they reach the U13 age

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group, be in Year 8 and be 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year before being able to play in any open age group cricket. As before written parental consent is required for these players.

The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

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

In addition the guidelines note the need for clubs and leagues to recognize the positive experience that young players should have in open age cricket and thus clubs should provide an opportunity for players to show their talents in an appropriate way. Children who are just used as fielders will not fully experience the game.

44.5 ECB Anti Doping Policy

The CCL is fully committed to the principles and purpose of the ECB Anti-Doping Policy; any complaint or concern raised under this policy will be immediately referred by the CCL to Cornwall Cricket Board Ltd.

44.6 ECB Equality Policy

The CCL is fully committed to supporting the principle and practice of equity. No participant or volunteer in any area of Cornish League Cricket will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, parental or marital status, colour, race, ethnic origin, creed, disability, social status or sexual preference or will be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements that cannot be shown to be relevant to performance. The CCL adopts the ECB Cricket Equality Policy in all respects." (Details at www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)"

44.7 ECB Team Sheets

In compliance with the Laws of Cricket (2003), all clubs must provide the umpires/captains with a fully completed Team Sheet that must identify all team members (including 12th man) before the start of the match. The team sheet must also indicate the ages of any players under 19 years of age and therefore subject to the ECB Directives described in the subsections of Rule 44. The team sheet must be sent to the League with the match result sheet (see also 9.3.1.5 and 17.9).

44.8 ECB Anti Corruption Code

The CCL is fully committed to the principles and purpose of the ECB Anti Corruption Code for Players and Player Support Personnel, effective from 1 April 2014.
