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CORNWALL CRICKET LEAGUE
RULES & CONSTITUTION 2010

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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 or organisations for the purpose of positively influencing the quality, nature or 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 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

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.

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 40% 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 The closing date for votes to be received by the League Secretary is 15th November.

3.4.7 The LMC may arrange for e-postal ballots throughout the year to address LMC proposed administrative rule changes, subject to:

- 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

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subject of the postal ballot.

- The LMC will prepare the details of the ballot paper and approve any attached information.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- A simple majority of those voting and eligible to vote shall be sufficient for each issue to be carried.
- 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.
- 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.
- Any ballot paper that is **received** after midnight on the return date will be invalid.
- 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.
- 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 and CACO.
- 3.5.2 No business shall be conducted without a quorum of twelve members.

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 £20. 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 Treasurers
 - 3.8.1.8 Hon. Auditor
 - 3.8.1.9 CACO Representatives (2)
 - 3.8.1.10 Grounds Committee Representative (1)
 - 3.8.1.11 Management Committee Members (10) and to include
 - 3.8.1.11.1 Two representatives for each of the Higher, Intermediate and Standard Tiers (rule 10)
 - 3.8.2 No club shall have more than 1 associated member serving on the LMC
 - 3.8.3 One of the County Child Welfare Officers 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.

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- 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.
- 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 On all matters at AGM, a simple majority is required to pass any alteration, amendment, correction or change or election
- 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 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.

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 audited.
- 5.5 An annual honorarium shall be offered to the League Secretary, Treasurers, Assistant Secretary, Results Secretaries and Media Officer, the amount to be decided 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 appointments 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 Minutes from LMC meetings to be made available on written request from any club. A summary of the minutes will be made quarterly at each full meeting of the Cornwall Cricket Board.

6.3 Sub-committees:

- 6.3.1 The LMC shall authorise the formation of any subcommittee 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.
- 6.4.2 A full report of any such decisions shall be made to the LMC at its next meeting.

6.5 Disciplinary and LMC Appeals Committees

- 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

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- 6.5.3 **LMC Appeals Committee** – the LMC shall annually appoint in February, an Appeals Committee to hear appeals relating to breaches of the Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket. The Appeals Committee shall consist of an Appeals Committee Chairman and at least 4 other members (minimum of 3 to sit); the Appeals Committee Chairman shall be a member of the LMC but the other members may be co-opted at the discretion of the LMC. The procedure for a Club to appeal against a decision of the LMC Disciplinary Committee is described in Rule 32.
- 6.6 Grounds Committee**
- 6.6.1 A Grounds Committee shall be appointed at the AGM, consisting of ten members; four from each section and two from the Umpires Association.
- 6.6.1.1 This Committee to elect its own Chairman who shall sit on the LMC.
- 6.7 **Appeals Procedure (Administration)** Refer to Rule 32
- 6.8 **Women's League Cricket LMC Representative** - the CWCA shall elect at their AGM a representative to serve on the LMC.

7. CHILD PROTECTION

- 7.1 League Policy**
- 7.1.1 The League embrace 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 Child Welfare Officers who shall report any Club not fulfilling these requirements to the LMC. One of the County Child Welfare 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 Welfare 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
- 9.3 Fixed Monetary Payments**
- 9.3.1 Fixed fees and fines apply as follows:-
- 9.3.1.1 League Affiliation fee: £20 per team
- 9.3.1.2 CCB fees: £30 – 1 team; £36 – 2 teams; £42 – 3 teams; £48 – 4 teams
- 9.3.1.3 Hawkey & Vinter Cup fees: £5 per team
- 9.3.1.4 Yearbook: £6 per book
- 9.3.1.5 Late Result fine: £5 per late result

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- 9.3.1.6 Late Umpire Assessment Report: £5 per late report.
 - 9.3.1.7 Non attendance of League AGM: £20 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 Failure by a club in the Higher Tier to submit a completed Umpire Assessment Report form to the CACO Appointments Officer as required by Rule 23.4.1.1 - £10 per report form
- 9.3.2 All fees and fines are subject to an annual review.

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10. COMPOSITION OF LEAGUE

- 10.1 The CCL shall adopt 4-tier structure system to comprise:-
 - 10.1.1 Higher tier – Premier and County One countywide divisions and
 - 10.1.2 Intermediate tier – Divisions 2 – 4 with separate East and West sections and
 - 10.1.3 Standard tier – Divisions 5 and below with separate East and West sections and
 - 10.1.4 Having such divisions and sub-divisions as shall be decided by the LMC.
 - 10.1.5 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), Code of Conduct (Section D), Discipline (Section E), Advertising Insignia (37) and ECB Directives (38). 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 When, through withdrawal from the league, a vacancy occurs in any division, only one team shall be relegated from that division and two teams promoted from the division below.
If two vacancies occur, no team shall be relegated.
- 10.6 The composition of the Divisions of the League may not be altered after the 1 February of each year.
- 10.7 A full listing of constituent clubs can be found in the Club Directory section of current CCB Yearbook.
- 10.8 Clubs outside of Cornwall may be admitted at the discretion of the LMC.

11. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 11.1 **Promotion/Relegation**
 - 11.1.1 Promotion and relegation between Premier League and County Division One shall be one up/one down.
 - 11.1.2 Only one club shall be promoted from Division 2 East & 2 West in order to facilitate two being relegated from County Division One.
 - 11.1.3 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). Only one club will then be promoted from Division 3 (East or West) as applicable when all divisions will be regularised, in accordance with Rule 10.2). Promotions and relegations shall be 1 up and 2 down throughout the rest of that section but the opposite section shall have 2 up and 1 down in each division.
 - 11.1.3.1 Clubs who withdraw a team from a division prior or during the season will not be eligible for any promotions or prize monies for any of its lower teams for the current season.
 - 11.1.4 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.
 - 11.1.4.1 In either case, only one team will thereby be relegated from the higher division.
 - 11.1.5 Other than for 11.1.4, 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.
 - 11.1.5.1 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.
 - 11.1.5.2 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.
 - 11.1.6 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

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meets all other requirements.

- 11.1.7 The LMC has the duty and powers to regulate promotion and relegation to ensure that it is applied fairly for all participating clubs.
- 11.1.8 No team will be promoted or relegated more than one division up or down in any one season.
- 11.1.9 No team finishing in one of the bottom two positions in any division (or section of any division) shall be promoted.
- 11.1.10 All promotions and relegations shall be subject to clubs meeting published standards for grounds and facilities.
- 11.1.11 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 Section F - Appendix: 36)
- 11.1.12 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 36 for the Higher Tier) before the following AGM, then that Club shall be considered for promotion.

11.2 Election/Re-election to the League

- 11.2.1 The bottom two teams in the lowest Division 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

- 12.1.1 The CCL Championship shall be awarded to club that finishes top of the Premier League table in accordance with the format adopted in 18.1.2
- 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.
- 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 divisional final will automatically be demoted and fined (9.3.1.10).
- 12.2.7 Medals awarded at County Finals shall be engraved 'Divisional East Winner' and 'Divisional West Winner' as appropriate.
- 12.2.8 All gate money taken at Semi-finals and Finals shall be passed to CCL Hon. Treasurer, who shall defray all expenses except transport.

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.
- 13.1.2 In all Divisions, toilet and washing facilities must be available on the grounds, for use of both

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- teams.
- 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 Should a club be aware of unavailability of its ground on particular date(s) for the following season, this to be notified to League Secretary by 30 September of preceding year, in order for fixtures to be arranged accordingly.
- 13.1.5 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 the Intermediate and Standard tiers.
- 13.2 Ground Grading**
- 13.2.1 See Section F - Appendix: 36, for full Ground grading system details for clubs in the Higher Tier and Division 2.
- 13.2.2 From season 2010, all Higher Tier Clubs and Division 2 Clubs shall have grounds graded each year by the Grounds Committee 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 within 21 days of the end of the season.
- 13.2.3 Grounds shall be marked on the official match result sheet by the officially appointed umpires.
- 13.2.3.1 In games where no official umpires are standing, this to be completed and signed by the visiting captain.
- 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.
- 13.2.5 Grounds of clubs in Divisions outside those stated in 13.2.2 shall also be subject to inspection/report by the Grounds Committee and each club shall receive their ground grading at the end of the season.
- 13.2.6 The Grounds Committee 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 Grounds Committee shall investigate low ground markings of 4 or less, or further to written complaint, within 14 days.
- 13.2.8 The Grounds Committee shall report to the LMC as required, normally at each LMC meeting.

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 Section F - Appendix: 34) 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 the club.
- 14.1.4 Be registered on a CCL Registration Form annually before 1st August. (See Rule 15.1.1)
- 14.1.5 Have no current disciplinary suspension from another cricket authority.
- 14.1.6 CCL Registration sent to the CCL Registration Secretary (See Rule 15.1.1) (Rule 15.1.5 excepted).
- 14.1.7 Seven days elapsed between registration and entitlement to play (Rule 15.1.5 excepted).
- 14.1.8 A player who has not played for his club in a league fixture before the 1st August, of the current season, shall not play without obtaining the permission of the LMC.
- 14.1.8.1 Club members who are 'away' from their main place of residence because of full time education, the services, work or uncapped members of a county ground-staff when returning to their parent club, the club shall obtain clearance from the LMC who may use its discretion.
- 14.1.9 Has not played for another CCL club during the season except by official transfer.
- 14.1.10 Plays no part in any other Saturday League Competition without obtaining approval from the LMC.
- 14.1.11 Have no outstanding commitments to another club.
- 14.1.12 If on a County ground-staff, be unregistered.
- 14.1.13 Apart from the Registered Professional or 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 OR one 'Seasonal' overseas player per club.
- 14.1.14 In order to participate in CCL matches a player must be a minimum of 12 years of age on the actual match day. (**Superseded by 2010 ECB Guidelines Issued after the AGM. See Rule 38.4**)
- 14.2 Overseas players**
- 14.2.1 Exceptions may be made upon application to the LMC via Assistant Secretary, in cases of overseas

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nationals living in the county or temporary resident in the county where they are in possession of a current visa issued by the UK Border Agency under the Points Based System, Youth Mobility or Sports Visitor and in compliance with the Border Agency regulations regarding this type of Visa. (full details can be found on the UK Border Agency website) To remove any conflict between the Border Agency regulations and CCL rules 'Seasonal' overseas players registered under this scheme, clubs may make payment to the player to cover travel costs and provide living accommodation. Clubs must not make any payment to the player for playing cricket or providing any services but may make reasonable basic daily subsistence payments to the player.

- 14.2.1.1 'Seasonal' overseas player definition is a player that spends less than 12 months in Cornwall or Devon in the current year. All such players are to be registered annually with the assistant secretary and such registration shall lapse at the end of the current playing year season.

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 OR '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 or '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

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 League with the exception of women players who may register with one club to play league cricket within the Higher, Intermediate or Standard Tiers and register with one other club to play specifically within the Women's Tier.

- 15.1.1.2 Once a player has been registered he remains registered with that club until either transferred (in accordance with 15.2) or until the CCL Registration Secretary is informed by the Club Secretary that he is no longer a playing member of that Club.

- 15.1.1.3 Clubs MUST use the online registration system on their Club Play Cricket site to register players throughout the year.

- 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 Exceptionally a player may be registered after 31st July at the discretion of the LMC upon application to the LMC and entering the details online at their Club's Play cricket website.

- 15.1.4 See Section F – Appendix: 34, for 'ECB regulations governing qualification and registration of cricketers and their qualification to play for England'.

- 15.1.5 **(Intermediate & Standard Tiers only)** Where club has two or more teams, players not registered with an affiliated club may be registered on the day by the team captain of their lowest team and enclosed with the result form. Players so registered must remain with that club for the rest of the season. Where on the day registrations are made, the Club must also register those players at their Club's Play cricket website in order to formalize the arrangement within 48 hours of the match at which the player first played for their Club.

- 15.1.6 All Clubs are to encourage membership of their Play Cricket website by displaying a poster in Club buildings. All clubs are to review their existing league registrations annually and remove any players from the Cornwall Cricket League registrations on their Club Play Cricket website where a player has not played for their club in the previous season. Any such player will then become available to register at any Club when they wish to play cricket again. The club must then confirm to the league registrations secretary the accuracy of their Club's registrations list. Any deletions, amendments to players' addresses or other details should be made at their Club's Play cricket website by the Club's Play Cricket Administrator. The annual notification should be received by the League registrations secretary before the commencement of the season's fixtures. Any Club failing to make this annual confirmation return will be fined by the League. The annual confirmation return form may be found

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on the Cornwall Cricket League website.

- 15.1.7 Any club that requires assistance with the registration of players online at their Club's Play Cricket site may request this at any time of the year from the League's Play Cricket Registrations Administrator.
- 15.1.8 All requests for information relating to inquiries and /or concerns regarding new and current registrations and rules thereof are to be made in writing to the CCL Registration Officer who will make a written reply within 7 days of receipt.

15.2 Transfers

- 15.2.1 A player maybe 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 other club official) of both clubs and the player being transferred and submitted to the CCL Registration Secretary for approval. The CCL Registration Secretary will then move the player's registration from one club to another online at Play Cricket.
- 15.2.2.2 The player must cease playing for his original club, and may not play for his new club for a period of seven days, with effect from first notification to the CCL Registration Secretary.
- 15.2.3 No transfer of CCL players to and from Premier and County One clubs shall be permitted during the season, except in exceptional circumstances with approval of LMC. (This shall only apply to those playing in Premier and County One League cricket).

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.
- 15.3.2 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 Under exceptional circumstances Clubs may apply to the LMC for approval to loan players for the development/survival of Clubs.

16. DISCIPLINE

- 16.1 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 empowered to impose appropriate sanctions.
- 16.2 (Higher Tier only). Clubs and CCL Disciplinary Committee to apply 'Standard Tariff of Warning and Suspensions' in dealing with breaches of ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket (refer section D: 26 & 27). **See Section F – Appendix 39: 'Dealing with ECB Code of Conduct Breaches'**
- 16.3 (Higher Tier only). Clubs are advised that no contact must be made with the umpires or LMC Disciplinary Committee when the Club is subject to a disciplinary report, other than that permitted in writing as per rulings Section E: 29 and 30
- 16.4 Further guidance can be found in Sections D and E of these rules.

17. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS General

To be read in conjunction with 18 - Premier League 19 - County One
20 - Intermediate 21 - Standard, 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 F – Appendix: 38)
- 17.1.3 Any clarification to interpretation of the Laws of Cricket shall firstly be referred to the Cornwall Cricket Board 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 league matches must be played on Saturdays and three Bank Holiday Mondays unless clubs concerned mutually agree on another day of the week.
- 17.2.1.1 No such arrangements may extend beyond last weekend of scheduled League fixtures.

17.3 Fixtures

- 17.3.1 The clubs in respective divisions shall play each other home and away, in accordance with fixtures

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- as compiled by the LMC
- 17.3.2 Clubs may have no more than 4 teams participating within the Higher, Intermediate, and Standard Tiers in any season. A club may have a 5th team provided that team plays in the Women's Tier.
- 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. Rule 27(i) applies.
- 17.3.5.2 If no dispute, both clubs to advise the Results Secretary.
- 17.3.6 Where a team fails, on three occasions 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.
- 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 For scheduled matches when two or more teams are representing a club, the club is in order to select players as they see fit, providing such selection does not contravene Rule 17.4.5 and sub-sections thereof.
- 17.4.5 Clubs are reminded of undertaking not to play regular member(s) of higher division team(s) in a lower division team. Such player is defined as one who has played 75% or more of the games at a higher level during the current season.
- 17.4.5.1 Clubs are on their honour not to abuse the system in an attempt to prejudice a result which could determine promotion or relegation.
- 17.4.5.2 A player mutually agreed by both Captains before start of play, irrespective of previous status shall be exempt. Both captains must sign a specific section of the official result form when they mutually agree such a player.
- 17.4.6 In event of serious breach of above undertaking, the Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, 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-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 Division 2

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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 (i) In 2010, the Oxbridge Buckingham ball is to be used in the Premier League
- 17.7.2.2 (ii) In 2010, the Oxbridge Buckingham ball is to be used in County One.
- 17.7.3 The balls used in Division 2 East & West to be specified by LMC.
- 17.7.3.1 (i) In 2010, the Oxbridge Blenheim ball is to be used.
- 17.7.4 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.
- 17.8.2.1 Clubs shall be fined £5.00 for each late received result form.
- 17.8.3 Home clubs shall telephone results to the person (s) appointed by the local press before 8.45pm, or by e-mail, 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.

17.9 ECB Team sheet Cards

- 17.9.1 ECB Team sheet cards must be completed and signed for every CCL match played.
- 17.9.1.1 This is to be undertaken by the Captain or person responsible for the team.
- 17.9.2 Completed cards to be passed to CACO Panel or Club umpires officiating the match, before the 'toss' takes place.
- 17.9.2.1 If card is not issued, this is to be reported on the result sheet by the Panel umpires.
- 17.9.3 Where no appointed umpires officiate, the persons responsible for both teams to check cards are correctly completed and signed before the 'toss' takes place.
- 17.9.4 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 - Higher Tier - Premier League

To be read in conjunction with General Playing Conditions - Rule 17 and Section F – Appendix: 35

THE ECB CORNWALL PREMIER LEAGUE (110 overs 'with draw option' matches)

- 18.1 The Premier League to comprise of 10 teams playing each other each other home & away in 110 over 'Time' matches with 'draw' option and 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 1.00 p.m.
- 18.2.2 Each match will consist of 110 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 No game shall commence after 5.00pm, nor any second innings after 6.30pm.
- 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 The side batting first may bat for no more than 55 overs.
- 18.3.2 The side batting second may use the balance of the overs available after the completion of the first innings.

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18.4 Intervals

- 18.4.1 Tea Interval - 30 minutes maximum, taken between innings.
- 18.4.1.1 If the first Innings closes at or before 3.45pm, 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 4.35pm.
- 18.4.1.3 If, however, (i) the first Innings closes or (ii) there is a stoppage for weather or light between 3.45pm 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 Drinks Intervals - 5 minutes each, maximum.
- 18.4.2.1 One drinks interval may be taken after 25 overs of the first innings have been bowled.
- 18.4.2.2 A further drinks interval may be taken during the second innings after 50% of the available overs have been bowled
- 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 9.30 a.m. on day of the match.
- 18.5.2 Cancellation shall be by agreement between the clubs concerned.
- 18.5.3 The away side shall have the right to travel and inspect the ground.
- 18.5.3.1 If this right is exercised the home team must attend pending an on-site decision by the match officials
- 18.5.3.2 The away side shall be responsible for umpires and teas costs should the match subsequently be cancelled without a ball being bowled.
- 18.5.3.3 The umpires shall be the judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light.

18.6 Bowling Restrictions

- 18.6.1 No bowler to bowl more than 30% of the available overs in any innings.
- 18.6.1.1 The umpires will, prior to the start of the innings, advise the captains and scorers of the 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:-
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| 10 points for outright win | 6 points for draw with the higher score |
| 6 points for cancellation or abandonment | 5 points for tie or draw with the scores level |
- 2 points** for draw, with the lower score, if side has totalled more than 75% of their opponents total
- 0 points** shall be awarded for an outright defeat
- 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 1 batting point shall be awarded to a winning side batting second for every 2 wickets standing at the end of the match, providing the total of batting points awarded does not exceed maximum of 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 Over Rates

- 18.9.1 In all Innings of 40 or more overs duration, an Average Over Rate of 17 overs of actual playing time must be achieved.
- 18.9.2 Part overs shall be deemed to have been completed.
- 18.9.3 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

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shall make due allowance of time and note same on the report sheet.

- 18.9.4 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.
- 18.9.4.1 Any such penalty shall be applied by the umpires at the conclusion of the match and shown 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..

18.10 Fielding Restrictions

- 18.10.1 Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play.
- 18.10.1.1 The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch.
- 18.10.1.2 The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards.
- 18.10.1.3 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.
- 18.10.1.4 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.
- 18.10.2 At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fieldsmen plus the bowler and the wicket-keeper must be inside the fielding restriction
- 18.10.2.1 In the event of an infringement, the square leg umpire shall call and signal "No-Ball".

18.11 Leg-side Wide Ball

- 18.11.1 In addition to MCC Law 25, the following shall apply in the Higher Tier.
- Any offside or leg side delivery which in the opinion of the umpire does not give a batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called and signalled a wide. For guidance purposes in adult cricket, a leg side wide should be called and signalled if a delivery passes on the leg side outside the pads of the batsman standing in a normal guard position.

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 in all Premier League fixtures.
- 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.

THE PREMIER LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION (50 overs a side matches)

Read as for 110 overs matches above (18.2 - 18.14), except for following changes:-

18.15 Hours and Conditions of Play

- 18.15.1 All matches to start at 1.30pm on fixed dates set by the LMC.
- 18.15.1.1 Only players registered with the club may participate i.e. no guest players.
- 18.15.2 Each match will consist of 100 overs maximum.
- 18.15.3 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.
- 18.15.3.1 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.

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- 18.15.4** 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 to play each other once. The LMC will decide the composition of each area league. Winners of their respective Leagues will go forward to:
Part 2 A knock-out Finals Day to be held on a Sunday at a neutral ground; the League to supply umpires, balls & teas.
- 18.16** **Duration of Innings**
18.16.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 50 overs.
18.16.2 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.
- 18.17** **Intervals**
18.17.1 Tea Interval - 30 minutes maximum. To be taken between innings unless otherwise agreed by Captains. (18.4.1.1 – 18.4.1.4 above not to apply)
18.17.2 Drinks Intervals - 5 minutes maximum. To be taken after 25 overs of each innings unless otherwise agreed by Captains.
- 18.18** **Bowling Restrictions**
18.18.1 No bowler may bowl more than 20% of the available overs in any innings.
18.18.1.1 The umpires will, prior to the start of the innings, advise the captains and scorers of the maximum number of overs available per bowler.
- 18.19** **Scoring of Points** (within area leagues)
18.19.1 Match Points shall be awarded as follows:-
10 points for outright win **5 points** for tie or draw with the scores level
6 points for cancellation or abandonment as decided by appointed umpires.
18.19.2 Bonus Points in area league games shall be awarded as 18.8.4 above.
18.19.3 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.
18.19.4 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
- 19. MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS - Higher Tier - County One**
- 19.1** To be read in conjunction with General Playing Conditions - Rule 17.
Refer, as applicable, to Rule 18 (Premier) or Rule 20 (Intermediate) as stated below:
- 19.2** **Hours and Conditions of Play**
19.2.1 All matches played up to and including 14 August to start at 1.30pm and thereafter, at 1.00pm.
19.2.2 Each match will consist of 100 overs maximum.
19.2.3 An average of 17 overs per hour must be bowled.
Rules 20.2.2 – 20.2.6 also apply
- 19.3** **Duration of Innings**
19.3.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 50 overs.
19.3.2 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.
19.3.3 An innings may not be declared after the 44th over has been completed if the side batting has already lost 8 wickets.
19.3.3.1 The team batting second may not declare their innings closed until the opposition score has been passed.
- 19.4** **Intervals** – Refer to 20.4
- 19.5** **Cancellation of Fixtures** – Refer to 17.5 & 20.5
- 19.6** **Bowling Restrictions**
19.6.1 No bowler to bowl more than 20% of the available overs in any innings.

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19.6.2 The umpires will, in a reduced over match and prior to start 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 – Refer to 20.8

19.9 Over Rates – Refer to 18.9

19.10 Fielding Restrictions – Refer to 18.10

19.11 Leg-side Wide Ball – Refer to 18.11

19.12 Ground and Equipment – Refer to 18.12

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

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

20.2 Hours and Conditions of Play

20.2.1 All matches played up to and including 14 August to start at 2.00pm and thereafter, at 1.30pm.

20.2.2 Starting times may be re-scheduled to an earlier time by mutual agreement between both Captains and any independent umpires.

20.2.3 A team that is unable to take the field at the scheduled start shall forfeit the toss.

20.2.4 In event of delayed start, no match to commence later than 5.00pm.

20.2.5 If start is delayed or match interrupted for whatever reason, the umpires shall determine number of overs to be played.

20.2.5.1 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.

20.2.5.2 No reduction will be made in event of a delay or interruption to the innings of the team batting second, though the match will be played to a finish if, at all, possible.

20.2.6 The award of Penalty Runs as summarised in MCC Laws of Cricket – Law 42.17, shall only be enforced in matches where CACO appointed umpires are standing.

20.3 Duration of Innings

20.3.1 Each side shall bat for no more than 48 overs.

20.3.2 An innings may not be declared after the 44th 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

20.4.1 Tea Interval to be taken between innings

20.4.1.1 If no play is possible before 4.00p.m., tea will be taken immediately.

20.4.2 Drinks Intervals - 5 minutes each, maximum.

20.4.2.1 A drinks interval may be taken after 24 overs of an innings has been bowled.

20.4.2.2 A drinks interval shall normally be taken on the field of play and may be waived only by agreement of both captains and the umpires.

20.5 Cancellation of Fixtures (see also 17.5 Weather and Ground Conditions)

20.5.1 No fixture shall, on account of weather or ground conditions, be cancelled before 11.00 am 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 5pm. Matches shall not be cancelled before 5pm on the day of the match, unless mutually agreed by the respective Captains.

20.5.2 The visiting side shall have right to travel and inspect the ground, but must advise the home club of their intention.

20.5.2.1 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.

20.5.2.2 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.

20.5.3 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.

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20.6 Bowling Restrictions

20.6.1 No bowler to bowl more than 25% of the available overs in any innings.

20.6.2 The umpires will, in a reduced over match and prior to start of the innings, advise captains and scorers of maximum number of overs available per bowler.

20.7 Match Balls

20.7.1 A new, quartered leather ball, to be provided by the home club and lodged with the umpires before the commencement of the match.

20.7.2 Two good used balls must also be available at all such matches.

20.8 Scoring of Points

20.8.1 The maximum number of points any side can be awarded is 20.

20.8.2 Bonus points awarded prior to the abandonment of a match shall stand.

20.8.3 **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

20.8.4 **Bonus Points** shall be awarded as follows:-

20.8.4.1 **Batting:** 1 batting point shall be awarded for every 40 runs scored up to a total of 200 (i.e. maximum 5 points),

20.8.4.2 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.

20.8.4.3 **Bowling:** 1 bowling point shall be awarded for every 2 wickets taken.

20.8.4.4 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

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

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

Playing Conditions as for **Rule 20** (Intermediate) unless stated below

21.2 **Hours and Conditions of Play** – as 20.2

21.3 **Duration of Innings** – as 20.3

21.4 **Intervals** – as 20.4

21.5 **Cancellation of Fixtures** – as 20.5

21.6 **Bowling Restrictions** – as 20.6

21.7 **Match Balls** – as 20.7

21.8 **Scoring of Points** – as 20.8

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** – all matches shall be played under the MCC Laws of Cricket except where CCL rules state otherwise. Any clarification to interpretation of the Laws of Cricket shall be referred to the Cornwall Cricket Board for adjudication. In all other matters, the decision of the umpires shall be final.

22.2 **Hours and Conditions of Play** – see rules 20.2.1, 20.2.2, 20.2.3, 20.1.4. If the start is delayed or match interrupted for whatever reason, the captains shall mutually agree the number of overs to be played as rules 20.25, 20.2.5.1, 20.2.5.2.

22.3 **Duration of Innings** – each side shall bat for no more than 35 overs; there shall be no declaration.

22.4 **Intervals** – see rule 20.4 and subsections

22.5 **Cancellation of fixtures** – Refer to 17.5 (Weather and Ground Conditions) and rule 20.5.1 only.

22.6 **Bowling restrictions** – no bowler may bowl more than 20% of the overs available in any innings; the captains will agree on the maximum number of overs in a reduced overs match (see rule 20.6)

22.7 **Match Balls** – at the beginning of the season, the clubs shall make available match balls of suitable quality for women's league matches; spare balls of suitable quality must be provided by the teams from club stock.

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),

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- 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 unless teams concerned mutually agree another day of the week.
- 22.10 Fixtures** – the women's league 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 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.
- 22.11 Players** – see rules 17.4.1, 17.4.2
- 22.12 Reporting of results** – all results must be reported within 24 hours of the match to the Hon. Secretary, CWCA, by whatever medium is decided by the CWCA
- 22.13 ECB Team Sheet cards** – see rules 17.9.1, 17.9.1.1, 17.9.3, 17.9.4.

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 decided annually at the League AGM and listed in the next LMC Newsletter to all clubs; these expenses shall refer to all league matches and to all other competitions played under the auspices of the LMC where official umpires are appointed by the CACO
- 23.1.3 Where the expenses paid by the clubs to the umpires do not meet their expenses, the CACO shall apply to the CCB Hon. Sec. 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 For season 2010, the expenses of official umpires shall be (for each umpire) £30 per match in Premier League & County Division 1, £25 per match in Division 2 and £12 per match for all 20/20 league competitions.
- 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 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 the CACO Appointments Officer, no later than 5 days following the match.
- 23.4.1.2 Failure to do so shall result in a £5 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 For all Higher Tier and Division 2 East and Division 2 West matches where panel umpires are appointed, those umpires shall submit a grounds assessment card direct to the Grounds Committee Chairman within 4 days of the conclusion of the match. For matches in Divisions 2E and 2W where no appointed panel umpire is standing, the grounds assessment card must be completed in confidence by the away captain and submitted separately and direct to the Grounds Committee Chairman within 4 days of the conclusion of the match.

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24. GENERAL

24.1 Trophies

24.1.1 All league trophies to be returned to the Trophy Curator by 31st July annually.

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.

24.1.3 Where a league trophy is to be awarded, such presentation to take at 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 'Twenty-20' Cup Competitions

25.1.1 'Twenty-20' Hawkey, Vinter, Clive Rosevear and County 20/20 K-O Cup Competitions to be run under the auspices of CCL with special set of rules to apply (see 25.2 – 25.5).

25.1.2 The LMC shall have the powers to deal with all matters not covered by existing Rules, and their decision shall be final.

25.1.3 All trophies to be returned to the Competition Secretary before the semi-finals.

25.1.4 Every player shall be qualified and registered as per League Rules 14 and 15. Any player having played in the competition shall be cup tied' and not eligible to play for any other club in the competition in that season. Players are only permitted to play in either Hawkey Cup or Vinter Knock-Out Competitions, NOT BOTH. Clubs contravening this rule will be disqualified.

25.2 'Twenty-20' Vinter Cup Competition Rules and Conditions

25.2.1 Entry to the Vinter Cup shall be confined to members of Western Section of the League. Teams playing in the Premier League shall enter the Vinter Cup in the 2nd Round.

25.2.2 Each game will consist of 20 six ball overs to each side (no bowler shall bowl more than five) overs and will normally be played on the ground of the first named club, except in cases of mutual agreement.

25.2.3 For Quarter-finals onwards, fielding restrictions to apply as per rules - section 18.10.

25.2.4 In the event of a tie, the Winner shall be the side losing the least number of wickets. In the event of a further tie the winner shall be decided by the Team scoring most runs off the bat.

25.2.5 The times of commencement of each game will not be later than 6.30pm and the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final not later than 6.00pm. Reasonably sound balls will be provided by the Home club for each game, and the Competition will provide a new ball for each Semi-Final and the Final.

25.2.6 The admission fees for the Semi-Finals £1.00 and Final £2.00 (OAP's & under 14's 50 pence).

25.2.7 Neutral umpires will not be provided, except for Semi-Finals and Final, unless clubs make special application to the Secretary.

25.2.8 A club having two sides in the Competition is placed on its honour not to include regular first team players in its second side; especially should their first side be knocked out before their second side.

25.2.9 If all members of one side are not present and ready to take the field at 6.30pm and the other side is so able, then the side lacking players shall forfeit the right to toss, unless it is prepared to take the field immediately without substitutes.

25.2.10 Any club not completing their fixture within the specified within the specified dates, and having no legitimate excuse will be eliminated from the competition. All rounds from the Preliminary to the Final to be played on dates arranged by the organisers.

25.3 'Twenty-20' Hawkey Cup Competition Rules and Conditions

25.3.1 The Hawkey Cup shall be open to all teams from the Eastern Section in the Premier League, County Division 1 and Division 2.

25.3.2 Entry to be mandatory for each club (one team per club) unless by LMC agreement. Entries to be split into 4 groups, playing each other once i.e. a minimum of 3 matches in the groups with group winners going forward to semi-finals and a final under the same rules.

25.3.3 Entry fee to be £5-00 per. team.

25.3.4 Group matches to be played in the evenings at locations and dates in May and June agreed by the HC Committee.

25.3.5 The start time for the group matches shall be no later than 18.30.

25.3.6 Reasonably sound cricket balls shall be provided by the home club.

25.3.7 Semi-finals and final to be played on a Sunday – all 4 teams on the day (winners and losers) to receive medals and Hawkey Cup and cash awards (value to be decided.)

25.3.8 Semi-finals and final to be played on a ground in the east of the County as decided by the HC committee.

25.3.9 Man of the match award to be made in the Hawkey Cup final.

25.3.10 Admission for the Semi-finals and final to be £3-00 and £1-50 for children and OAP's.

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- 25.3.11 Hawkey Cup winner to play the Vinter Cup winner in the Edwards Cup.
25.3.12 Each game shall consist of 20 six ball overs to each side (no bowler shall bowl more than 5 overs)
25.3.13 A line 3ft. either side of the middle stump to be used to determine off-side wide balls. Leg side wides as per Rule 38.
- 25.3.14 In the event of a tie (each side has scored the same number of runs) the result shall be determined by a bowl out whereby 5 bowlers from either team are allowed to bowl two balls at the wicket with no batsman at the crease. The team with the most hits wins the match.
- 25.3.15 Fielding restrictions to apply as per rules - section 18.10 or 19.10 as related to Higher Tier
25.3.16 Free hits – following a no ball as a result of a bowler foot fault the next ball shall be a Free Hit. The batsman is not to be given out except under MCC Law 24.15
- 25.3.17 Only registered club players will be allowed to play. (Guest players only permitted with agreement of the HC Committee and must play in the same division or below.)
- 25.3.18 A white or orange cricket ball to be used in the semi-finals and final, League to provide.
25.3.19 Panel umpires at every game including group matches.
25.3.20 Panel umpires to receive £12 match expenses in group games. (Each Club to pay for one umpire.)
25.3.21 Panel umpires to receive medals on semi / final day (4 umpires.)
25.3.22 Any byes must be advised prior to 7 days of the match day to the HC committee, a fine of £20 per team for each and every bye at the HC committee discretion.
- 25.3.23 Group matches cancelled due to the weather to be rearranged.
25.3.24 Points Scoring in Group Matches. Win 2 points, Abandoned (No Result) 1 point, Lose 0 points. In the event of a tie refer to 25.3.14
- 25.3.25 In the event of two or more sides in any zonal group having the same number of points after all matches have been concluded, positions in the table shall be decided on their respective net run rates. Only matches where results are achieved will count for the purposes of net run rate calculations. A team's net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team, the average runs per over scored against that team. In the event of a team being all out in less than its full allocation of overs, the calculation of its run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled, and NOT on the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.
- 25.4 'Twenty-20' Clive Rosevear Cup Competition Rules and Conditions**
Playing conditions as per Hawkey Cup (Rule 25.3)
- 25.4.1 Entry shall be voluntary and open to clubs in Division 3 and below in the Eastern Section.
25.4.2 Entry fee £5-00 per. team.
25.4.3 Clubs can only enter one team.
25.4.4 Format will depend on numbers but zones preferred for early rounds with the aim to produce 4 zone winners and then a semi / final day as per Hawkey Cup.
25.4.5 Apply handicapping. (10 runs per division in favour of lower team)
25.4.6 Medals for zone winners and those participating in finals day.
25.4.7 Matches to be played in May / June.
25.4.8 NO Regular Cornwall Cricket League Premier Division, Division 1 or 2 players are eligible to play. A regular player is defined as one who plays in 3 CONSECUTIVE Premier, Division 1 or 2 games
- 25.5 County 20/20 and Edwards Cup Final Rules and Conditions**
- 25.5.1 The 20/20 County and Edwards Cup Final will be run under the auspices of CCL. The LMC shall have the powers to deal with all matters not covered by the competition rules and the LMC's decision shall be final. The County 20/20 competition is restricted to teams in the Premier and County 1 and will be played initially in 4 zones; the teams within each zone will be decided by the LMC. Entry is mandatory for all Higher Tier teams. Each club plays 4 or 5 matches and the winner from each zone will go forward to the semi finals and finals to be played on a Sunday at a selected venue. The zone matches will be played from late June to early August with the Finals Day in August, the match dates will be decided by the LMC. The entry fee for the competition is £5 per team.
- 25.5.1.1 The admission fees to the Finals Day shall be £3 per person and £1.50 for OAPs and under 16s
25.5.1.2 Any club having 2 sides in the County 20/20 is placed on its honour not to select regular 1st team players in its second side especially should their first side not qualify for the Finals Day.
- 25.5.2 All trophies must be returned to the Competition Secretary/Trophy Curator on or before 1st May each year
- 25.5.3 Every player shall be qualified and registered as per League Rules 14 & 15. Any player, having played in any stage/match of a 20/20 cup competition is thereby cup tied and not therefore eligible to play for any other club in a League 20/20 competition for the season. Guest players are not permitted.
- 25.5.4 The winners of the Hawkey and Vinter competitions shall compete in the Edwards Cup Final.
25.5.5 Any byes must be advised 7 days prior to the match to the Competition Secretary; otherwise a fine of £20 per match will apply
- 25.5.6 Zone matches cancelled due to the weather to be mutually rearranged.

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Match format for all stages of the County 20/20 and Edwards Cup Final

- 25.5.7 **Umpires** – umpires will be appointed by CACO for all games in the County and Edwards competitions. The umpire expenses fee will be £12 per game; each club will pay one umpire.
- 25.5.8 **Hours of Play** – No match may start later than 6.00pm. Teams have 1 hour 15 minutes to bowl 20 overs; in the event of an interruption or delay during the 1st innings, the umpires shall reduce the number of overs in the match total by one over for every full 3.75 minutes lost in that innings. In the 2nd innings of the match, overs shall be reduced by one over in that innings for every full 3.75 minutes lost unless the 1st innings has finished early in which case no time will be lost in the 2nd innings until the time that has been gained has been subsequently lost.
A 6 run penalty (to be added to the batting side total) shall apply for each over not bowled in the required innings time as determined by the umpires. In reduced over matches, the fielding side has a one over leeway and the umpires may also allow for stoppages
- 25.5.9 **The Result** – Each side must have faced or had the opportunity to face 6 full overs per innings to constitute a match. In the event that the side batting second cannot complete its allotted overs due to weather or light conditions, the target score shall be calculated by average run rate based on the number of legitimate balls bowled. If tied on average run rate, the number of extras will decide the result; if still tied, the match will be declared a draw.
- 25.5.10 **Balls** – current League match balls will be provided by the home side for each game with acceptable spares. The LMC will provide the balls for the semi finals and final of the County 20/20 and the Edwards Cup Final.
- 25.5.11 **Fielding restrictions**
 a. No side may have more than 5 fielders on the leg side at the moment of delivery throughout the innings; any infringement of fielding restrictions will be called No Ball by the striker's end umpire.
 b. As in the Higher Tier league matches (Rule 18.10), a 30 yard circle will be drawn on the field of play; for the first 6 overs of each innings, a maximum of two is permitted outside the 30 yard circle at the moment of delivery. After 6 overs have been bowled, 4 fielders (not including bowler and wicket keeper) must be within the 30 yard circle at the moment of delivery.
 Where overs have been reduced, the table below will be applied by the umpires to determine the fielding restrictions for the 30 yard circle:

Total overs	5-6	7-9	10-13
Number of overs with restrictions	1	2	3

- 25.5.12 Overs per bowler - each bowler may bowl a maximum of 4 overs or not more than 20% of the overs available in a reduced overs game unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption.
- 25.5.13 MCC Laws of Cricket (2003 Edition) shall be followed with the following exceptions
- 25.5.13.1 **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 not a legitimate delivery, then the next delivery shall become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing.
- 25.5.13.2 **Wide ball** – any leg side delivery i.e. that passes outside of the leg stump shall be deemed a wide. Any offside delivery which in the judgement of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable chance to strike the ball shall be deemed a wide ball also. A mark shall be placed on either side of the wickets at each end set at 3' from the middle stump to assist as guidance for the umpires for offside deliveries.
- 25.5.13.3 **Fast short pitched bowling** - a bowler shall be limited to ONE such delivery per over. Such a delivery is defined as a ball which passes or would have passed over the shoulder of the striker standing upright at the crease – the umpire will call and signal No Ball for such a delivery and remind the bowler that only one fast short pitched delivery is permitted per over. A repeat within an over shall initiate the warning sequence as described in MCC Law 42.6.
- 25.5.13.4 **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.
- 25.5.14 **Scoring of Points** - For the County 20/20 competition, the points scoring system described in 25.3.24 and 25.3.25 above applies.

Section D CODE OF CONDUCT

26. ECB CODE OF CONDUCT:

- (i) The CCL is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This Code of Conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket, as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the ECB (and therefore the CCL) and may be applied to cricket in general.

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

- (ii) **Players and team officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision nor react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator.**
- (iii) **Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault, or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or a spectator.**
- (iv) **Players and team officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.**
- (v) **Players and team officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.**
- (vi) **Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.**
- (vii) **Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.**

27. SPIRIT OF CRICKET

- (i) **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.**
- (ii) **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

In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising his 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.

- (iii) **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.

- (iv) **The umpires are authorised to Intervene in cases of:**

- Time wasting
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair.
- Damaging the pitch
- Tampering with the ball

- (v) **The Spirit of the Game Involves RESPECT for:**

- Your opponents
- The role of the umpires
- Your own captain and team
- The game's traditional values

- (vi) **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
 - a) appeal knowing the batsman is not out
 - b) advance 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.

- (vii) **Violence**

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

- (viii) **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.

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Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the CCL Rules and Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action.

Section E DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS

28. AIMS AND JURISDICTION:

These regulations shall apply to any player who plays for any Club at any level under the auspices of the CCL and are intended to provide assistance and uniformity to all Clubs in dealing with any alleged breach of the ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket (see Rules 26 & 27).

27. PROCEDURE:

- (i) Any alleged breach of the CCL Rules and Code of Conduct, shall be reported in writing (to be known as 'a Complaint' or 'Protest') to the Asst. League Secretary and must be received by him within seven (7) days of the alleged breach. The Asst. League Secretary must then forward a copy of the Complaint to the Club against which the Complaint has been made. Such Complaints may be made by Clubs or Umpires.

Umpires are required to report immediately after, or if necessary, during a match, any breach of the Rules or Code of Conduct or as required under Law 42 even though, in the case of obvious misconduct or dissent, the player's Captain may have taken effective action (Law 42.13 refers).

- (ii) Any Complaints so initiated must be referred by the Asst. League Secretary to the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee. The LMC may also choose to initiate a Complaint whether or not a formal Protest has been lodged by a Club or Umpire.

- (iii) Upon receipt of such Complaint or Protest, and as soon as reasonably practicable, the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee shall consider the Complaint and resolve either:

- To take no action except to record the complaint and notify the club; or
- To endorse the disciplinary action taken by the club; or
- To refer the matter for a Disciplinary Hearing, which shall be convened by the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee as soon as practicable.

30. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

- (i) In any case which is referred for a Disciplinary Hearing, at least seven days' notice in writing of the hearing and of the offence(s) alleged shall be given to the Secretary of the Club concerned.

- (ii) The Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee shall convene a hearing as soon as is practicable.

- (iii) The player and Club shall be entitled to attend the hearing, state their case (in the case of a Club by its secretary or other official), to be supported by a colleague and to call witnesses.

- (iv) The Hearing shall be conducted by the Disciplinary Committee of the League which shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the Club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach.

31. PENALTIES:

- (i) If at the hearing the Disciplinary Committee finds the alleged offence proved it shall have the power to impose one or more of the following penalties, together with such order as to costs as it deems appropriate:

- (ii) In the case of a player:

- To require the player to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.
- To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
- To impose a fine.
- To suspend the player for one or more matches, or for a stated period of time.
- To deduct League points from the player's team.
- To expel the player from the League.

- (iii) In the case of a Club:

- To require the Club to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.
- To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
- To impose a fine.
- To deduct League points from the club's team(s)
- To relegate to any lower division of the League.
- To expel the Club from any competition of the League.

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- To expel the Club from the League.
- (iv) The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend the operation of any part, or all, of the penalty it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions it deems appropriate.
- (v) Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision on penalty) shall be by majority vote; where necessary the Panel Chairman shall have a casting vote.

32. APPEALS PROCEDURES:

32.1 Administration Appeal - refers to all CCL administration rules

- 32.1.1 A Club shall have the right of appeal to the Cornwall Cricket Board. Notice of Appeal, setting out the grounds for it, must be received in writing by the Secretary of the Board within seven days of the decision. A deposit of £50, which will be refunded if the Appeal is won but may be forfeited if the Appeal is lost, shall accompany the Notice of Appeal.
- 32.1.2 If Notice of Appeal is given the penalty shall not take effect pending the hearing of the Appeal, which shall take place as soon as is practicable.
- 32.1.3 The Appeal shall be by the way of a re-hearing before the Board or a sub-committee thereof. The Clubs, LMC and/or persons involved shall have the same rights of attendance and representation, and to call witnesses as they had before the Disciplinary Hearing.
- 32.1.4 The Board may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the LMC and it shall have the power to increase the penalty and award costs of the Appeal hearing. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote; where necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 32.1.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding.

32.2 Discipline Appeal – refers to all breaches of the Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket

- 32.2.1 A player of a club shall have the right of appeal to the Cornwall Cricket League Appeals Committee. Notice of Appeal, setting out the grounds, must be received in writing by the League Assistant Secretary within seven days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. A deposit of £50, which will be refunded if the Appeal is won but may be forfeited if the Appeal is lost, shall accompany the Notice of Appeal. The player and/or club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation and the right to call witnesses as before the Disciplinary Committee.
- 32.2.2 If a Notice of Appeal is received within the seven days, any previous penalty(s) shall be suspended pending the outcome of the Appeal.
- 32.2.3 The Notice of Appeal, grounds and deposit will be immediately passed by the League Assistant Secretary to the Appeals Committee Chairman who shall set an appeal date which shall take place as early as possible. Decisions of the Appeal Committee shall be by majority vote; when necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 32.2.4 The composition of the Appeals Committee is described in 6.5.3
- 32.2.5 The Appeals Committee may confirm, vary or reverse the decision(s) of the Disciplinary Committee and also shall have the power to increase the penalty(s) and award costs of the Appeal.

33. REGULATIONS FOR CLUBS

Internal Club Enquiry:

- (i) The Club of its own volition and without any need for the receipt of a written complaint or other prompting shall, where any alleged case of conduct which is not fair and proper occurs as stated in Paragraph I above, or otherwise as the Club may think fit, forthwith convene an Internal Club Enquiry.
- (ii) The purpose of the Internal Club Enquiry shall be to establish the facts and, where appropriate, to take the necessary disciplinary action so as to ensure that the Club does not fail properly to control or discipline its player or players and to ensure that the Club acts in a manner designed to protect the good name of the Club and of cricket generally.
- (iii) Any player requested to attend such an Internal Club Enquiry, or any Appeal there from, shall be entitled to be accompanied at the Enquiry by a friend or other representative.
- (iv) It is intended that any breach of the Code of Conduct should in the first instance be dealt with by the player's club which shall notify the Asst. Secretary of the League of the result of any action taken against its player.
- (v) **Penalties:**
- If the Internal Club Enquiry finds the misconduct proved, the Club shall have the following powers:
 - To require the player to write letter(s) of apology within a specified time
 - To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
 - To impose a fine.

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- To suspend the player's right to be considered for selection by the Club to play in one or more matches.
- To suspend the player's membership of the Club for a period. If the conduct constitutes gross misconduct the Club shall have the power to terminate the player's membership forthwith.
- The Club for the same offence may, if it is thought fit, impose more than one of the above penalties.

(vi)

Appeals Procedure:

The player 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 Internal Club Enquiry and (the penalty or penalties imposed.

The decision of the President or his nominee in all cases shall be final and binding

SECTION F APPENDIX

34. ECB REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF CRICKETERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATION TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND

Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB, acting with the consent of the International Cricket Council, a Cricketer will only be qualified to play for England in a Test Match or in a One Day International Match if:

- (a) he is either a British citizen or an Irish citizen; and either
 - (i) he was born within England and Wales; or
 - (ii) he has been resident in England and Wales for the immediately preceding four consecutive years; and
- (b) he has not during the immediately preceding four consecutive years either
 - (i) played cricket for any ICC Full Member Country except England at U17 level or above, or
 - (ii) played First Class Cricket in any Full Member Country outside England and Wales except as an overseas cricketer under local rules similar to Regulation 3 above or in any other circumstances approved by the ECB; and
- (c) he makes, whenever requested by the ECB, a declaration in the form set out in Annex B to this Regulation; and
- (d) he is also qualified for England pursuant to the provisions laid down from time to time by ICC governing qualification for Test Matches, One Day International and International T20 Matches.

In the case of a Cricketer seeking to become qualified under 1(a)(ii) above he will (until he has become qualified to play for England) only be treated as having been resident within England and Wales for the relevant consecutive period if he has spent a minimum of 210 days in each year within England and Wales (for which purpose year shall mean a year ending 31st March).

35. PREMIER LEAGUE

- 35.1 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.
- 35.2 In addition to normal press coverage the Result of each Premier League match MUST be phoned /or faxed 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.
- 35.3 **Scoreboards:** The overs to be indicated during a Premier League 110 over matches as:
 - First Innings** Overs to be displayed increasing from 1 to 55 (max)
 - Second Innings** Balance of remaining overs to be displayed then **counted down**.

36. GROUNDS GRADING SYSTEM (See League Rule 11.1.11)

	Premier League / Division 1	Division 2
SQUARE	Good quality grass. Level (free from undulation-smooth). Evidence of care and maintenance. Consistent bounce.	Evidence of care and maintenance. Well prepared
OUTFIELD	Properly cut and maintained. Generally smooth surface. Boundary clearly marked with a line.	Properly cut and maintained. Distinct boundary markings.
SCOREBOX	Box and board, not necessarily combined, showing total, wickets, last man, 1st inns. And overs. Clearly legible from the square. Comfortable scoring conditions. Full view (90%) of ground for scorers.	Box and board, not necessarily combined, showing total, wickets, and overs. Facilities for scoring within. Good (80 %) view of ground for scorers.
CHANGING ROOMS	Two. Not cramped. Clean.	Two. Clean.
WASHING	Two Showers. In working order. Available to both teams.	Hot & cold washing facilities
PAVILION	Clean. In good state of decoration. Seating for players and officials. Kitchen. Access to telephone.	Players' facilities only.
TOILETS	Ladies and gents. Clean. Situated in either changing rooms/pavilion, or both	Ladies and gents. Clean.
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	–
COVERS	<p>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 29(iii).</p>	–

37. CCL ADVERTISING INSIGNIA ON CLOTHING REGULATIONS

(Based on the ECB Rules for First Class Cricket)

37.1 General

37.1.1 These Advertising Insignia Regulations (in these regulations, the 'Regulations') set out the rules of the ECB governing, and the procedures applicable to, the control of insignia on the equipment and clothing of Cricketers.

37.1.2 In these Regulations the following terms shall have the meanings here attributed to them: Insignia means Commercial Logo, Manufacturer's Logo and Club Insignia. Club Insignia means the trade mark, logo or name owned by a club and used as its emblem and/or for marketing purposes. Commercial Logo means the trade mark, logo or name of: (a) a company or commercial organisation (for example, a sponsor) other than the trade mark, logo, name or house colours of the manufacturer of the cricket clothing or equipment concerned; or (b) the manufacturer of the cricket clothing only where that manufacturer itself is acting as a sponsor.

37.2 Parameters of Permitted Advertising and Design

37.2.1 The following are the Regulations applicable to the stated items of clothing:

37.2.1.1 **Playing Shirts:**

The only permissible colour for shirts will be white. Coloured piping or trim can be applied to playing shirts, under the following restrictions:

- (a) Piping is restricted to 0.5cm in width.
- (b) Only one colour of piping is permitted on any shirt.
- (c) Piping is restricted to two of the following areas of - the shirt: - collar edge- shirt seams (to a maximum length of 4ft) - shirt cuff (short or long-sleeve) - shirt bottoms
- (d) Piping on the inside of the collar may include the manufacturer's name or logo.
- (e) The inside of the shirt's placket may be manufactured in a solid colour other than white.

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A maximum of two identical Commercial Logos plus one Club Insignia is permitted. The Club Insignia must appear on the left breast and the maximum aggregate area shall not exceed 10 square inches. One Commercial Logo may appear centrally on the front of player's shirts.

The maximum aggregate area shall not exceed 32 square inches. One additional Commercial Logo may appear in one of two positions on shirts (leading arm or collar) provided that no more than two Commercial Logos are visible when sweaters are worn. The maximum aggregate area for this additional Commercial Logo shall not exceed 10 square inches or the following external dimension: Rectangle: 5 inches x 2 inches.

One Manufacturer's logo may appear on either the non-leading arm of cricketers' shirts or the right breast to a maximum aggregate area of 6 square inches.

In calculating the area of advertising permissible, any lines or box surrounding the logo will be considered part of the area. All cricketers in a team subject to these regulations playing in any match shall, save where the ECB otherwise directs, wear identical Insignia.

37.2.1.2 Sleeveless Sweaters: Only one Commercial Logo and one club Insignia are permitted provided that no more than two Commercial Logos are visible. The Commercial Logo may appear centrally on the front of player's sleeveless sweaters. The maximum aggregate area shall not exceed 32 square inches. The Club Insignia must appear on the left breast and the maximum aggregate area shall not exceed 10 square inches. One Manufacturer's Logo may appear on the right breast to a maximum of 6 square inches (provided that only one Manufacturer's Logo is visible).

37.2.1.3 Long Sleeved Sweaters: A maximum of two identical Commercial Logos are permitted. One Commercial Logo may appear centrally on the chest and the maximum aggregate area shall not exceed 32 square inches. The other Commercial Logo may appear on the leading arm and shall not exceed 10 square inches. One County Insignia is permitted and must appear on the left breast to a maximum of 10 square inches. One Manufacturer's Logo is permitted and must appear on the right breast to a maximum of 6 square inches.

All cricketers in a team subject to these regulations playing in any match shall, save where the ECB otherwise directs, wear identical Insignia

38 ECB DIRECTIVES

38.1 Fast Bowling Match Directives (2010 Revised)

Issued October 2009.

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.

38.2 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

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by young players up to the age of 18. This original guidance document can be found at www.play-cricket.com/helmets.

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 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).

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 to allow a young player not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket.

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. ECB is currently working with manufacturers in order to achieve a British Standard in relation to all face protection technology for juniors.

In the meantime The NZ and Australian cricket helmet standard AS/NZS 4499 is the closest standard for the faceguard. The standard has three parts to it (4499.1) the helmet (4499.2) the temple pieces and (4499.3) the grill. The nature of the product is such that the only relevant part of that standard is part 3, and not all the parts of the test apply mainly because the faceguard does not attach to a helmet.

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.

38.3 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.

38.4 Junior Cricketers playing in Open Age Matches (Revised February 2010)

- 1. The guidelines will allow junior players in Year 8 at school (Under 13 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) to play in open age cricket providing 'Explicit Written Consent' to play in open age cricket has been obtained prior to play.**
- 2. Any player in Year 7 or below (Under 12 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) cannot play in open age cricket with or without explicit written consent.**

These guidelines cover the selection and participation of young players in open age cricket. They designed to help clubs to decide when to select young players in open age cricket and how best to help their cricketing development when they play within open age groups. They apply to boys and girls equally. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

Guidance for Clubs and Leagues

- All clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to Leagues that allow the participation of young players in open age teams in their League. 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.

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- 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 following specific requirements apply to young players in open age matches:

1. Making the step up from junior to open age 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 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, taking into account the requirement that no Junior Cricketers younger than the age group of under 13 can play in open age cricket.
3. ECB Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations should always be adhered to for junior players in open age cricket. All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and either a helmet or faceguard when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player they are running for is not doing so.
4. Any player in the Under 13 age group must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in open age cricket. Clubs must ensure that their player registration procedures ensure that consent is obtained.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Try and involve them in all aspects of the game wherever possible i.e. socializing, team talks, practice, decision making etc. so that they feel part of the team.
8. Children will often feel more comfortable and able to perform if they have a family member or friend also playing in the side.
9. 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!
10. Clubs and Leagues can apply more strict restrictions on the participation of young players in open age cricket at their discretion. It is strongly recommended that a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult is present whenever a player in the Under 13 age group plays open age cricket. This could include the captain or other identified adult player taking responsibility for the young player.

38.5 ECB Anti Doping Policy

The CCL adopts the Anti-doping Code of the ECB and will take such necessary actions or operate a system of controls as required by the Cornwall Cricket Board.

38.6 ECB Equity 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 Equity Policy in all respects."

38.7 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 38. The team sheet must be sent to the League with the match result sheet (see also 9.3.1.5 and 17.9).

39 DEALING WITH 'ECB CODE OF CONDUCT' BREACHES - STANDARD TARIFF OF WARNINGS & SUSPENSIONS

Certain conduct, whether on or off the field of play, amount to a breach of the Laws of Cricket and/or Spirit of Cricket. The LMC has classified such acts of misconduct under system of Level grading (1 - 3) from minor to major offences with fixed match suspension penalties to be imposed on club Player(s) and/or Captain being guilty of such misdemeanour (s).

These are listed below and shall apply in all cases as reported by CACO Panel Umpires in 'Higher Tier' (Premier/County One) matches they have been appointed to officiate.

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Level	Breach of Code of Conduct	Imposed Match Suspension		
		Player	Capt. as Player	Capt. in Charge
1	a) Unfair play, relating to MCC Law 42	1	2	
	b) Abuse of ground, equipment or fixtures, both on and off the field of play	1	2	
	c) Showing dissent at umpires decision by word or action	1	2	
	d) Excessive appealing	1	2	
	e) Use of crude or abusive language or hand signals	1	2	
2	a) Continuous or serious dissent at umpires' decision by word or action	2	3	
	b) Aggressive appealing directed towards umpire	2	3	
	c) Deliberate physical contact between players in play	2	3	
	d) Attempted deliberate distraction of opposition regardless as to whether considered unfair under Law 42.5	2	3	
	e) Breaking of ECB Directives relating to Young cricketers			2
	f) Removal of bowler for repeated fast short-pitched or high full-pitched bowling	2	2	
	g) Captains not controlling players' conduct			2
3	a) Intimidating or threatening behaviour	3	4	
	b) Racial abuse or comments that could be interpreted as such	3	4	
	c) Physical Assault on or off the field of play	8	10	

Reporting Procedure

When the umpires consider a breach to have taken place but it is not of a sufficiently serious nature (Level 1 only) to warrant full disciplinary report to the League Management, the following procedure should be adopted:-

- i) Initially, having a quiet word (informal warning) to the player and his Captain
- ii) Should such informal warning prove ineffective and repetition takes place, a formal warning to be issued with player's captain notified. The umpires shall have authority to issue a formal warning without previously having issued informal warning should the nature of the offence so warrant.
- iii) Formal warning(s) to be recorded on the 'Match Result Sheet' with player's name and offence details.
- iv) Both Captains to be made aware of reported incident on 'Match Result Sheet. This shall constitute a 'Complaint' or 'Protest' as per Section E: 29(i) of CCL Rules.

Level 1 Offences

For Level 1 misdemeanours, hereby classified as 'Minor Offences', there shall only be need for umpires to report such occurrence on the 'Match Result Sheet'. The 1st reported recording shall be notified to the Club by the League and shall serve as a **First and Final Warning** to the player/club concerned with no further immediate action to be taken.

Should a further offence at same level be reported by any umpire during the same season, the League shall inform the Club who must immediately suspend the player for the next CCL match (es) in that he is eligible and available to play.

Level 2 & 3 Offences

For Level 2 and 3 offences, hereby classified as 'Major Offences', the umpires, as well as recording formal warning on 'Match Result Sheet' must also complete a full CACO report and circulate copies as required. The procedures that shall follow will be same as previously applied, except that the CCL Disciplinary Committee will act solely in dealing with them.

Repeated Offences

Should a Player or Captain who, within 12 months of serving a suspension, commit a further proven offence, apart from that of 'Physical Assault', then the above penalties as previously imposed shall be doubled.

For a second proven offence of 'Physical Assault', within 12 months of serving a suspension, the penalty shall be for 3 Year period.

Disciplinary Action taken by LMC

The CACO Secretary and Umpires reporting incident(s) to be notified of disciplinary outcome by the CCL Secretary or Disciplinary committee Secretary, within 7 days of such decision(s) being taken.