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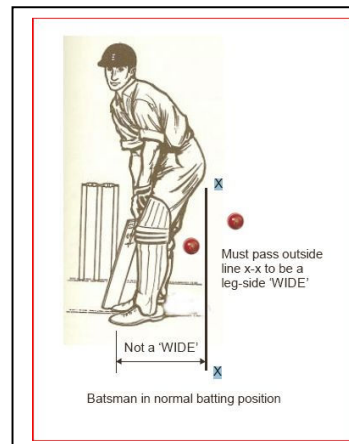


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I have been asked to remind Umpires about the existing rule concerning Wides in the Higher Tier Cornwall Leagues. This is on the Agenda for discussion at the Open Meeting

Agenda for the CACO Open Meeting at Truro CC on 9th September at 7.30 p.m.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting 8th April 2009
3. Matters Arising
4. Secretary / Correspondence
5. Treasurer and Appointments Secretary
6. Match Expenses 2010
7. Overs Cards
8. Wide Balls
9. Level 2 Training Courses
10. CRB Checkers
11. On Field Clothing
12. League Match Cricket Balls
13. Proposals / Nominations for CACO AGM
14. Proposals for League AGM
15. Suggestions for Discussion at Higher Tier Clubs Meeting
16. Umpire Shortage
17. AOB

Are you happy with the overs cards which we use during matches? Do you use a different card? This is up for discussion at the meeting – if you have an idea for something better, come along and we can all talk it through. Maybe it's time to change – maybe the majority of members are happy with what we have. Please bring examples of cards you may use.



This is the appeal that went out to all clubs this year. There have been games in Division One where we have only been able to field one Umpire – any help from qualified Umpires needed. Details on the Website

Level 2 Courses.

There will be a Level 2 course held in Exeter on the 25th and 26th September. Any Level 1 qualified Umpire is eligible to attend – contact either John Middleton or Vic Hassell – The ECB will pay for overnight accommodation and the CCB will pay the mileage.

Over Rate Points Deduction

There have been a couple of instances this year where the umpires in Premier League Matches have signed the sheets before the points (including slow over rate points) have been filled in. This may cause problems at a late stage. Can you agree any deductions and make sure the sheets are filled in before signing. Thanks

The CACO need volunteer Umpires to be CRB Clearance “Checkers” in readiness for the next series of applications when they become due. This will come up at the open meeting and ideally we can get 2 or 3 people in areas which cover the County. Candidates should themselves have CRB clearance and will then have a further check done by the ECB.

The CACO AGM is on the 11th November and if you feel that you can help out in any of the offices, don't be afraid to put your name forward. Nominations to the Secretary, in writing, by the 28th October 2009

In addition, if there are any changes you would like to see happen, now is the time to get the ideas sent to the secretary.

We will also need to be thinking about any Rule changes we want to put forward for consideration by the clubs – 17 overs an hour in County One anybody?



On Field Clothing

The new ECB clothing catalogues have been sent to members and include both formal and casual tops for use “in the middle”. As Christmas is a time when you may ask for / receive something to wear on the field, the committee feel that the matter should be discussed at the next open meeting. It's always nice to look the same on the field – or is it? – have your say.

Ron is anxious to pay out money to members who have been involved in a lot of travelling and is asking that you fill in the “mileage claim forms” as soon as possible at the end of the season. He has a certain amount available and it has to be shared out. Forms are available to download on the Website and should be returned to Ron at the meeting if possible and if not then the deadline is the 19th September – only journeys in excess of 35 miles in total count.

All credit to John Thompson for organising the Umpiring at the St Gluvias Festival in August – a great success by all accounts.

During one of the matches I had the pleasure of standing with a colleague and friend of mine (A former Minor Counties Umpire) at one of the Under 15 group matches.

This person, who shall remain nameless (for the benefit of this narrative we shall call him RW) no-balled one lad, the second ball of his first over, for overstepping. After the fifth ball he did the same. At the end of the over the bowler approached my colleague and asked, “Are you sure you know the no ball rule”. There was no reply, RW was speechless.



Balls

The contract for the supply of cricket balls to the League is up for renewal next year.

The subject will be raised at the open meeting – if you have had any problems or have an opinion, let us know then.

There is a ball report form available for downloading on the Website

The end of the season is fast approaching and Ron will be after Umpires to stand in the various League Finals in Divisions downwards. These games are regarded as “Prestige” appointments and as such are unpaid. If you are available to stand in one of these games (scheduled for the 12th September) please let Ron know. It's better to have too many available than not enough

In reduced over matches Umpires are reminded that calculations for bowling are rounded down. For example – County One, 39 over match – 5 bowlers with 7 overs and 1 bowler with 4 overs