



The Bassetlaw & District
Cricket League

founded 1904

THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

**BASSETLAW AND DISTRICT
CRICKET LEAGUE**

will be held at

CUCKNEY CRICKET CLUB

on

**SUNDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 2017
COMMENCING AT 2.00pm**

In the Chair

PRESIDENT – Stephanie Roberts

AGENDA

1. Club Roll Call.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 27th November, 2016. A copy of the Minutes has been circulated to each club and it is recommended to take them as read.
3. To receive the Annual Report of the League, to be presented by the out-going League Secretary, Gary France.
4. To receive the financial statement of the League, to be presented by the League Treasurer, Tom Munro.
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 2018**

(a) League President: Michael Cuthbert (Thoresby Park CC)

(b) League Vice-President: TBC

(c) Chairman of the League Management Committee: Gareth Jones

(d) League Secretary: Neil Fenwick

(e) League Fixture Secretary: Michael Carlisle

(f) League Treasurer: Tom Munro

(g) Umpires' Appointments Secretary: John Leaning

(h) League Statistician: Jack Tarr

(i) League Player Registrar: Tom Munro

(j) Assistant Player Registrar: Jack Tarr

(k) League Welfare Officer: Alan Vollans

(l) Handbook Editor: Michael Carlisle

6. **ELECTION OF OTHER LMC MEMBERS – SEASON 2017**

The following people have also been nominated to formulate the League Management Committee in addition to the above officers:

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| 1. Ian Batty | (Welbeck Colliery) |
| 2. Malcolm Daniels | (Mansfield Hosiery Mills) |
| 3. Malcolm Hall | (Glapwell Colliery) |
| 4. Trevor Haywood | (Thoresby Colliery) |
| 5. Brian Hicklin | (Kiveton Park Colliery) |

6. John Lyne	(Anston)
7. Richard Martin	(Edwinstowe)
8. David Parnham	(Ollerton)
9. Andrew Rossington	(Harthill)
10. Richard Swann	(Woodsetts)
11. Graham Venables	(Milton)

7. Recruitment of Umpires and significant Cricket Law updates (BDUA)
8. Proposed amendments to League Rules for Season 2018. **(See separate documents)**
9. **The new President – Handover - Chain of Office**

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

Sunday, 27th NOVEMBER, 2016

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were taken as read.

The Annual Report of the League was presented by the League Secretary Gary France.

The Financial Statement of the League, was presented by the League Treasurer Tom Munro.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 2017

President: Stephanie Roberts

Vice-President: Michael Cuthbert

Chairman: Gareth Jones

League Secretary: Gary France

League Treasurer: Tom Munro

League Fixture Secretary: Michael Carlisle

Player Registrar: Tom Munro

Umpires' Appointments Secretary: John Leaning.

League Statistician: Jack Tarr

League Welfare Officer: Alan Vollans

Other LMC members: Ian Batty, Malcolm Daniels, Malcolm Hall, Trevor Haywood, Brian Hicklin John Lyne, Richard Martin, David Parnham, Glenn Pym, Andrew Rossington, Richard Swann, Graham Venables.

PROPOSITIONS FOR RULE CHANGES CARRIED FROM THE 2016 AGM – IMPLEMENTED SEASON 2017

1.

Harthill CC proposal - accepted

Rule 5.4 (iv)

No player who has played Saturday cricket for another club, either inside or outside the BDCL, is permitted to play for a club in the BDCL after the third Saturday in August unless a transfer is registered on or before the third Saturday in July.

This rule does not apply if the club that the player is registered to has fully withdrawn from the BDCL during the course of the season.



NOTES TO CLUBS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION BY THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT AND PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

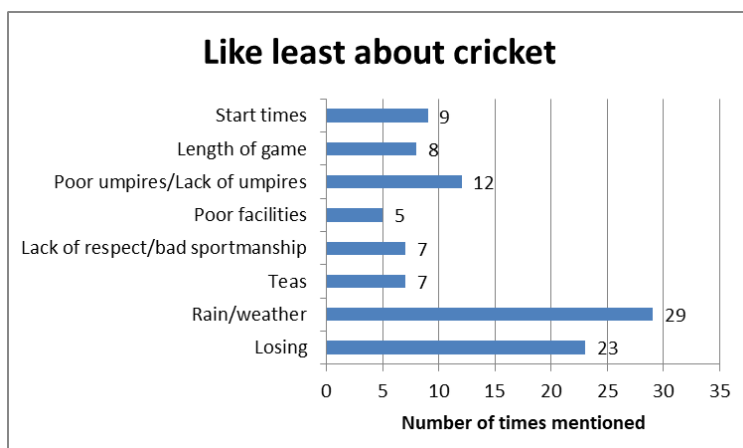
Introduction:

At the 2016 AGM, the League Secretary Gary France highlighted the loss of teams and clubs in the BDCL over the last 20 years. He spoke about the number of matches being conceded because of a shortage of players. Clubs have been speaking for a number of years about the various problems that affect their ability to put out teams, provide teas and numerous other matters. The ECB in its 'Get The Game On' initiative spoke of the need to take the views of players into account at all levels of the recreational game. The ECB has conducted a nationwide survey annually over more than 5 years and reported back to the County Cricket Boards on this. As League President I agreed to undertake a consultation. I also planned to visit as many clubs and grounds as I could in 2017 and to speak to as many players as I could on what affected their enjoyment of our game. These notes and the related proposals have come out of the consultation and my visits to clubs this summer.

Analysis:

The consultation that was undertaken involving all clubs and players in 2017. Replies were received from 33 clubs and 165 players representing 19 clubs. Those clubs said they had fewer than 1200 players in total in 2017. For a number of clubs player numbers were dropping. 14 clubs held Clubmark accreditation. 4 clubs had signed up to present the All Stars programme to 5-8 year olds. 1 club was taking part in Chance to Shine. Although there was no net change in the number of Saturday teams, the clubs showed a net loss of 4 Sunday teams since 2014 and a net gain of 2 Midweek teams in that time. 70% of the clubs responding said that provision of teas was now getting more difficult. 12 clubs had felt it necessary to increase Club Subscriptions and 9 had increased Match Tax. One club had changed to offer a monthly payment option over 12 months to include Subscription, Match Tax and Training fees.

The players who responded represented all ages and all divisions. Of those replying, 36 (21.8%) worked on a Saturday morning but 92 (55.8%) would like an earlier start. 58 (35.2%) of the players thought the game took too long whilst 74 (44.8%) would consider a shorter game. Most of the players played every week and over half of them had been with their current clubs for at least 5 years. 44 (26.8%) of those replying were involved with making teas or had someone make them on their behalf.



The following charts show an analysis of the comments that were received, showing the number of times particular words or phrases were mentioned.

the start times of games can be brought forward or alternatively the number of overs played reduced. The LMC has looked at the analysis of the consultation and proposes that the number of overs played in the lower divisions is reduced to 40. The League Statistician has advised the LMC that many games are completed by 7.00 pm but that is when teams have been dismissed inside their allotted overs and have then have either bowled the opposition out or achieved enough runs to win the game again inside the allotted overs. This situation must not be assumed to occur every week so players cannot make their social plans on that assumption! Some former players have said they would consider returning to the game if matches were concluded earlier.

In discussion with clubs it is also apparent that there can be big problems putting out a full side or even fulfilling a fixture when the cricket season clashes with football in April and September. The LMC therefore proposes reducing the number of teams from Division 3 and lower to 10 in the 2019 season and beyond. A vote on this is planned for this year's AGM so that clubs and teams will know where they have to finish in 2018 for promotion and relegation.

Other comments received during the summer have been about negative cricket, developing young cricketers and making cricket more interesting in the hope of retaining more players. With this in mind the members of the LMC has made a number of proposals that they hope will go some way to addressing these concerns.

I would ask that you support these proposals and join the LMC in working towards meeting the requirements of all players young and old, novice or experienced.

Other matters that have been discussed but no proposals submitted from the LMC include the following:

Loan system to support clubs low on numbers – the LMC would encourage clubs to make use of the rules on transfers as they stand at present.

Possibility of players playing for another club in the Mallen Trophy competition when their main club is not taking part – more thought and discussion amongst the clubs and LMC needed on this.

Is there any interest in the League making specific provision for Women and Girls cricket – possibly mid-week?

And finally a thank you from me for making the summer of 2017 so special, I have really enjoyed my time as your President, travelling to grounds I've never had the fortune to visit before and meeting players of all ages and experience who love the game of cricket.



Stephanie Roberts

Proposals from LMC for AGM 17

Rule 3.4 Matches not Interrupted or Delayed by Weather, Light or Other Unforeseen Circumstances

Effect: Change to the number of overs per innings for Division 3 and lower. The purpose of this is to end the game sooner- no change to start times.

Edit rule as in the handbook; change to:

- (i) Each side shall bat for 50 overs (Championship) or 46 overs (Divisions 1 and 2) or 40 overs (Divisions 3 and below) unless all out earlier **NOT AGREED**
- (ii) In the event of a declaration or the side batting first being dismissed before their allocated over have been bowled, the extra overs **WILL NOT** be carried over. **NOT AGREED**

*Clubs to be encouraged to use Rule3.3 (i) Clubs may, if they so desire, start earlier if they mutually agree; the Umpires Appointments Secretary must be informed. **NOT AGREED***

Rule 3.6 Overs per bowler

Effect: This gives greater importance to 4th and/or 5th bowler in the longer game whilst the 5th bowler in 40 over cricket makes for more genuine limited over cricket. The teams playing younger people are not penalised for bringing them on.

Edit rule as in the handbook; change to:

- (i) No bowler in the Championship may bowl more than 13 (thirteen) of the scheduled number of overs for the innings as at the start of the game. No bowler in Division 1 or 2 may bowl more than 10 (ten) overs of the scheduled number of overs for the innings as at the start of the game. No bowler in Division 3 or below may bowl more than 8 (eight) overs of the scheduled number of overs for the innings. **NOT AGREED**
- (ii) Delete first paragraph For matches that are delayed and there is a reduction in the scheduled number of overs, the maximum number of overs per bowler is shown as follows: *NEW MATRIX NEEDED FOR THE HANDBOOK.* **NOT AGREED**

Rule 3.14 Playing conditions - Championship

Effect: To bring Division 1 in line with Championship and aid progression through the League.

Edit Rule heading to read:

3.14 Playing conditions (Part One) Championship and Division 1 **YES AGREED**

(i) and (ii) as per the current handbook

NEW RULE – Effect to make cricket in all divisions more interesting and challenging.

3.14 Playing conditions (Part Two) – Division 2 to Division 7 **(NOT AGREED)**

- (i) A fielding circle shall be marked on the field of play by white plastic or rubber discs.
- (ii) The fielding circle shall consist of two semi-circles which shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The ends of which shall be joined by a straight parallel line.
- (iii) The radius of each semi-circle shall be 30 yards (27.4 metres)
- (iv) For the duration of the innings, only five fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction markings at the instant of delivery.
- (v) In the event of an infringement of the above fielding restrictions, the Umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'.

2.5 Cancellation of Matches

Effect: To encourage all teams to make more effort to fulfil fixtures even when short of players

Edit rule 2.5 (vi) to read:

Any club failing to fulfil a League Engagement will have twenty points deducted from the total of the team concerned. The game shall be counted as a win, with full bonus points, for their opponents. Offending clubs will be fined £25 for the second and each subsequent offence. Points will be deducted for every offence. An explanation for the failure to fulfil the fixture should be sent to the League Secretary in writing (email acceptable) within 5 days of the planned date of the fixture. **(NOT AGREED)**

2.6 Method of Scoring

Effect: more appropriate heading

Change the wording of the heading from 'Method of Scoring' to 'Match Points'

Effect: to give the team winning the match full points

Edit Rule 2.6 (i) a) to read: 20 points for a win, 0 for a defeat.

Edit Rule 2.6 (i) f) to read: Bonus Points will not be awarded to the winning team. Bonus points will only be awarded to Teams achieving Winning Draw, Losing Draw, Tie, Lost Matches and Abandoned Matches. **(YES - AGREED)**

Effect: to give greater opportunity to gain full batting points to those playing fewer overs

Edit Rule 2.6 (i) d) Alter wording (Division 1-7) to read (Divisions 1 and 2); then add the following to the end of the sentence; 100 runs, 120 runs, 140 runs, 160 runs (Divisions 3 and lower). **(NOT AGREED)**

2.7 Notification of Results

Effect: to enable those checking a scorecard to know the identity of umpires and scorer/s for all divisions.

Edit Rule 2.7 (ii) After 'The Captain and wicket-keeper must also be listed correctly.' add the following; **The names of umpire/s and scorer/s to be added to the summary page so they appear on the scorecard. (YES - AGREED)**

Changes to be voted on November 2017 to be implemented in 2019 season. (NOT AGREED)

Rule 2.1 Constitution of Divisions

Effect: Reduce the number of teams in Divisions 3 and lower to 10 from 12 – Clubs have advised that there can be problems with player numbers in April and September often because of clashes with the football season. A change in the number of teams in a division would enable the season to be shorter for these clubs. Note in italics to be deleted from the 2019 handbook.

Edit the rule in the Handbook; change Rule 2.1 (iii) to:

With effect from January 2019. There will normally be a maximum of 12 (Twelve) teams in in the Championship, Division 1 and Division 2. There will normally be a maximum of 10 (ten) teams in Divisions 3 and lower. (NOT AGREED)

NB: Changing the number of overs for Division 3 and lower will necessitate changes to other rules. These include:

3.5 Matches Delayed at the Start or Interrupted by Weather, Light or Unforeseen Circumstances. New table needed for calculations.

3.6 Overs per bowler in matches that are delayed and there is a reduction in the scheduled number of overs. New table needed.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FROM CLUBS FOR 2018

1. Clumber Park CC - Proposed Rule Amendment - 5.3 (iv) (NOT AGREED)

(iv) On all dates, no player shall be eligible for a team more than one lower than that for which most, or equal most, appearances have been made during the current season.

Additionally, in a fixture played after the third Saturday in August, on a Bank Holiday Monday, on a Sunday, or any other date that a more senior team has no fixture, or a fixture cancelled, a player who has only appeared at a higher level than the match being played shall not be eligible to play.

The 1st part of the rule applies all season and restricts players from dropping down by more than one team (i.e. 1st to 3rd, 2nd to 4th etc.). Players have to move down 1 team at a time (i.e. 1st to 2nd to 3rd etc.).

The second part of the rule adds extra restrictions after the 3rd Saturday in August, non-Saturday fixtures, when a

higher team has no scheduled fixture and when a higher team has a fixture cancelled. This part of the rule restricts teams from artificially inflating lower teams when players from higher teams are, or become available.

This part of the rule states that any player that has only played for a higher team is not eligible to play for a lower team. For example, players that have only played for a club's 1st XI would not be eligible to play for any of the clubs

other teams. The same applies to players that have only appeared for both a club's 1st/2nd XI as they would be ineligible for a club's 3rd XI. Under this part of the rule, where a player has played for a club's 1st and 2nd XI they are eligible to continue to play for both the 1st and 2nd XI. Where a player has played for all a club's teams, the player would be eligible to play for any team, so as long as they do not go from 1st to 3rd team (would have to go 1st to 2nd to 3rd). Any such breach will result in the player(s) being deemed as ineligible.

The sanction will be determined by the LMC.

Situation.

The rule is complex and difficult to interpret resulting in teams inadvertently breaking, particularly when teams in higher leagues have no fixture on a Saturday.

The spirit of the rule is to deter teams from artificially inflating the performance of a team by not allowing any player to move down more than one team unless meeting the criteria set out above.

The reality is that it is unfair to clubs with more than 2 teams; these clubs have an administration burden that is difficult to manage as the rules are often misunderstood.

The administration for both clubs and leagues is becoming more difficult as teams reduce in number and players transition from regular to occasional or to cameo.

Aim / Target.

Amend the rule to be easier for clubs and league to administer, provide a simple and equitable process that can be understood and managed by a selection process, and be fair and equitable to all clubs.

Proposal:

(iv) On all dates, no player shall be eligible for a team more than one lower than that for which most, or equal most, appearances have been made during the current season.

Additionally, in a fixture played after the third Saturday in August, on a Bank Holiday Monday, on a Sunday, or any other date that a more senior team has no fixture, or a fixture cancelled, a player who has only appeared at a higher level than the match being played shall not be eligible to play.

[Amend to Read:

Each club needs to maintain and submit a list of 6 players that are ineligible to move down to a lower team. Clubs with 3 or more teams need to maintain a list for each team. Ideally these players will be the best 6 players in the club, and be most likely to significantly influence a match.

The 1st part of the rule applies all season and restricts players from dropping down by more than one team (i.e. 1st to 3rd, 2nd to 4th etc.). Players have to move down 1 team at a time (i.e. 1st to 2nd to 3rd etc.).

The second part of the rule adds extra restrictions after the 3rd Saturday in August, non-Saturday fixtures, when a higher team has no scheduled fixture and when a higher team has a fixture cancelled. This part of the rule restricts teams from artificially inflating lower teams when players from higher teams are, or become available.]

[Amend to read:

The first part of the rule applies all season. Each club needs to maintain and submit a list of 6, (BIG6) players that are ineligible to move down to a lower team. Clubs with 3 or more teams need to maintain a list for each team, clubs with 2 teams submit 1 list, clubs with 3 teams submit 2 lists, clubs with 4 teams 3 lists. Ideally these players will be the best 6 players in the club/squad, and be most likely to significantly influence a match.]

Should a player listed by a club transfer to another club then both clubs need to submit any changes and always maintain 6 players in the list.

Exceptions to this rule need to be first agreed with captains of both clubs, with league secretary informed by email to ensure that the agreement is communicated to all parties.]

After the 3rd Saturday in August, Non-Saturday Fixtures or Bank Holiday, any BIG 6 player who has not represented a lower team is ineligible for all lower teams. This is to prevent clubs artificially inflating lower teams to influence matches.

The second part of the rule adds extra restrictions after the 3rd Saturday in August, non-Saturday fixtures, when a higher team has no scheduled fixture and when a higher team has a fixture cancelled. This part of the rule restricts teams from artificially inflating lower teams when players from higher teams are, or become available.

[Remove the section below]

This part of the rule states that any player that has only played for a higher team is not eligible to play for a lower team. For example, players that have only played for a club's 1st XI would not be eligible to play for any of the clubs other teams. The same applies to players that have only appeared for both a club's 1st/2nd XI as they would be ineligible for a club's 3rd XI. Under this part of the rule, where a player has played for a club's 1st and 2nd XI they are eligible to continue to play for both the 1st and 2nd XI. Where a player has played for all a club's teams, the player would be eligible to play for any team, so as long as they do not go from 1st to 3rd team (would have to go 1st to 2nd to 3rd). Any such breach will result in the player(s) being deemed as ineligible. The sanction will be determined by the LMC.

2. Clumber Park CC - Proposed Rule Amendment Rule 5.1 (ii)

(AGREED)

Situation

Clubs with players who are in Further Education and living away from home for significant periods of the season cannot play for their BDCL clubs, if playing for a local team close to the University or College. To facilitate playing, players have to submit multiple transfer requests to comply with this rule. This is difficult for club and players to manage during the holiday period when much of the activity takes place.

Player attrition in U25 age group has been impacting cricket for a number of years, refusing dual registration has some impact as players in further education are disinclined to transfer clubs every

time they have a break from their study or return home.

Aim /Target.

Allow players to continue to play cricket all summer without the need for transfer. Promote the playing of cricket by players who want to participate throughout the season. Reduce administration for clubs and leagues.

Proposal

(ii) Any player playing Saturday cricket for a club outside the BDCL is not eligible to play on an occasional basis and must satisfy the requirements of this rule. No player may be registered who plays Saturday cricket for any other club, except a Registered Cricketer with the ECB playing for a First-Class County or a player registered with the NCCC Academy, for whom a dual registration shall apply.

Amend to Read:

Players can hold dual registration in different leagues if they can produce evidence to show they are in Further Education, the process to be managed via play cricket web site in line with current registration process.

Players who have not played a match in BDCL before 3rd Saturday in August are deemed ineligible.

The league will review the application using player record history to substantiate the claim of affiliation to the nominated BDCL club.

3. Clumber Park CC - Proposal for Rule amendment 1.7 General Meetings. (NOT AGREED)

Situation.

Currently at the AGM we have a one club one vote position.

Aim / Target.

To better represent bigger clubs and their ability to influence positive change consideration should be given to a more democratic voting process.

Proposal of New Rule. Member clubs should have one vote at the AGM for each team that they enter in the league.

4. Clumber Park CC , supported by Anston CC also propose that:

(NOT AGREED)

The requirement to provide 'teas' in the current historical format of food (sandwiches, cakes, chips, buns, crisps, ice cream, trifles etc) be removed from season 2018 onwards. Clubs would only be obligated to provide both hot and cold drinks for all relevant participants involved in the game.

5. Whitwell CC propose that under Rule 2.5 involving the cancelation of matches: (AGREED)

That any fines imposed upon the offending team for not fulfilling a fixture, should be paid to the other team who wish to play (and NOT to the BDCL funds) to help towards any loses of potential income revenue to the innocent club.

League Rules

(AGREED)

The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code)
Laws 41.7.1 & 41.7.2 to be replaced by

For any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, the umpire shall immediately call and signal No ball.

For any delivery, other than a slow paced one, the delivery will be deemed dangerous and unfair. When the ball is dead, the umpire shall caution the bowler, inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings.

If there is any further instance of dangerous and unfair bowling by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall repeat the procedure and indicate to the bowler that this is a final caution.

This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings.

Should there be any further repetition by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall

- call and signal No ball
- when the ball is dead, direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling
- inform the other umpire for the reason for this action.

The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over.

Additionally the umpire shall

- report the occurrence to the batsmen and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side.

The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending side and to any Governing Body responsible for the match, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain, any other individuals concerned and, if appropriate, the team.