

SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
- SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 3rd February 2025 , STARTING AT 7.30pm.
and using ZOOM to conduct the meeting

**All clubs are expected to attend, failure to do so will incur a fine of £40
as per rule.**

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year

Below are the details for joining the AGM on Zoom.

To access the AGM the person representing your club is required to click on the link below about 10 minutes before the meeting starts and enter the passcode if requested and this will then allow you into the waiting room.

When you login please use the name of your and club your name - eg Huntspill & District- Amanda Counsell. This will ease keeping record of attendees.

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SCL AGM

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Time: Feb 3, 2025 07:30 PM London

<https://zoom.us/j/96612197407?pwd=z1w50wZYeLnDIOVgPY4gnS4uQdN72H.1>

Meeting ID: 966 1219 7407

Passcode: 484150

VOTING FORM <https://forms.gle/eEX4LzZikAiEjYlf8>

Please be aware voting closes at 7pm on 3rd February 2025

AGM Agenda 2024

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 4th December 2023,
3. Chairman's Remarks.
4. Honorary Secretary's Report.
5. Honorary Treasurer's Report
6. Proposal to increase league subscriptions - league subscriptions were reviewed and increased for 2025 as they have been the same since 2011. The proposal is to raise the first team subscription to £75 and £35 for each subsequent club side
7. Election of Officers: -
 - a) Committee members Ben Pomeroy and Edward Martin were co-opted during the season and have agreed to stand for re-election and the Management Committee has proposed that they be re-elected.
8. Results of Proposal for Rule Change. – via voting form
9. Facilities requirements for Premier Clubs – attached following survey of clubs over last 2 seasons.
10. Any Other Business. *(It would be helpful if prior notice of any item could be given to Amanda Counsell at least 3 days in advance, this would enable any research to take place)*

Rule Change Proposals - details of proposals – which can be voted on via this voting form <https://forms.gle/eEX4LzZikAiEjYlf8>

Please note one vote per club and closes 7pm 3/2/2025

Proposal 1 - These rules has been rewritten for clarity – in red proposed by Management Committee

1. e) In special circumstances the Management Committee shall be able allow two teams from the same club to play in the same division. NOTE. This could be to facilitate the reduction of **excessive** travelling or other special eventualities.

f) The Somerset Cricket League Championship and the **Ray Hancock Memorial Trophy** shall be awarded to the club finishing in first place in the Premier Division. This club shall be promoted to the WEPL Tier 3 (Somerset Division). In the case of more than one club being relegated from the WEPL the Management Committee reserves the right to make further relegations throughout the divisions. to three clubs per division may be relegated.

2. FIXTURES ((b) A fixture may be played on another day by mutual consent of clubs concerned, but only if such a change is notified to the league administrator by **15th April** by both clubs, and such alterations are not made for a date later than the last fixture set by the Management Committee

3. ADMINISTRATION

~~iv) A 'Rules Meeting' shall be called by the 8th December if necessary. All proposals for submission to the Rules Meeting shall be notified to the Secretary not less than 42 days before the rules meeting and notified to all clubs 21 days before the rules meeting.~~

(f) Club Details : Every club is required to provide information regarding the details of the club's officials and ground etc. in the 'Club Details Section' on the League's Play-Cricket website. This information must be displayed on the club's page by 28th February preceding the start of the season otherwise the club will be fined £20 and kept up to date to reflect any changes. Every club is required to provide at least two e-mail addresses to receive all communications and correspondence **including a League Rep as main point of contact.**

(i) Scorebook and Scoreboard: All teams MUST provide a scorebook (home and away) and a scoreboard at the home venue. Each game must **be scored by** TWO scorers. If the fielding side cannot provide a scorer, the batting side must provide two. Captains must ensure that the

names of all catchers and stumpings are recorded for entry on play cricket scorecard

All Clubs in Premier Division must have a non-playing scorer. Failure with result in points penalty OF 2 POINTS (as per rule 6)

(c) Rules for Match Play

ii) There will be up to a 30-minute interval between innings and this interval must be no longer than 30 minutes, except as provided for in (iii).

(f) Late Starts. ~~If 9 players of any club are not ready to start at the appointed time, the umpires shall report the defaulting club to the Secretary.~~ In the event of a late start for any reason other than the weather, the full number of overs shall still be bowled, subject to the delay not having exceeded 15 minutes. Should the delay exceed 15 minutes, the overs available after deducting at the rate of 15 overs per hour, shall be divided equally. In the latter case, the umpires shall inform both captains and scorers of the number of overs to be played.

7. UMPIRES. (a) Any competent person shall be eligible for appointment as an umpire and each club shall be responsible for providing such an umpire, except when an umpire is provided by the League. Each side may appoint a "non-playing" umpire to stand at one end each for the entire match if they wish. If just one side provides a "non-playing" umpire, this umpire is entitled to stand at one end for the entire match – the opposition cannot object. If both captains agree and they are happy to, this umpire can stand at both ends of the match. A "non-playing" umpire should be over 18 (unless agreed in advance by the league committee) and intend to stand for the entire match

(b) Reports by umpires or officials of a club shall be dealt with by the Management Committee in a manner to be laid down by this committee in line with the guidelines laid down by the England and Wales Cricket Board and that have notified to all clubs and umpires prior to the season.

8. Player Registration

(a) Registration of Players: Players shall be deemed registered when they have been registered on the Play-Cricket website and their registration has been approved by the Registration Secretary. No player shall play for more than one club in the Somerset Cricket League or any other club in the West of England Premier League (WEPL) Pyramid System during the season without being correctly transferred as shown in rule 7(b).

(b) Transfers Transfers of players. Players may be transferred via the league website for approval by Registration Secretary. The player's current club will receive notice of transfer request by email from play cricket system and have 5 days to respond/object. After this time has elapsed the player will be automatically transferred. Players/Clubs should inform each other of planned transfers for politeness and to speed process. No transfers will be accepted after 31st July each year – unless already within the system. This also applies to any player transferring from the SCL to any club in the WEPL Pyramid and vice versa. Clubs cannot stop a transfer unless the player owes them money or is under a disciplinary.

(h) Strengthening of Second and Other Teams by Regular players from Higher Teams. It is the responsibility of clubs, selection committees and captains to ensure that the situation of strengthening lower-level teams is not abused, particularly when higher level teams have no fixture. The Spirit of Cricket should be always considered. If a batter/bowler are dropped by the club's selection committee due to loss of form, a loss of form will be defined as a poor run of **at least 3** consecutive matches, then they may take a normal part in the next lower team only, without restriction (ring committee for advise). If the player is dropped through more than one team level, he must adhere to the batting/bowling conditions shown below. A higher-level player will be defined as a player that has played more than 3 games in row for the higher team from the start of the season. A higher-level batter playing in a lower-level team for any other reason other than poor form should not bat higher than No. A higher-level bowler playing in a lower-level team for any other reason other than poor form should not bowl ~~before the expiry of the 25th Over~~ **before 26th Over**. On the occasions when higher level players are helping due to the lack of the normal players then the maximum number of such players shall be 3 players. Batting and bowling rules shall apply as above.

It is against the Spirit of this League to boost the strength of a team temporarily with good players that normally play for the club in a higher team so in such instances where complaint is received a player's record may be examined by the league.

The practice of unfair strengthening of lower-level teams on days when higher level teams are without a fixture, or when situations that are contrary to the guidelines set out above are contravened, will be dealt with as a disciplinary action. The Management Committee will take a very firm stance by the imposition of monetary and points fines if a team is found to have breached these regulations. The opposition to an alleged offending team may bring this to the attention of the disciplinary officers of the League within 4 days of the match. All matches will be monitored by the League. If a situation arises that is not covered above it is the club's responsibility to inform the League of the situation before the game is played Clubs should check with the League if they are unclear or in doubt of the rule or to check eligibility before playing the player

Proposal 2

Following feedback from clubs the management committee propose this rule is removed

5 Matches

~~a ii) No match may be called off before 4pm on the day of the match without the agreement of both Captains~~

Proposal 3 - for voting by Premier and Division 1 clubs only

The League Management Committee propose the following rule to bring it in line with WEPL.

~~B(ix). Division Prem & 1 clubs only. Both sides must complete its 45 overs within the time limit of 2 hours and 45 minutes. Failure to do so will incur a fine of 2 points deducted if there is an appointed league umpire~~

Division Prem and 1 clubs only: In a match with appointed umpires, the umpires will penalise the bowling side if the innings exceeds the 2 hours 45 minutes (with a drinks interval included in this). If a team has failed to commence the last over within the permitted time, one fewer fielder shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area. Sides are required to have bowled the last ball of the 45th over not later than 3hrs and 5 mins from the start of the innings. Sides failing to do so shall be penalised one league point.

The umpires should warn the fielding captain during the innings if the over rate is slow and will inform both captains of any penalty in their discussions after the game.

Proposal 4

The management committee propose that a player from a higher team cannot bat until 8. This has been proposed following feedback from clubs last season due to 'boundary pushing by some clubs' and not playing in the spirit of the game.

A higher-level batter playing in a lower-level team for any other reason other than poor form should not bat higher than No. 8

Proposal 5

Following feedback from clubs suggesting the onus should be on the home side the management committee proposes the reporting rule is changed. This rule does put more onus on the home team to complete but does not exclude the away side completing should they so wish before.

~~ii) The Reporting of Results Electronically – to be entered on the Play Cricket website. Both sides are responsible for entering the result of the match and the full scorecard using the prescribed procedure before midnight on the~~

~~day following the match (ie Sunday midnight for Saturday games). This result and scorecard must be confirmed by both teams by Midnight Sunday (or Monday for Sunday matches) following the match played on Saturday using the prescribed procedure. Any team that fails to input/verify the result by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 on each occasion and three points will be deducted.~~

Replace with

(ii) The Reporting of Results Electronically - to be entered on the Play Cricket website . The HOME team must enter the full scorecard for both innings (unless the away team has already done it), with no “unsures” among the home team’s batsmen and bowlers, and with all its players listed in the batting line-up, and all away team names listed where possible. Nb. The term “unsure” also refers to a player’s name in “free text” . The HOME side must then confirm result and scorecard details on play cricket by 6pm Sunday. The AWAY team must check and confirm the full scorecard and result by the deadline of Midnight Sunday (or Monday for a Sunday match). There must be no “unsures” among the away team’s batsmen and bowlers, and all its players must be listed in the batting line-up.

The AWAY team may enter the full scorecard at any time prior to HOME side if they so wish.

Any team that fails to input/verify the result and scorecard by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 on each occasion and three points will be deducted.

Late call ups **must** be registered with the league by 6pm on Monday following the match (the play cricket system does log when registration is applied for).

Proposal 6

Proposed by Ilminster CC seconded by North Newton CC

That the home team is responsible for ensuring the result is entered in full onto play cricket by Sunday midday, thus allowing the away team time to verify the result by the end of the day. Failure to do so will result in the same penalty as current (3 points and fine)

Proposal 7

Proposed by the Management Committee

It is proposed that the league subscription is increased for the first time since 2011.

The proposal is that the first team subscription increases to £75 and £35 for each subsequent club side.