



# SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

**MINUTES OF  
THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE MONMOUTH SCIENTIFIC - SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE  
HELD ON ZOOM  
ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 STARTING AT 7.30pm.**

- 1. Apologies** – Martin King
- 2. Not in Attendance** – Broadway & Horton CC, Peasedown St John CC, South Petherton CC
- 3. Chairman's Remarks** – Edward Martin opened by thanking the Committee for the hard work they have put in over the last 12 months to ensure the continued smooth running of the League and explained that MSL now has a good working relationship with the SCB and WEPL. Duty Officers, and Deputy Duty Officers will be in place all season to help with any pre-match queries about strengthening etc. For the start of the season there will be no teas, and clubs should make every effort to reduce the need for players to travel to games together, but as updates are received they will be circulated to clubs. EM also thanked the continued support of the sponsors, Monmouth Scientific, and thanked Andy Fairbairn for all his help in light that Andy will be leaving the SCB at the end of May to join the ECB as Network Partner for the South West.

EM asked Matt Counsell to further explain the Covid restrictions.

Game play essentially has not changed, sanitisation breaks are required every 6 overs, but the batsmen lines are no longer needed.

Every club must display the NHS QR code but must also keep a register for 21 days for those who are unable to use the QR code. Every club must also have a Covid RA in place to be sent to the opposition.

Spectators are not allowed, unless there is a safeguarding issue for players aged u18 or with disabilities.

Clubs can open outdoor hospitality areas, as people using these are deemed as customers not spectators.

Only people in family bubbles or support bubbles should car share going to away games.

Next update is due before 17<sup>th</sup> May.

- 4. The updating of the Rules** – Amanda Counsell explained that the rules had been tidied up for clarity and circulated to clubs, they along with the Constitution and help guides were now on the website.
- 5. Player registration** – AC reminded clubs to properly register and transfer players, especially those who may have played for a different club in 2021 if their home club didn't play in the league. She encouraged all players to register themselves on play-cricket as it will help the process and ensure stats are transferred correctly.
- 6. Club Welfare Officers** – Clubs were reminded that they must have a Club Welfare Officer in place, and at least booked onto the relevant courses being held in May, otherwise they may not be permitted to play league cricket. Clubs have a duty of care to

all their players, not just young cricketers. Clubs should also work to have all senior captains, vice captains, coaches etc DBS checked.

Year 8s can play with parental permission

Year 7s can play with both county and parental permission

Clubs should consider the mental maturity of young players as well as their ability when selecting them for open age cricket.

**7. Public Liability Insurance certificates** – David Derrick reminded all clubs the need to send in their current Public Liability Insurance and gave a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**8. Results monitoring in 2021** – AC confirmed that arrangements were as in previous years. Points would be fined if results are not input on time.

Umpires reports must also be submitted when needed via WTU but Wednesday midday following the game, otherwise there will be a 3 point fine. Some leniencies will be given during the first half of the season.

Please advise AC if you have any issues submitting results but be aware play-cricket does provide a detailed audit trail, so it will be clear what actions have been taken when. Both sides are responsible for agreeing results.

**9. Rule Changes**

*Proposal 1 – Division 3, 4 & 5 to play 40 overs*

25 off 30 clubs voted.

14 voted in favour

11 voted against

*Proposal 2 – Premier and Division 2 to play 40 overs (heard as proposal 1 passed)*

1 abstained

2 did not vote

5 voted in favour

12 voted against

*Proposal 3 – Fixtures to start at 12.30pm (12pm for the last 3 fixtures) but with flexibility to start up to 14.00*

1 abstained

10 did not vote

16 voted in favour

30 voted against

**10. Arrangements for the Distribution of Cricket Balls** – AC would advise clubs arrangements once balls are available, these will be distributed via Matt Lunn and Toby Strang.

**11. Any Other Business** - None