

2025 Pre-Season Circular

As the season is drawing closer, we need to remind you that you need to make sure that you have a fully qualified Safeguarding Officer in place and your club needs to be affiliated to the Somerset Cricket foundation, both requirements to play cricket with the SCL. If they are new to the role and need to complete the face-to-face Safe Hands Course - there is one last opportunity in Somerset on 18th April bookable via the SCF website.

Insurance, if you are not part of the ECB public liability scheme through the safe hands management system please can you send a copy of your insurance document to admin@somerset-cricket.org.uk by 21st April - again having public liability insurance is a requirement of the league – thank you to the clubs who have already sent this.

Our cricket balls have just been delivered to us, and we will be notifying clubs this week when to collect and their collection points. If your club hasn't already but wishes to purchase extra balls, please let me know ASAP so we can make sure they are ready with your collection.

As already notified to the captains listed on play cricket we have a zoom Captains Meeting arranged for Thursday 24th April at 7pm. Brian Hoyle and Nicola Clarke both of the SCF will be on the call to give Captains a short and simple overview of their Safeguarding responsibilities and behaviour within the recreational conduct regulations and Jane Law is going to give an overview of EDI. This should be no longer than an hour. Please try and encourage your captains/vice captains to attend. The zoom link will be sent to them nearer the time as a reminder.

Cricket Balls have just been delivered, I am sorting out delivery points and dates and these will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Any fixture changes must be notified by email to the league by both teams by 15th April.

Finally, some play cricket reminders:

a) to register any new players and unregister those who you know will not be playing for you this year. The registration of under 18s needs parental approval and can take a bit of time so it is recommended to do this in advance of the season. Please note that **place of birth is required as is passport type , this is ECB guidance and commonplace throughout all leagues and competitions** - registration will be rejected without. Some of the registration questions have been updated as well, please read carefully. It is best practice to get your members to register themselves with your club play cricket so they have more control over their account and can be added as admins if required - temporary accounts cannot have admin roles.

b) if you have not already done so please can you list a contact on your play cricket with email for a **divisional representative**, we will be sending most of our communication to clubs via them this season.

c) ensure your contacts are up to date including website admins as we have had many emails from individual asking us to remove them - this is something only clubs can do.

Over the next couple of weeks help guidance will be housed on the website for reference throughout the season.

Many thanks for your continued support

Kind Regards,
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