



Messaging Update

Clubs and Leagues

Hi,

What a fantastic summer of cricket we're having, with just a week or 2 to go for some. Despite awful weather for part of the season, we've seen record numbers of players taking part in more matches. Thank you to all of you, without whom, none of this would be possible.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of cricket's fantastic volunteers as we celebrate The Cricket Collective up down the country through The Cricket Collective awards.

There are some big subjects for the game being discussed at the moment, not least of which is the imminent publication of the ECB's response to the report from the Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket. This will be an important part of the process for our drive to become the most inclusive team sport. I'm confident that, over the coming months and years, the whole game will grasp this opportunity to change our game for good, and forever.

Personally, it's also an exciting time as I step into Tom Raymond-Hill's shoes as Interim Head of Network Support as he becomes Interim Director of Participation and Growth. My experience after just a few days in the role is that it's a busy, challenging and very varied job and I look forward to working with you all in my new role.

Should you have any questions as always please reach out to your local County Cricket Board in the first instance, who are there to support you. With all best wishes for the rest of the year.

Andy Lees

ECB, Interim Head of Network Support

ECB & Metro Bank Pledge to Treble Number of Girls' Cricket Teams by 2026



The two organisations will work together with the aim of transforming access to grassroots cricket by recruiting 6,000 volunteers to grow girls' cricket so there are 2,000 clubs with a girls' section and 6,000 girls' teams by 2026.

With joint funding, Metro Bank, which is the ECB's Champion of Women's and Girls' Cricket partner, and the ECB – along with the wider cricket network - will play a significant role in supporting cricket's ambition to be the UK's most inclusive team sport.

Please share the news about the partnership as widely as possible across your local club and league networks and socials.

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New Recreational Game Committee (RGC)



There's a new governance structure at the ECB with the recreational game now being led by the recently appointed members of the new committee which mirrors the new Professional Game Committee. The Recreational Game Committee (RGC) provides a great way for us to communicate with the wider game, and to make decisions in a collaborative way.

The RGC is Chaired by Jennifer Owen Adams (ECB Director and Formerly Chair of Cricket Wales), and comprises Pete Ackerley (ECB Director), Richard Gould (ECB CEO) Bob Blenkinsop (Chair of Derbyshire Cricket Foundation), Jayne Haines (Chair of Berkshire Cricket), Andy Kneen (Non-Executive Director of Lincolnshire Cricket), Jenni Douglas-Todd (Non-Executive Director of Hampshire Cricket), Rohan Kapadia (Trustee of MCC Foundation), Leshia Hawkins (CEO of Cricket Wales), Steve Silk (CEO of Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation), Gurinder Sumra (Independent appointee, CFO of Elavon Europe and Non-Exec Director).

This will be an exciting few months for the governance of the recreational game with this diverse, committed and highly skilled group providing a new perspective on the future of the game.

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