

Somerset Cricket League

The SCL's Management Committee has asked its Ground Standards Sub Committee to focus on four key areas, namely

1. **Fit for Purpose**
2. **Health, Hygiene and Safety**
3. **Hospitality**
4. **Duty of Care (with special reference to young players)**

The following provisions are considered to constitute a revised **Minimum Standard** as detailed below for season 2018

1. **Players Changing Rooms**

To offer adequate and clean changing facilities within immediate or very close proximity to the playing area.

The SCL makes the minimum requirement in this respect to be an area covered by a portable facility such as a gazebo...

2. **Toilet Facilities**

To be in proper working order and to be either unisex or differentiated where possible, within easy access from the playing area.

To be clean and supplied with a sufficient quantity of paper and with a hand wash facility supplied with soap, clean towels or other acceptable hand-drying facility.

3. **Shower Facilities**

To be in good working order and to have a dual supply of hot and cold water; ideally bespoke such facilities will be provided for both teams and all appointed match officials where such are present on a match day.

4. **Seating / Cover**

Adequate seating for the batting side and scorer(s) table must be provided.

Temporary, but preferably permanent, shelter for players and scorer(s) to provide protection in cases of extreme weather is requested.

5. **Tea Interval**

To make available at the natural break in any game adequate and sufficient seating for all involved to be able to take tea in a comfortable manner.

6. **Access**

Clubs to arrange adequate parking which also allows for quick and easy access by emergency vehicles.

7. **First Aid Kits**

All Clubs must have a First Aid Kit in place at all the venues at which they operate.

Kit to meet the minimum requirements of BS 8599.

8. **Consideration for Youth Members**

Evidence of a Club's attention to its 'Duty of Care' should be available.

The name and contact details of the Club's Welfare Officer (this post is a statutory League requirement) should be clearly displayed and evidence should be available that 'Safe Hands' accreditation has been issued and is currently valid.

9. **Pitch Quality**

SCL matches should be played on natural grass surfaces that are free from ruts, holes, and divots.

Match play on artificial surfaces is acceptable, but the same quality criteria apply.

If any Club has reason to report deficiencies in respect of any of the above points then they should use the attached pro-forma to communicate with the SCL.

SCL – Ground Report Form

I wish to inform the SCL Ground Standards Sub Committee of the following perceived deficiencies and to ask for an investigation

Club under Query

Ground under Query (if not Club's Main Ground) together with Match and Date information

Specific Criteria under Query

Details of Query

Raised by Name/Position in Club

Please submit this form to Toby Strang, SCL Ground Standards Sub Committee Chairman or send a hard copy to Toby at 35 Walnut Drive, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 6LL within seven days of the match being played.