

APPENDIX D

Notes from Somerset Cricket League Rules Meeting

Held at Somerset CCC C of E on Wednesday 16th September 2015

Pre-Amble

The meeting was called to provide a platform for those Clubs/Teams who are coming to the SCL from WEPL for season 2016 (and filling some of the spots in the SCL's top two divisions) to determine a way forward re playing conditions, rules etc. so as to provide the necessary tools for the side or sides who are eligible for promotion to the new WEPL structure to be best prepared for this step-up.

Length of Game – 50 Overs or 45 Overs?

The meeting was very much in favour of retaining the SCL's current 45 overs per side format; it felt no need for a 50 overs per side set up.

Outcome – 45 overs per side for these divisions in 2016

Length of Game Time – Penalties in case of 'Overrun'

The current SCL top division has a time limit of 2.75 hours in which to have started the last over by; failure to do so results in a two point deduction for the offending team.

This will now cover the top two divisions and can only be enforced when there are standing umpires.

Outcome – Extend current rule to the top two divisions, but note it can only be enforced when there are standing umpires

Starting Times

Current SCL start time of 1.30pm was acceptable, but bringing back the earlier start time for the last three games by 30 minutes was requested.

Outcome – Return to a position of starting earlier in late August and early September; indeed 2016 season runs from Saturday 7th May – Saturday 3rd September inclusive, so this seems to be a reasonable move

Umpires

The appointment of Umpires for the SCL has been outsourced to SACO for 2016; there *should* be enough officials (even if this means just one) to cover each game in the new top two SCL divisions.

It is likely that all teams who play in a game where at least one official is appointed will have to report through the Who's The Umpire website as to performance of the official(s).

Outcome – The contraction of WEPL will offer an 'overflow' of Officials that can operate in the SCL's new top two levels

Although the appointment of Officials is now not directly under the SCL itself, it does still need to maintain an overview – suggest appointing Derek Hicks as 'Umpiring Adviser' to take account of this new position

If WTU is used then some tutoring will be required

Scorers/Scoreboard/Clock/Scorebook

The WEPL rule of each 1st XI having to provide a Scorer would be hard to implement in the SCL, but is a desirable provision.

The other three criteria are all critical items to the game and are expected to be provided by default.

Outcome – Provision of a Scorer is not required in the SCL at this time, but every effort should be made to cover this area

Every side is expected to provide a scoreboard, scorebook and working clock

Fielding Circles and Fielding Restrictions

The current top SCL division operates with this in place and it will be extended to the new top two divisions.

Outcome – Accepted as being standard practice in one day cricket and the mind set of most modern captains tends to this way of playing when in the field

Leg Side Wides

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Bowling Restrictions

Implementing nine overs per bowler in a full game of 90 overs was requested or 20% of the available overs in a weather affected innings; mirrors WEPL's set up.

Outcome – No bowler to bowl more than 20% of the available overs in any innings

Sight Screens/Covers

Can be expensive if bought in tandem; deemed desirable, but not essential at this time.

Outcome – Provision of either item is not required by the SCL at this time, but such items are desirable

Overseas Players

Such have not been allowed in the SCL since 2013; merits to having and not having were raised – retain current position.

Outcome – No such players (other than OP2) to be allowed in the SCL for 2016

Pitch/Ground/Facilities

The current SCL basic facilities requirements have to be met by all returning sides and this should not pose an issue. Consideration has to be given to the WEPL requirements in this respect by the Club(s) who is/are eligible for promotion to WEPL at the end of 2016.

Outcome – All sides returning to the SCL from WEPL will meet the SCL's basic requirements for facilities provision. Promotion to WEPL at the end of 2016 for season 2017 may be denied if all their requirements are not met

Points Structure

Although the two new top SCL divisions may have some elements that are local to them the points structure needs to be consistent throughout the whole of the SCL.

Outcome – Retain current points system that allows up to 35 points to be gained per side per game

AOB

- Match Ball

A dedicated match ball for around £15 per ball would be sourced and evaluated. The meeting wished to have a higher specification ball than the lower SCL divisions (£8 per ball), but did not wish to invest in a ball of over £20 per ball ref WEPL.

Outcome – A middle grade of ball to be used in the SCL's new top two divisions; sits in between WEPL's current selection and that of the SCL

- Results System

Some level of tutoring the new Clubs/Teams who are returning to the SCL from WEPL; to be provided by the relevant SCL Management Committee personnel.

Outcome – Affected Clubs/Teams were appreciative of the offer and that way no-one is at a disadvantage in respect of knowing what is required and by when

- Promotion and Relegation

Such between the two divisions will be on a two up/two down basis as is standard to the SCL.

That between Division One and WEPL will be a matter for discussion in 2016.

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