



**THE BEST WESTERN
SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE
PRE SEASON CIRCULAR FOR 2012
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1. The Handbooks. The handbooks went to print with all clubs having returned their Club Details sheet. However, I do know that there are already some changes to this information and there may be some inaccuracies from the Form submitted by the club. Clubs must update the Club Details Information by using their unique username and password on the website. Each club will be supplied with handbooks in the ratio of:- 10 for 1 team; 15 for 2 teams 20 for 3 teams. Please ensure that each of your captains has a copy. Additional copies are available from the League Secretary at £1 each + (£1.50 p&p if not collected at the EGM), while stocks last. Clubs wanting more copies should advise me, Ray Hancock, so that they can be available at the EGM.

NOTE. You should check the details of your Club in the new handbook and advise Ray Hancock, The Hon. Secretary, Somerset Cricket League, The Jays, Moss Lane, Ruishton, Taunton (Tel/Fax. 01823 444779 or E-mail raysomcricket@btconnect.com) of any changes immediately. These amendments should also be corrected on your club page on the website.

2. Club Unique Username and Password. All clubs have usernames and passwords that were devised for each club to access their pages on the system. These codes **must be used** to access the club page and keep the club **personnel details and email addresses** up to date. All clubs need to ensure that they have accessed their site between **January 1st and May 1st 2012** to check that their records are correct and up-date them accordingly. The Hon. Secretary and the Monitors have access to the whole system and can see the exact time and date that a club page was last opened for updating and corrections made! Any club failing to check their club details, and bring them up to date as necessary will be fined £30 after the first check (**just after May 1**) and £30 on subsequent checks after a warning has been issued. The Chairman and Management Committee need to see that the electronic administrative system is working properly before the season commences on **May 5**.

3. Rule Changes for 2012. There were eight adjustments to the rules.

The first one was:-

Clubs that fail to return the Result Sheet as described above shall be fined £25 for infringements during the final three matches of the season.

The second one was:-

All clubs must appoint a Welfare Officer (or Child Protection Officer) to conform to ECB mandatory rules. The officer will need to have a current CRB and hold a certificate that shows that he/she has attended a Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course during the last 3 years. Evidence of both the CRB and S&PC certification must be made available to the Hon. Secretary before the season commences.

The third one was:-

Any match played on the 2nd Saturday of September shall start at 1.00pm. (Divisions 2 onwards) and 12.30 pm. for the Senior Division (ie Division 1.). Note the part of this rule shown in italics is for Season 2012 only.

The fourth one was:-

Promotion within **Divisions 8 – (S and NE)** shall be two teams per division and relegation from **Division 7 to Division 8** shall be four teams, put into the most appropriate regional division.

The fifth one was:-

LEAGUE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

3. The procedure set out in 1. (a) and (b) and 2. in the League Disciplinary Procedure shall also apply to written material on Social Websites and the SCL's own website and be dealt with as shown in points 4 – 10 of the League Disciplinary Procedure.

The sixth one was:-

7 (f) Movement of Players A club may have the registration of a player withdrawn by the Management Committee if written evidence from the player's previous/current club indicates that he has outstanding obligations to that club (ie. financial, disciplinary or otherwise). There shall be no time limit regarding these outstanding obligations and the decision of the Management Committee shall remain in force until the situation has been satisfactorily resolved by the agreement of all parties.

DIVISION 1 CLUBS ONLY

The seventh one was:-

5. Matches (b). Championship Points

ix). Division 1 clubs only. The side bowling first must complete its 45 overs within the time limit of 2 hours and 45 minutes. Failure to do so will incur a fine of 2 points deducted.

The eighth one was:-

5. Matches (l) Division 1 Matches Only.

At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fielders plus bowler and wicket keeper must be inside an area bounded by two semi circles centred on each middle stump within a radius of thirty yards and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch.

This fielding circle shall be marked with painted white dots at five yard intervals – each dot can be covered by a white plastic or rubber disc or in white marking measuring seven inches in diameter. Should this requirement not be met then the square leg umpire shall call and signal no ball and the delivery must be redelivered; this condition must be met regardless of the total number of fielders present (e.g. if a side has less than eleven players present).

4. Players.

- a. Registration of Players.** The data base of registered players from Season 2011 has been deleted so all clubs **MUST** register **ALL** players including junior players who are in school years 8 and above on the appropriate club pages on the website – see “Player Registration (all clubs)” in the Section 5 b that follows in this document. **Note.** Children in Years 7 and below **will again not be** allowed to play in the Somerset Cricket League in the 2012 Season. No player shall play for more than one club in the Somerset Cricket League or any other club in the West of England Premier League (WEPL) pyramid during the season without being correctly transferred as shown in Handbook Rule 7(b). A transferred player's record (batting /bowling) will remain with his first club, but he will also appear in his second club's statistics.
- b. Contract Players.** In the case of a **contract player** written permission **MUST** be obtained from the Hon. Secretary. The Club should give all relevant details of the contract player on Club Headed Paper and this request should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at least 7 days before they intend to play their first match for the club. This player may not play for the club until written authority has been received from the Hon. Secretary. This will enable the Hon. Secretary to check out the registration with the appropriate members of the Management Committee. **Note:-** *A contract player is a player with a professional contract for any club outside the League. This category of player may only play with the permission of the Management Committee.*
- c. Young Players. Minimum age of players.** A directive from the ECB has banned **Year 7 children and below playing in ‘All Age Cricket’ again in 2012.** As a result, children who were under the age of 12 at August 31st of the previous year will **not** be permitted to play in the SCL during the current season. ie. Year 7 age group. *Note. This will allow those children who are in Year 8 or upwards in the senior/middle school in the current season to play in the SCL.* However, any player in the Under 13 age group – Year 8 (ie. under the age of 13 at August 31st of the previous year) must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in league

cricket. Clubs must put consent procedures in place to ensure that a letter is obtained for players in this age group before they play their first game for the club.

d. Young Players (Under 18s) in the Somerset Cricket League. The Management Committee of the Somerset Cricket League has ruled that in ALL league matches any person under the age of 18 must wear a helmet with a faceguard or grille when batting or standing up to the wicket as wicket keeper. The Management Committee will not permit under 18s to play in League matches without an appropriate helmet, even with the written consent of parents.

e. Transfers of players. A player may transfer from one club to another by writing to the Results Secretary, Ian Latchem, 6 Worcester Close, Peasedown St. John, Bath. BA2 8TU requesting such a move. The letter must be countersigned by an official from each club and must be in the hands of the Results Secretary by 12.00 noon prior to him playing for the new club on that day. Transfers cannot take place after 12.00 noon on the first Saturday in August. (Rule 7 b). On the website, a transferred player's record (batting /bowling) will remain with his first club, but he will also appear on his second club's statistics. This letter may be posted or faxed to the Results Secretary.

f. Overseas Players.

(d) i) Overseas Players shall not be permitted to play in the Somerset Cricket League unless specified in the sections below.

ii) An 'Overseas Player' * is defined as an overseas national who is not a holder of a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Passport or an Eire Passport. Any person who falls into this category and wishes to play cricket in the Somerset Cricket League may ask the Management Committee for permission to play at least 7 days before his first game and no later than 31st May. (Form OP 2 applies – obtainable from the Hon. Secretary).

iii) Any player who holds a current United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Passport or an Eire Passport shall be deemed a 'home player'. A player who holds a current United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (or Eire) Birth Certificate shall be declared a 'home' player.

Note. To avoid confusion any overseas national who also holds a current UK passport should forward a copy of the passport page to the Hon. Secretary for record purposes.

* For the purposes of the Somerset Cricket League Rules, an 'Overseas Player' is defined in No. ii) above.

In the special case of an overseas player seeking to play for a club he (and his club) must complete Form OP2 and also give a separate detailed explanation of the reasons for breaching the Rule 7 (d) i).

- Note the comments from Form OP2. *Permission will only be given if the club can give a satisfactory explanation to its reasons for the need to breach the SCL Rule 7(d) i).*

*Clubs will only be given permission for this additional player if he is resident in the UK on a permanent basis and his reason for being here is **not primarily cricket**. Players who have come to the Club (and this Country) initially to play cricket and have stayed on afterwards will not be considered for approval under Form OP2. An example of approval may be someone who has moved to the club's local community for employment/marital/family reasons. However, even this category will require a detailed explanation of the reasons for approval within the SCL Rules regarding 'Overseas Players'*

*The detailed explanation to seek approval for registration purposes under Form OP2 should be made on club headed paper and should include as much information as is available to the club administration to allow the Management Sub-Committee of the Somerset Cricket League to have a full picture of the reasons to grant special approval under Rule 7 (d) iii). **Note.** Any person who falls into this category and wishes to play cricket in the Somerset Cricket League may ask the Management Committee for permission to play at least 7 days before his first game. (Form OP 2 applies – obtainable from the Hon. Secretary).*

Failure to provide the correct information or provide misleading information or incomplete information could seriously affect the status of the club and involvement in any matches by 'illegal' players could result in stringent penalties being imposed by the Committee.

5. Results.

- a. Notification.** The result of all games must be input on SCL Website. This will include the 'Don Crouch' score from **BOTH** teams. The home team is responsible for entering the result and full details of the scorecard of the match on the SCL website using the prescribed procedure before **midnight on the day following the match**. The away team must verify this result and the full scorecard details before midnight on Monday following the match (most matches are played on Saturdays, but in the case of Sunday games the verification must take place before midnight on Tuesday) using the prescribed procedure. Any team that fails to input/verify the result by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 and 6 points on each occasion.
- The home team, with ages where appropriate, must send the completed Team Sheet/Result Sheet to the Results Secretary, Ian Latchem, by Fax or 2nd class post after the match. The Results Secretary must receive the Result Sheet no later than the Saturday following the game. The captain of each team must sign that the sheet is correct. Any team guilty of infringing this rule shall be fined the sum of £10.00. **Please do not fax Ian after 11.00pm on any night as the telephone/fax also rings in his bedroom.**
- b. Problems with inputting and verifying.** If club representatives have a problem either inputting or verifying a result through a computer problem or other similar problem then they **MUST** contact the monitor, by telephone, who is responsible for their division. Failure to contact, Amanda, Toby or David in this way will result in a fine of **£s and points being levied**.

Divisions 1 – 4 = Amanda Counsell 01278 785324

Divisions 5 – 7 = Toby Strang 01458 272191

Divisions 8SE & NE; 9SE & NW = David Derrick 01823 660687

c. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2012 are as follows:

Amanda Counsell (amandacounsell@yahoo.co.uk) will be the monitor and contact for Divisions 1 – 4 inclusive

Toby Strang (toby@strang35.freeserve.co.uk) will be the monitor and contact for Divisions 5 – 7 inclusive

David Derrick (david230275@googlemail.com) will be the monitor and contact for the two division 8s and the two division 9s

David Derrick will also be responsible for the processing and issuing of fines related to results based defaults and will receive Club based submissions in this respect.

d. The Procedure for Inputting/verifying Results & Scorecards

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ON-LINE SUBMISSION OF RESULTS & SCORECARD

From the League web site menu **CLICK** on 'Club Details' & using your pre-designated username and password log into your Club Update Page.

PLAYER REGISTRATION (ALL CLUBS).

All players should be registered before a match. ('Late additions' must be added immediately after the match or correct input of the Scorecard is not possible.

On Club Update Page **CLICK** on 'Register a new player'. **INPUT ONE initial and surname.**
If the player is under 19 years of age **TICK** the box and **INPUT** the date of birth as indicated. **CLICK** 'Add' to add more players or **CLICK** 'Forms Menu' to return to Club Update Page.
To correct an error in a registered player's details **CLICK** 'Update Player Details'.
After making a correction **CLICK** the 'U' button next to the player being updated.
When finished, **CLICK** on the 'Forms Menu' link to return to Club Update Page.

RESULTS AND SCORECARD SUBMISSION (HOME TEAM)

DEADLINE MIDNIGHT ON THE DAY AFTER THE MATCH (Usually Sunday, but will be Monday for Sunday matches).

RESULTS SUBMISSION (Care in Correctly Keying Data Will Save You Time On Corrections Later)

On Club Update Page **CLICK** either 'Group A Results & Stats Maintenance' or 'Group B Results & Stats Maintenance' as applicable. **NOTE** that - Group A = Divs. 1 – 6; Group B = Divs. 7 – 10

Results Maintenance Page

The top section lists your Home matches for entering the match details and the bottom section lists your away matches for verifying the data input by the home team.

CLICK on the 'Results Update' button next to the relevant match date.
INPUT the score, wickets and points for your team and **CLICK** the appropriate radio button indicating Win, Lose, Draw, Tie or Cancelled. **REPEAT** the process for the away team.
INPUT Opposition's Don Crouch Trophy marks by **CLICKING** the relevant radio buttons.
Note: Don Crouch Marks will not be visible anywhere or at any time to another team.

'Result not verified' will continue to be displayed until verified by the Away team.

CLICK the 'Update Record' button.

Your data will now be available to view on the main web site both on the results page and the table pages. You can always return to the page to correct any mistakes.

Cancelled Matches – Weather/Pitch Conditions

Result **MUST STILL** be entered **AND** verified. **INPUT** 12 Points for both teams.
CLICK 'Cancelled' radio button for both teams. **INPUT** Don Crouch Trophy marks 'Good' **MUST** be **SELECTED** in ALL 5 radio button options. **NO SCORECARD INPUT IS REQUIRED.**

Cancelled Matches – For Reasons Other Than Weather/Pitch Conditions.

The result **MUST STILL** be entered **AND** verified. **INPUT** 30 points for the non-offending team and minus 30 (-30) for the team that cancelled. **CLICK** 'Cancelled' radio button for both teams.

Input Don Crouch Trophy marks as below:

For the non-offending team 'Good' **MUST** be **SELECTED** in **ALL** 5 radio buttons.

For the team that cancelled 'Non-Acceptable' **MUST** be **SELECTED** in **ALL** 5 radio buttons.

NO SCORECARD INPUT IS REQUIRED

SCORECARD SUBMISSION (Care In Correctly Keying Data Will Save You Time On Corrections Later).

From Club Update Page **CLICK** either **Group A or B Results Maintenance** as applicable.

Note. Group A = Divs. 1 – 6; Group B = Divs. 7 – 10.

The scorecard section is divided into 4 columns. The first 'Add' is where you input new data, and the other 3 'Updates' are where you can return later to make any corrections.

CLICK the 'Add' button next to the relevant match date to enter the **Score Card Update Page**. **The Home Team Batting Card is listed on the left and the Away Team on the right.**

Click the top Home 'Select batsman' (Opening batsman) and from the resulting drop down list of players (alphabetical order by surname) **CLICK** the correct name to input. Repeat this procedure for each batting position taking care over players with the same or similar surnames.

INPUT each batsman's runs and **CLICK** one box Out, Not Out or D.N.B. Repeat this procedure for the Away Team. If a team has played with less than 11 players leave bottom position(s) blank.

PLAYER NOT ON DROP DOWN LIST. For omissions on your Home Team list you MUST go to the Player Registration Page and input that player's details in order to properly complete your team's Scorecard. Failure to do this will incur a fine. For omissions on the Away Team list leave that position blank but **STILL** input the runs and check the radio button Out, Not Out or D.N.B. as though the name was there. **Click** the 'Insert Record' button when complete.

Batting statistics are now updated on the main web site.

YOU ARE NOW TAKEN TO THE 'EXTRAS UPDATE' PAGE.

INPUT the total extras for each team and **CLICK** the 'Insert Record' button.

YOU ARE NOW TAKEN TO THE BOWLING STATS. PAGE.

INPUT this section using the same procedure as for the Batting scorecard.

In the overs box you may use a decimal point to record the number of balls in incomplete overs.

CLICK on the 'Insert Records' button to return to the Results Maintenance page.

When complete, if you need to check your data you can return to Results Maintenance and click the relevant 'Update' button next to the appropriate match. If you receive an error indication this may be due to a slow Internet connection. Return to Club Update page and try again.

If you make a change in the Update page **CLICK** the 'U' button next to the appropriate record.

The Score Card can now be viewed / printed by clicking on the icon on the right of the results page on the main web site.

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RESULT AND SCORECARD VERIFICATION (AWAY TEAM)

DEADLINE MIDNIGHT MONDAY AFTER MATCH (Usually Monday, but will be Tuesday for Sunday matches).

Result verification. From Club Update Page **CLICK** either **Group A or B Results Maintenance** as applicable. **Note. Group A = Divs. 1 – 6; Group B = Divs. 7 – 10.**

CLICK on the 'Verify Results' button next to the appropriate match date.

Check all details are correct. **(If not, contact the home team for corrections).**

When correct **TICK** the 'Click To Verify' Box. **INPUT** Opposition's Don Crouch Trophy marks.

CANCELLED MATCHES: See Results Submission above for both the correct points and the stipulated Don Crouch Trophy marks. **CLICK** the 'Update Record' button to complete.

'Result verified' will now be displayed on the home team's results update page.

Scorecard verification. From Club Update Page **CLICK** either **Group A or B Results Maintenance** as applicable. **Note. Group A = Divs. 1 – 6; Group B = Divs. 7 – 10.**

CLICK on the 'Verify Score Card' button next to the appropriate match date. Check that the

SCORES details are correct. **(If not, contact the home team for corrections).** If a player's name is missing from your team's scorecard you probably need to update your Registrations. Failure to do this will incur a fine. Late registrations will not update a current scorecard.

When correct **TICK** the 'Verify Score Card' box. **CLICK** the 'Update Record' button.

- e. **Don Crouch Trophy 2012 and the Result Sheets.** Both teams are required to record a score for the Don Crouch mark in 2012. The club captain/club representative must give a score of 0, or 1, or 2 (2 being the best) for their opponents on the day of the match against 5 different criteria. These scores must be recorded on the WEBSITE and the RESULT SHEET before sending it to Ian. **Note.** This score **MUST NOT** be put onto the sheet until just before faxing or posting the result sheet and should not be disclosed to the other team. As last year, **both teams MUST** record their marks for the opposing team on the website at the inputting/verifying stages. The mark will be completely secret and will not be seen by anyone accessing the results etc. Only the Hon. Secretary, the Results Secretary and monitors will have access to these facts. Defaulting clubs will be fined £10 per failure. *Rule 5. (k)*. This will also enable the Committee to monitor that the criteria for ‘sportsmanship’ is being upheld and this information could also be used in cases of disciplinary complaints.

Note: Don Crouch Marks will not be visible anywhere or at any time to another team.

- f. **Results and League Tables.** These will be available for all interested persons and the local papers by midnight on Sundays (the day after the match). Press Reporters will need to download these statistics rather than have them emailed as has previously been the case. The League website (www.somerset-cricket.com) will always give the most up to date information.

- g. **Results Sheets.** Please note that **ALL PLAYERS** must be listed on the form - even if some players have not batted. Where a team is short of full 11 players, a line must be drawn through the space provided for a name. (See Rule 7a. in the Handbook). Both Captains **must sign** the result sheet. Failure to list all players and/or sign the form will result in a fine of £10. (See Rule 5j. in the Handbook). Note. All players who were under 19 on 31st August 2011 must have their exact age at 31.8.11 marked on the Result Sheet. This information must be put on the Result Sheet before the match starts. Naturally, any player over 19 on 31.8.11 need not have age disclosed! As last year, the result sheet will be produced in a pad with 10 triplicate copies (1 white; 1 pink; 1 blue) - sufficient for the 9 home fixtures. A copy of the Results Sheet is shown below together with some highlighting of the salient facts that **MUST** be completed. The copies are on NCR paper (‘no carbon required’) and will require a ballpoint pen – press firmly – to complete the details. The **White Copy** must be either faxed to Ian Latchem or posted (using your own envelope) to Ian to arrive at the latest by the Saturday after the game. The Pink Copy should be used by the home team to input the match details onto the website and the Blue Copy must be given to the away team for verification purposes. The clubs should retain both the pink and blue copies for the remainder of the season

h. Model Result Sheet – Sheet from previous season used as example – the same format for 2012!

THE BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE RESULT SHEET 2011 SEASON

Date: Home Team: Away Team: Div:

The ages of ALL players under 19 on 31st August 2010 must be stated in the first column

Initial + surname

Age if under 19 on Aug.31 2010

All players to be listed

TEAM BATTING 1st					TEAM BATTING 2nd						
Age	Players Name	Score	Tick One Box			Age	Players Name	Score	Tick One Box		
			Out	N.O.	DNB				Out	N.O.	DNB
1						1					
2						2					
3						3					
4						4					
5						5					
6						6					
7						7					
8						8					
9						9					
10						10					
11						11					

Total Extras

Total Extras

Total for wkts

Total for wkts

TEAM BOWLING 1st				
Players Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

TEAM BOWLING 2nd				
Players Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

This form must be completed with ALL Names, Match Details & Signatures of BOTH Captains.

RESULT:	Match Won by	by	Runs Wkts.	Match Drawn (tick box) Weather affected matches
	Name of Team		Points	SIGNATURE OF CAPTAINS
Home Team				
Away Team				

DON CROUCH TROPHY: These marks to be entered after the form is signed & not shown to the Opposing Team

Mark each of the five sections: 0 (unacceptable) 1 (acceptable) 2 (good)

These marks to be added by home team here & away team upon verification

Conduct, Responsibility & Sociability of Opposing Captain	
Conduct of Opposing Team OFF the field of Play	
Conduct of Opposing Team ON the field of Play	
Conduct of Individual Members of Opposing Team	
Acceptance of Umpiring decisions by Opposing Players	

White Copy to Ian Latchem Pink Copy retained by Home Team Blue Copy to Away Team

IAN LATCHEM, 6 WORCESTER CLOSE, PEASEDOWN ST JOHN, BATH. BA2 8TU. FAX TO: 01761 436454

Send white copy by fax (01761 436454) or post in your envelope to address at bottom of this sheet

Keep pink copy for Home club records

Give blue copy to Away team for verification and their records

6. Ties, Promotion and Relegation

a. If more than one team ties on points at the end of Season. Rule 1 THE LEAGUE (g) In the case of two or more clubs tying for promotion or relegation the club with the most wins will be declared the 'highest', should they still be equal then the club with the least losses will be declared the 'highest', should they still be equal then the club with the greatest number of runs per wicket lost throughout the season will be declared the 'highest'.

b. Promotion/Relegation shall be on a two up/two down basis, except that promotion within Divisions 8 – (S/E and N/E) shall be two teams per division and relegation from Division 7 to Division 8 shall be four teams, put into the most appropriate regional division, subject to amendments by the Management Committee; any such amendments to be notified to all member clubs as necessary. Positions are to be determined by the aggregate number of points obtained during the season.

A club's 2nd XI (or lower level team) must be in a lower division than its 1st XI (or higher level team), and promotion will be denied to the 2nd XI (or lower level team) or relegation enforced on the 2nd XI (or lower level team) to ensure this so that a club shall have no more than one team in any one division.

The team that wins the 1st Division will be promoted to the Somerset Division of WEPL and at this point in time there will **still** be **only one promoted team** at the end of the Season. **Note. Rule 1. (c), (d), (f) applies**

7. Laws of the Game.

a. A Guide to the Common Laws of Cricket. You will find this set of advice on pages 47/48 of the 2012 Handbook. **We recommend that all captains and club umpires read these pages.**

b. No Balls and Wides. a) No Ball - Any run(s) scored from a 'no ball' will be added to the single run awarded for the 'no ball'. eg. A boundary scored from a 'no ball' will score a total of 5 runs. b) Wide – Any run(s) made from a 'wide' will be added to the single run awarded for the 'wide'. eg. Two runs made when the wicket keeper misses the 'wide' will score a total of 3 runs.

c. The Fast Bowling Directives of the ECB covering players in the Under 19 age group and younger. The Management Committee of the Somerset Cricket League requires that Club Committees ensure that their captains are made aware of this directive. The ECB fast bowling directives are set out below.

Under these directives, which came into effect at the start of the 2011 season, bowlers at under-16 and under-17 level were permitted to bowl an extra over per spell, but those in the under-18. The fast bowling directives are designed to raise awareness of the need to nurture and protect young fast bowlers through their formative years. Research has shown that fast bowlers are by far the most likely players to be missing playing and training time due to injury. Fast bowling directives (based on 31st Aug last season)

Age	max overs per spell	max overs per day
Up to 13	5	10
U14-U15	6	12
U16,U17,U18,U19.	7	12

Under 18 spin bowlers can bowl their full quota of overs.

For these purposes a fast bowler should be defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball

Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until an equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end. Interruption in play shall reduce this requirement by one over at each end for every 7 minutes of interruption.

Captains, Team Managers and Umpires are required to ensure that these directives are followed at all times.

d. **Bouncers, Beamers and No Balls.** It was agreed by the EGM in April '06 that guidance to the use of high pitched balls should be adopted by the Somerset Cricket League. This code was successfully used for the 2006 - 11 seasons and it will continue to operate for this season.

The code reads as follows:-

A ball that passes the batsman, standing in a normal upright batting stance at the crease, above waist height without pitching must be called 'No Ball' at the first instance. See further details in the Handbook, page 40 under the section 'No Ball'.

A ball that pitches and then passes the batsman, standing in a normal upright batting stance at the crease, above head height must be called 'No Ball.'

A ball that pitches and then passes the batsman, standing in a normal upright batting stance at the crease, between the shoulder and the top of the head may only be bowled **once** per over and the umpire should indicate that this ball has been bowled for that over. If the bowler bowls another similar delivery in the same over then that ball must be called 'No Ball.'

These bowling regulations should be read in conjunction with 'A Guide to the Common Laws of Cricket' published in the Somerset Cricket League Handbook on pages 47/48.

The 'bowlers end' umpire may ask for help from the square leg umpire if he feels that it will help reach the correct decision.

e. **Weather, Ground and Light Conditions**

- The umpires shall be the final judges of weather, ground and light conditions.

- While both umpires consider that conditions are suitable for play it will continue.

- When, in the opinion of the umpires, conditions become unsuitable then they must:-

Advise the batsmen at the wicket (batting captain's representative) and the fielding captain that conditions are unsuitable for play to continue and the players must leave the field.

- When, in the opinion of the **same** umpires, conditions become playable again they must inform the captains and play will resume.

- When, in the opinion of **both** umpires, the light conditions deteriorate to a level that is unsuitable for play the players must leave the field.

- When, in the opinion of the **same** umpires, the light level improves sufficiently for play to take place they must inform the captains and play will resume.

f. **Umpires.** Where a game has only one official umpire provided either by the League or by a club, that umpire may stand at the bowlers' end for the whole match, **providing that he is prepared to do so and that both captains are in agreement that he should** - a player standing as umpire should stand at square leg under these circumstances. If captains fail to agree then this umpire should stand at one end only. . **The Committee is keen to enlist more neutral umpires onto the League list and would ask all clubs, but particularly those from Division 1, to try and find more people to join the panel.**

8. **Other.**

a. **Cancelled games:-** i) due to weather - please make every effort to play even if a late start is necessary. Consult opponents before cancelling. If it is possible, switch the venue or play at an alternative venue.

ii) other reasons - Try to avoid cancellations because a loss of points and a heavy fine will follow.

In all cases of cancelled matches, an entry of the cancellation on the website must be made and verified. Ian Latchem must also be informed.

b.Strengthening of Second and Other Teams by Regular players from Higher Teams.

It is the responsibility of clubs, selection committees and captains to ensure that the situation of strengthening 'lower level' teams is not abused, particularly when 'higher level' teams have no fixture.

The Management Committee reminds clubs that it is contrary to the regulations set out in the pre-season circular and the spirit of the Somerset Cricket League for clubs to strengthen their 2nd. XIs; 3rd. XIs; and even 4th. XIs when they have a free 1st XI (or other 'higher level' team) date as a result of fixture changes or a vacant date. **All** results sheets will be scrutinised by the monitors to check against this practice, but the non-offending clubs are encouraged to bring this practice to the notice of the Committee if they believe that it has taken place.

A 'higher level' batsman playing in a 'lower level' team for the reason of choice to play at home or for his own convenience or a cancellation of the higher level game or due to the lack of players available for selection should not bat higher than No. 7. However, if the individual in question has sustained a bad run of form (note – this can be verified by the Results Secretary and the monitors for Management Committee purposes) in the 'higher level' team then he should be allowed to bat wherever in the batting order, without any restriction.

A 'higher level' bowler playing in a 'lower level' team for the reason of choice to play at home or for his own convenience or a cancellation of the higher level game or due to the lack of players available for selection should not bowl earlier than 3rd change (5th bowler) or after 25 overs have been bowled, whichever is the latter. However, if the individual in question has sustained a bad run of form (note – this can be verified by the Results Secretary and monitors for Management Committee purposes) in the 'higher level' team then he should be allowed to bowl wherever it is deemed appropriate in the sequence of bowlers, without any restriction.

On the occasions when 'higher level' players are *helping out due to the lack of the normal players* then the maximum number of such players shall be 3 players. (Note – this will be verified by the Results Secretary for Management Committee purposes)

The practice of **unfair strengthening of lower level teams** on days when higher level teams are without a fixture, or when situations that are contrary to the guidelines set out above are contravened, will be dealt with as a disciplinary action. The Management Committee will take a very firm stance by the imposition of monetary and points fines if a team is found to have breached these regulations.

The Results Secretary and monitors will be particularly vigilant in respect of the games where a higher team has a vacant date. Should a team believe that opponents are unfairly strengthening teams then they should raise the complaint with the Hon. Secretary or the Results Secretary.

- c. **Fines.** These will be incurred for late results posted on the website (initial input, verification, score-sheet input and score-sheet verification) and late receipt by Ian Latchem (Results Secretary).
- d. **League Website.** All the weekly information concerning the Shrubbery Somerset Cricket League will be found on the Website at www.somerset-cricket.com and clubs can also contact me by E-mail at raysomcricket@btconnect.com

Ray Hancock. Hon. Secretary. April 2012