

To all contacts in the Somerset Cricket League.

1. Female Players in Open Age Cricket

Please see below an email which I have received from Richard Desjardins, Safeguarding Manager, England and Wales Cricket Board.

Richard has asked me to target all Club Welfare Officers and Club Secretaries for onward distribution to all club officials and members.

I apologise if you have received this request from other sources, but it is important that all in cricket have sight of Richard's document.

Inappropriate and Unwelcome behaviour towards Young Female Participants in Cricket

Over the last few weeks the Safeguarding Team has received reports of sexual harassment of female players, either on the pitch through inappropriate language or 'sledging', or off the pitch via unsolicited text and social media contact.

Please could you remind clubs, via their welfare officers, that such behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. No young women should receive such attention through taking part in cricket.

The following should be brought to the attention of Club Welfare Officers and clubs in your County:

- Members should be reminded of their own codes of conduct, and the guidance included in 'Safe Hands', especially 'ECB guidance for clubs on the use of Social Media, texts and email'.
- Clubs should also be reminded that 'sledging' female players by reference to their body parts constitutes sexual harassment. Where any such incident involves an under 18 player, this must be reported as a safeguarding matter and will be dealt with as such.
- Female participants should be encouraged to report any incidents of unwanted comment, attention or harassment to the Club Welfare Officer, who should inform the County Welfare Officer.
- Any concerns can also be reported at any time directly to the ECB Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@ecb.co.uk

Thank you for your assistance in making it clear that such behaviour has no place in our sport.

To Ray Hancock, County Welfare Officer & Hon. Secretary SCL.

Ray. Thank you in advance for sending the below on and if you require any support or advice as a league please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

With best wishes,

Richard Desjardins

Safeguarding Manager

England and Wales Cricket Board

2. **Minutes of Management Committee July 5.** I understand that due to a 'technical hitch' some members did not receive these minutes. The minutes of the meeting on July 5 are attached
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3. **Team of the Month for July.**

The top three teams for T o M. in July were:-

1st. Cheddar CC - 1st XI - Points 104; from 3 games; at an average of 34.67

2nd. Trull CC - 2nd XI - Points 138; from 4 games; at an average of 34.50

3rd. South Petherton CC - 2nd XI Points 103; from 3 games; at an average of 34.33

4. **Performance Reports on Umpires by Clubs in the Premier Division and Division 1.**

I understand that some captains have failed to submit a report on the performance of the appointed umpire in games where SACO has arranged the appointment. Please ensure that reports are submitted through the SACO website no later than the Wednesday following the match. See Rule 5 MATCHES (k) below.

(k) Performance Report on Umpire(s)

Following a match in Divisions 1 & 2, both captains shall submit a performance report on the umpire(s). The reports must be submitted through the SACO website. Teams are responsible for ensuring that the captain/other nominated individual submits the report by the Wednesday following the match.

5. **Dangerous Outfields.**

For the remainder of the season any club that deems its outfield unfit and/or unsafe for match play due to the recent climatic conditions, should cancel the game and 12 points will be awarded to each team. However, Rule 5 MATCHES, Championship Points, (ii) still applies

ii) No match may be called off before 4pm on the day of the match without the agreement of both Captains. iii) If the game is cancelled by the weather, each side shall be awarded twelve points.

6. **Team of the Month for May, June and July.** The prize for each team listed below was drawn out by the Manager of the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster together with the venues of the two-night breaks.

The two night break is for two adults sharing a twin or double room with dinner and full English breakfast daily.

The May winner is Ilton 1st XI which has been allocated a ‘Two-Night Break for Two’ at The Best Western Plus CENTURION HOTEL, Midsomer Norton.

The June winner is Taunton St. Andrews 2nd XI which has been allocated a ‘Two-Night Break for Two’ at The Best Western Plus SWAN HOTEL, Wells.

The July winner is Cheddar 1st XI which has been allocated a ‘Two-Night Break for Two’ at The Best Western WEYMOUTH HOTEL REMBRANDT, Weymouth.

The August winner will be allocated a ‘Two-Night Break for Two’ at The Best Western TIVERTON HOTEL at Tiverton, Devon.

7. **Season 2019.**

Any club that is considering entering an additional team in the SCL in 2019 should indicate their interest to me as soon as possible. Furthermore, if anyone knows of other clubs interested in joining the SCL, please ask them to contact me. We hope that

we shall not have any more withdrawals in 2019, but if this should be the case, then early advice would be appreciated.

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