

Belvedere Cricket Club have informed the SCL that the Club is experiencing great difficulties in raising three teams each week. Indeed, the Club has determined that it must withdraw a team immediately as it sees no prospect of finding a sufficient number of players in the near future to field three XIs each week. The Club has discussed the problems with the officers of the League and after analysing the strength of the 2nd/3rd XIs we have decided that the team (Belvedere 2) that plays in Division 5 will be the team to be withdrawn. The team (Belvedere 3) that plays in Division 9NW will continue to play league fixtures. Clearly, this team will have some players who have been 2nd XI players in the past, but in order to attempt to have meaningful matches between Belvedere and their opponents the decision to retain the Division 9NW team was made.

The precedent for this adjustment was made a couple of years ago when Peasedown and Evercreech 'lost' their 1st XIs and were permitted to continue to field a competitive team under the guise of their 2nd XI. This proved to be a correct decision at the time and we hope that this similar decision will prove to work as well.

Teams in Division 5 should note that all fixtures with Belvedere 2 are cancelled and the points gained to date will be deleted.