

Appendix C.

Proposed Rule Changes for 2019.

PROPOSER ILTON

Ilton would like to put the following rule change forward. I have used the wording from the West Somerset League rules.

In the event of a team cancelling a match through inability to raise a side, the non-offending team will be awarded 35 points. The offending team will be awarded 0 points, provided the match is cancelled by 9 pm on the preceding Friday, but will lose 8 points if the cancellation is any later.

To ensure that this is recorded then the result must be entered on play cricket before the 9pm deadline, and can then be checked by the relevant admin/ committee member.

We feel as a club that it is becoming increasingly hard for small clubs and even some bigger ones to consistently get a team out every week. The fact that the team/club is then punished by losing 30 points as well as a fine decreases players motivation to play. We think it would be highly unlikely that teams who do cancel games and receive 0 points, will have any realistic chance of being promoted etc so cannot see that being an issue.

Damian

PROPOSER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Attached is the rewrite of the rules and changes (highlighted in yellow) around results entry, team captain reports and umpire reports

Rule 5 (j) proposed changes - rewrite

i) Each team is responsible for putting the names of all players, with ages if under 19 at the previous August 31st, on the Team Card that was supplied at the start of the season and hand it to the umpire, or in his absence, the opposing captain prior to the match commencing. Those players under 18 must adhere to the SCL Helmet Rule and those players under 19 must adhere to the ECB Fast Bowling Directive.

ii) The Reporting of Results Electronically - to be done on SCL Website. Both sides are responsible for entering the result of the match and the full scorecard on the SCL website using the prescribed procedure before midnight on the day following the match (ie Sunday midnight for Saturday games). This result and scorecard must be confirmed by both teams by Midnight Sunday (or Monday for Sunday matches) following the match played on Saturday 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 on each occasion and three points will be deducted.

iii). 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 immediately, by telephone, who is responsible for their division. Failure to contact the monitor in this way will result in a fine of £10 and 3 points being levied. Each monitor will also be responsible for the processing and issuing of fines related to the failure of a club to input or confirm results on time. Club submissions/appeals should be made to the divisional monitor. If the details displayed by one of the teams are incorrect, then the opposition must enter the system and correct.

(k) Performance Report on Umpire(s) Following a match in Divisions 1 & 2, both captains **must 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. **Any team that fails to submit a report by the due time will be fined on each occasion and three points will be deducted.**

(l) **Team Captain Reports.** Both the home and away clubs must record a mark out of 10 when inputting/confirming the result on the League's website. 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. **Any team failing to score the mark will be fined 3 points failure.**

PROPOSER WEMBDON

Please find below the rule changes we would like to propose.

1. Teams who cancel due to anything apart from weather, should be deducted less points than present ie 10. As -30 is far too much in this present climate of teams struggling to raise sides. The non-offending team still get 35 points.

2. In the lower leagues the maximum overs per bowler goes up to 10 per bowler out of the 40. Teams in the lower leagues are struggling quite often to fulfil the overs especially as younger bowlers have restricted spells etc. At present you have to have at least 5 bowlers but in reality, you need 6 or 7.

3. Start time of all matches move to midday. After the earlier start for the World Cup earlier this season it seemed to work well, players seem to have so many things on a Saturday night nowadays with other commitments and family. That an early start would free that time up and hopefully make it easier to fulfil sides.

4. The time for result reporting to be changed, perhaps 10pm on Sunday for the basic result with other details to be completed on the scorecard 24 hours later.

I hope all makes sense, any other details then please don't hesitate to contact me.
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PROPOSER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The start time for matches be as written in Rule 5 (c) Rules for Match Play.

Except that by agreement between both teams, any match may start at any earlier time in the day.

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Rule 3 ADMINISTRATION

- (i) **Any match cancelled after 8.00 pm** by the visiting team on the day preceding the match for reasons other than the weather/pitch conditions **shall be fined £40** in addition to the fines levied in Rule 5 (b) (iv), (v). This sum will be passed to the home team to help defray expenses.

Note. The Committee has updated the cost of £30 to £40 for a late cancellation to reflect the higher current costs for tea provision.

PROPOSER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Fielding circles be introduced for divisions 3 – 5. They already exist in Divs. 1 & 2.

(m) Premier to Division 5 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 fielder's present (e.g. if a side has less than eleven players present).
The Committee agreed to extend the arrangement for fielding circles to divisions 3, 4, 5.

PROPOSER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Declarations by a side batting first should result in outstanding bowling points being awarded to the fielding side. The Committee recommend that this adjustment be made.

The Rule for declarations shall then read:-

5 (e) Declarations and Early Dismissals

- i) In 45 over matches. If the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second shall have 45 overs.
 - ii) In 40 over matches. If the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second shall have 40 overs.
 - iii) Any team which declares its innings early will result in the fielding side receiving maximum bowling points.
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These rule proposals have been copied from the original club/MC statements and will need to be written up in “Rules Language” if they are to be submitted to the AGM for a decision on December 10 2018