

# SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
- SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE  
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026,  
STARTING AT 7.30pm.

and using ZOOM to conduct the meeting

**All clubs are expected to attend, failure to do so will incur a fine of £50 as per rule.**

*Hi Everyone,*

*Happy New Year*

Below are the details for joining the AGM on Zoom.

To access the AGM the person representing your club is required to click on the link below about 10 minutes before the meeting starts and enter the passcode if requested and this will then allow you into the waiting room.

When you login please use the name of your club and your name - eg Huntspill & District- Amanda Counsell. This will ease the registering of attendees.

Somerset Cricket League is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

SCL AGM

<https://zoom.us/j/98008350568?pwd=bQPE5xkZ50NSqaOUfTjgmKe8msmeeQ.1>

VOTING FORM <https://forms.office.com/e/m1uQbuBE1W>

**Please be aware that voting closes at 7pm on 4th February 2026**

## AGM Agenda 2025

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025
3. Chairman's Remarks
4. Honorary Secretary's Report.
5. Honorary Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers: Committee Members Andy Barrett, Derek Hicks and Toby Strang have agreed to stand for re-election and the Management Committee has proposed that they be re-elected
7. Results of Proposal for Rule Change. – via voting form
8. Umpiring
9. Safeguarding
10. Changes to Fair Play Reporting and Discipline
11. Any Other Business. (*It would be helpful if prior notice of any item could be given to Amanda Counsell at least 3 days in advance, this would enable any research to take place*)

Rule Change Proposals - details of proposals – which can be voted on via this voting form <https://forms.office.com/e/m1uQbuBE1W>

**Please note one vote per club and closes 7pm 3/2/2025**

The table below shows the existing rule and the proposed change.

**Please note that only rules 3, 5 and 7b require clubs to vote.**

**Somerset Cricket League**  
**Rule Change proposals for the 2026 Season**

	<b>Current Rule</b>	<b>Proposed Rule</b>
<b>Playing Rules</b>		
1 b	Two teams will be promoted from each of the Division 7s and three teams will be relegated each of Division 6.	remove
1 c	However, the bottom 6 divisions will be regionalised irrespective of the number of divisions.	Change 6 to <b>8</b>
3 a (i)	Any club not represented at the Annual General Meeting will be fined £50.	Any club not represented at the Annual General Meeting will be fined £50 <b>and 10 points per team</b>
3 a (ii)	Any club not represented at the Extraordinary General Meeting will be fined £50	Any club not represented at the Extraordinary General Meeting will be fined £50 and <b>10 points per team</b>
3 a (iii)	The Spring Meeting shall be called before 17th April if required, for the purpose of distributing cricket balls and any other material. It will also be an information giving meeting. Any club not represented at the Spring Meeting will be fined £50.	The Spring Meeting shall be called if required, for the purpose of distributing cricket balls and any other material. It will also be an information giving meeting. Any club not represented at the Spring Meeting will be fined £50 <b>and 10 points per team</b>
3 d	Club Details: Every club is required to provide information regarding the details of the club's officials and ground etc. in the 'Club Details Section' on the League's Play-Cricket website. This information must be displayed on the club's page by 28th February preceding the start of the season otherwise the club will be fined £20 and must be kept up to date to reflect any changes. Every club is required to provide at least two e-mail addresses to receive all communications and correspondence including a League Representative as main point of contact.	(d) Club Details: Every club is required to provide information regarding the details of the club's officials and ground etc. in the 'Club Details Section' on the League's Play-Cricket website. This information must be displayed on the club's page and must be kept up to date to reflect any changes.  Every club is required to list a League Representative who we will use as the main point of contact.  Team contacts – Captains/Managers need to be available on the teams pages of play-cricket and must be updated there. (note some clubs show captains in the About Us section, Captains put there are ignored by the play cricket system, so please ensure they are listed in the teams' page as well).  It is the club's responsibility to keep their contacts up to date .
5 j(ii)	Any team that fails to input/verify the result and scorecard by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 on each occasion and three points will be deducted.	Any team that fails to input/verify the result and scorecard by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 on each occasion and <b>two</b> points will be deducted for each part.

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5 j (iii)	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 results secretary immediately, by email. Failure to contact them will result in a fine of £10 and 3 points still being levied. Club submissions/appeals should be made to the Disciplinary Secretary.	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 results secretary immediately, by email. Failure to contact them will result in a fine of £10 and <b>2 points</b> still being levied. Club submissions/appeals should be made to the Disciplinary Secretary.
7 a	New	<p><b>Registrations require the following information</b></p> <p><b>First name</b></p> <p><b>Surname</b></p> <p><b>Address</b></p> <p><b>Postcode</b></p> <p><b>Date of birth</b></p> <p><b>Passport Type</b></p> <p><b>Visa details if applicable</b></p> <p><b>Clubs must look for and use an existing player record.</b></p>
7b	<p>'Overseas Players' * shall not be permitted to play in the Somerset Cricket League unless specified in the sections below.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 July.</p> <p>(Form OP 2 applies – obtainable from league website). Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if he is already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and his reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the SIX months prior to the season commencing.</p>	<p>'Overseas Players' * shall not be permitted to play in the Somerset Cricket League unless specified in the sections below.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 July.</p> <p><b>Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if they is already resident in the UK on a permanent basis (see below for accepted visas) and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that they have resided permanently in the UK for 28 days prior to their first match. No registrations will be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> July.</b></p> <p><b>Players must have their own play cricket account and not a temporary set up by the club.</b></p>

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7b	<p>Overseas player will only be considered on the following basis:</p> <p><u>Leave to Remain</u> - Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if they are already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the <b>SIX</b> months prior to the season commencing.</p> <p><u>Indefinite Leave to Remain</u> - Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if they are already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the <b>SIX</b> months prior to the season commencing.</p> <p><u>Student Visa</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above, and must have arrived in the UK before 30th September of the preceding season.</p> <p><u>Child Student Visa</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above, and must have arrived in the UK before 30th September of the preceding season.</p> <p><u>Graduate Visa</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above, and must have arrived in the UK before 30th September of the preceding season.</p> <p><u>Skilled Worker Route</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above and if they are already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the <b>SIX</b> months prior to the season commencing.</p> <p><u>Asylum Seeker</u> - Asylum seekers wanting to play cricket must seek written permission from their case worker. Most asylum seekers will be permitted to play cricket, and the leagues will determine whether they are Cat 1 or Cat 3 based on the standard definitions. If the asylum seeker is classed as a professional sportsperson as per the Home Office definitions they will not be permitted to play, even if it's unpaid. Should they play cricket without permission it may affect their immigration status.</p>	<p>Overseas player will only be considered <b>providing they are not deemed professional</b> on the following basis:</p> <p><u>Leave to Remain</u> - Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if they are already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the <b>28 days prior to their first match</b>.</p> <p><u>Indefinite Leave to Remain</u> - Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if they are already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the <b>28 days prior to their first match</b>.</p> <p><u>Student Visa</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above, and must have arrived in the UK before 30th September of the preceding season.</p> <p><u>Child Student Visa</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above, and must have arrived in the UK before 30th September of the preceding season.</p> <p><u>Graduate Visa</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above, and must have arrived in the UK before 30th September of the preceding season.</p> <p><u>Skilled Worker Route</u> – provided they are not deemed professional i.e. played any pathway cricket u17 and above and if they are already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and their reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the <b>28 days prior to their first match</b>.</p> <p><u>Asylum Seeker</u> - Asylum seekers wanting to play cricket must seek written permission from their case worker. Most asylum seekers will be permitted to play cricket, and the leagues will determine whether they are Cat 1 or Cat 3 based on the standard definitions. If the asylum seeker is classed as a professional sportsperson as per the Home Office definitions they will not be permitted to play, even if it's unpaid. Should they play cricket without permission it may affect their immigration status.</p> <p><b>It is the club's responsibility to ensure registration is correct not the leagues.</b></p>

	<b>Current Rule</b>	<b>Proposed Rule</b>
	New rule to clarify spare balls	The home team must provide sufficient replacement league cricket balls. These are to be used in the event of the match ball being lost, damaged or needing replacement. One of these balls should be new (or nearly new) in case this is required. Use of the spare "new" ball is not permitted after the conclusion of the 5th over of each innings.
9	Disputes/Discipline	<p>(a) Team captains and club officials are responsible for the good conduct of matches. Any problems should be resolved on the day and clubs must be prepared to conduct their own investigation and impose sanctions on any of their players who offend.</p> <p>(b) If the matter is to be referred to the League. Any club having objection to the conduct of another team, club member thereof or to the umpire, or any umpire objecting to the conduct of a player or team shall fill out the incident form and forward to League Admin in writing within 3 days of the event.</p> <p>The matter will be dealt with as detailed in the Recreational Conduct Regulations process.</p>

New section - no new information or rules just pulled it all together for Under 18s

Youth Players – under 18s

**NOTE: ALL REGULATIONS NOW REFER TO ACTUAL AGE, NOT AGE GROUP**

The following are extracts from the ECB guidelines – please see the ECB web site for the complete wording. Though they are called guidelines, these will apply to all League games.

- Clubs must not place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- Clubs must not create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.
- Playing in an adult game should be part of a young player's progression. The young player should be involved in team talks, decisions and all aspects of the game and they need the opportunity to show their talents. They are not there just to make up the numbers.

**Age restrictions:** A child whose actual age is 12 or older may play in SCL games as long as the club has parental permission and the club has considered the guidelines above. Exceptionally, a player who is 11 years old in a County squad may play with written approval from the County Talent Pathway Lead. Any 12 years (or 11 year county player) being registered cannot play until 7 days after registrations and the registration secretary has been sent the consent form,

**Helmets & Boxes**

All under the actual age of 18 must wear a helmet with face guard when batting. All under the actual age of 18 must wear a helmet with face guard when keeping standing up to the stumps. Male youth players must also wear a box whenever they are required to wear a helmet.

## **Fielding restrictions**

Players 13 years older or younger may not field closer than 11 yards from the bat, except behind square on the off side. Players aged 14 or 15 may not field closer than 8 yards, except behind square on the off side. Players aged 16 or 17 must wear a helmet with face guard, and boys must wear a box, when fielding closer than 6 yards from the bat, except behind square on the off side.

## **Bowling restrictions**

These restrictions apply to young fast and medium pace bowlers, relative to their own age group. They do not apply to someone who would be considered, within their own age group, to be a slow bowler.

Age	Max overs per spell	Max overs per day
11	4	8
12 & 13	5	10
14 & 15	5	12
16 & 17	6	15
18 & 19	7	18

For clarity, if a young bowler is taken off (excluding simply changing ends) having bowled fewer overs in the spell than the maximum, they must not then bowl again until the same number of overs has been bowled by someone else from the same end, e.g. if a 16 year old bowls overs 1, 3, 5, 7 (4 overs) and is then taken off, they may not bowl until overs 9, 11, 13 and 15 (4 overs) have been bowled.