



The Somerset Cricket League Supporting Cricket In Somerset

Mid Season Update 2025

This is an update for all clubs regarding issues and queries that have arisen in recent weeks – please share with your Captains, admins and teams.

Extreme Heat Guidance:

[https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2023/07/10/b514abcd-c799-46c6-95dd-e50bf889fbf9/ECB Extreme Heat Guidance Recreational Game v3-1-.pdf](https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2023/07/10/b514abcd-c799-46c6-95dd-e50bf889fbf9/ECB%20Extreme%20Heat%20Guidance%20Recreational%20Game%20v3-1-.pdf)

Please make sure you have some shelter especially for scorers.

Grounds: Whilst many of us are enjoying the glorious weather, we are aware that it has been causing significant challenges for Groundskeepers across the county.

With the Spring recording a below average amount of rainfall and prolonged dry and hot weather throughout the summer so far, it causes difficulties with pitch preparation and maintaining outfield. We appreciate that due to the extreme weather grounds may not quite be to their normal level of performance as a result.

We urge clubs to show respect for each other and appreciate the work that Groundskeepers at clubs are currently doing to produce the best surfaces in the current conditions.

There are resources available via the Grounds Management Association on Watering and Drought Management which may be of use to clubs:

<https://resources.thegma.org.uk/watering-and-drought-management>

There has also been a big increase of reports of dog excrement on outfields, please ensure you do a risk assessment check and remove before the start of the game.

Drinking: There have been several reports of drinking alcohol during the match and there also appears to be some confusion around the rule. Match being completed means exactly that – not when a player is out batting second – they are still part of the match as they could still be called on to umpire, score or even be a runner.

(r) Players/Umpires are not permitted to drink alcohol at all during the match – **either on or off the field until match has been completed**. No drinks in glasses/glass bottles to be brought onto the field of play.

Umpires : Just a reminder, if a club is lucky enough to have an umpire, **the opposition CANNOT refuse then standing for the entire match.** They do not have to do both ends unless you agree and that should be for whole game.

Water_ALL HOME SIDES must be providing access to drinking water or squash for drinks breaks even if you are not providing teas. We are still getting reports that some clubs are not providing this for drinks breaks or not having any accessible drinking water at their grounds. This is especially important in this continuing hot weather.

DBS: Many Club Safeguarding Officers have had an email from league if their named captains have not got a DBS. The ECB do regularly check play cricket and the DBS database and players have been suspended from all regulated activity by them for not holding a DBS.

All regular captains and vice captains must hold an ECB DBS (and anyone else in a regulated role – umpire, manager etc) , if you know you need one and need a invite to complete please email admin@somerset-cricket.org.uk with your full name, preferred email, club , role and date of birth.

Player Registration: please register your players before you play them, even if its Saturday lunchtime on your phone at the ground. We understand that very last-minute call ups happen. Unregistered players cause issues for teams live scoring, a lot of additional admin for clubs entering results and in league admin.

Scoring online: Many clubs now use online scoring, but you must still remember to confirm the result after uploading.

Transfers: There has been a significant increase in player transfers over the last few weeks – please be reminded that the no transfers can take place after 31st July.