



The Somerset Cricket League

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# SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Week 3 Update 2024

This is an update for all clubs regarding issues and queries that have arisen during the first couple of weekends of the season

**Fielding Circles** - are a requirement from all divisions except 6 and 7

**Free Hits – only Premier Division**

**Leg Side Wides – Premier and Division 1 only**

**Umpires** – if you are lucky enough to have your own umpire, the opposition **cannot refuse them standing for the whole game**. They do not have to agree to them doing both ends.

**Registering Players** – please try and register players before they play to avoid finding they are registered elsewhere. We have had quite a few players having to be transferred as they are registered elsewhere in the league

**Fair play/Ground reports** – We are still encountering issues with our reports, if you have reports to complete in your site admin, please do so. However do not complete if your match is cancelled or conceded.

*You will only be able to complete team reports if you have your own account not a temp one.*

Teams with appointed umpires need to also complete umpires report via the Who's the umpire website.

**Scoring online** – if you chose to score using an app, please remember to confirm result after uploading

**Confirming results** -Please do not confirm incomplete or incorrect scorecards – if you have problems, please contact me for advice.

**DBS – all named captains and regular vice captains must have a valid DBS** this is an ECB requirement. If you need DBSs set up, please contact me with persons name, role, date of birth and preferred email and I will initiate a DBS invite.

**Conceding Matches:-** there have been several games conceded, please ensure that if you are having to concede that you email [admin@somerset-cricket.org.uk](mailto:admin@somerset-cricket.org.uk) to let the league know. Any cancellations must be made by telephone call.

**Live Streaming:** this season, a lot more clubs are live streaming their matches on you tube and other platforms. Whilst this opens up league cricket even more, please be aware of safeguarding, especially as we have over 500 under 18s registered, some may have parents who not given photographic or social media permission .

**The cricket club that wishes to live stream are responsible for obtaining prior approval**, from both teams, the umpires and scorers at **least 48 hours** before the match to allow enough time to get player consents. If there are any

objections - even if it is just one person, the streaming / photographing / recording should not take place. Do not assume that you will get permission - you must ask in advance.

Where you stream or capture images or recordings of children, you will need to take account of safeguarding . Some players may not be able to be recorded for various reasons, possibly through court orders/adoptions etc. It is also highly likely that you will want to record things like boundaries and lost wickets but there is potential for embarrassment and distress that you will need to consider particularly with under 18s and possibly vulnerable adults.

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2022/02/14/8f153276-1990-418c-ac19-360b382915e0/ECB-Live-Streaming-Guidance-September-2021-.pdf>

**Social Media:** Social Media can enhance your clubs profile and a great way to share news, however we have been aware of some unsuitable use of twitter and Instagram where clubs have put inappropriate comments and videos on aimed at opponents. This does fall under the recreational conduct regulations and the league will take appropriate action if necessary. Please share you social media policy with your members so they understand where the line is and they are not bring your club or the league into disrepute.

**Drinking:** There have again been 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. Players/Umpires must not smoke or vape on the field of play

Sorry this has been a lengthy update, but I hope it covers all the queries, I received in the last couple of weeks. My inbox is always open and we try to respond as quick as we can . Please use this email address for league issues [admin@somerset-cricket.org.uk](mailto:admin@somerset-cricket.org.uk)

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