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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

Sun-Mon-Tues June 7-9 v Herefordshire at Eastnor
Sun-Mon-Tues June 21-23 v Wales at Bridgnorth
Sun-Mon-Tues July 5-7 v Devon at Shinal
Sun-Mon-Tues July 26-28 v Berkshire at Finchampstead
Sun-Mon-Tues August 9-11 v Dorset at Bournemouth
Sun-Mon-Tues August 23-25 v Cheshire at Whitchurch

Minor Counties K O Trophy Competition 2009

Sunday May 3 v Bedfordshire at Shrewsbury
Sunday May 10 v Cumberland at Worthington
Sunday May 17 v Cheshire at Wem
Sunday May 31 v Oxfordshire at Challow & Childrey

Should Shropshire qualify for the latter stages of the Knock-Out competition, these will take place on the following dates:

Quarter-Finals - Sunday June 14th
Semi-Finals - Sunday July 19th

**"Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League"
Representative Eleven**

League Cricket Conference - Cedric Rhoades K O Trophy 2009

First Round - Sunday, 5th July
v North Somerset League (Away)

Second Round - Sunday, 26th July
Winners v Shropshire Cricket League or
Bristol & District League (Away)

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**SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE
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The Executive Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the twelve Member Clubs and the SCB Association of Cricket Officials plus the Ex Officio Officers i.e. the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary / Treasurer and Fixtures Compiler.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**CONSTITUTION
RULES
CRICKET BALLS** } Ex Officio members plus Executive Committee
Members, Umpires Representative
and delegate to the Shropshire Cricket Board.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice-Chairman
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Messrs. Kitson (Chairman), Robinson & Sheehy (Umpires Rep)

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DELEGATE TO THE BIRMINGHAM PREMIER LEAGUE: Vacant

FOREWORD

The vagaries of the promotion system in the ECB pyramid structure have had a major impact on the Marston's Shropshire Premier League for the 2009 season.

For the first time in our history, we will be operating with 14-member clubs – a number which many people feel is unwieldy.

With last year's champions Reman Services deciding not to take up the option of promotion to the Birmingham League, and Oswestry rejoining us after being relegated, we were left in an invidious position.

It was obviously unfair – and against the league's constitution – to relegate Newtown, the side which had finished next to bottom of the Marston's League. And with Much Wenlock having comfortably survived a vote which would have seen them thrown out on the grounds of having fallen behind schedule with the upgrading of their facilities, we were left with 13 clubs.

As the number of days cricket played in the league would have been the same with 14 clubs as 13, the executive committee made the entirely logical decision to go for the higher number.

However, it is a far from satisfactory situation, and so the league's management committee has made a revolutionary proposal to form a Division Two for First and Second XIs for the start of the 2010 season.

By the time you read this, the clubs will hopefully have voted in favour of this proposal. The management committee felt it was the only way forward to restore the 12-club system which has worked so well since the league's formation, without having to face the possibility of relegating five or six teams at the end of season – something which would have been totally unmanageable for the FBC Manby Bowdler Shropshire League.

I would like to congratulate Reman Services on a highly successful 2008 season, which saw them win both Division One and the Reserve Division. Similarly, a warm welcome to Shropshire League champions Allscott – I'm sure they will more than hold their own at the higher level.

Thanks must go to our new sponsors Marston's, who have made a major financial commitment to this league. I know they are pleased with the way things have gone in their first season, and I am delighted that several clubs have switched to Marston's as the main supplier to their bars.

The Shrewsbury Chronicle is also due our gratitude for its continued sponsorship of our 20-20 knockout. For 2009 this competition has been restricted to members of this league, to the exclusion of the Birmingham League clubs.

I would like to thank the Shropshire Star and the Chronicle series for the huge amount of space they devoted to this league throughout 2008. It's a pity the same can't be said of Radio Shropshire, whose coverage of cricket in their Sunday morning bulletin has been lamentable. Let's hope they get their act together this time around.

The shortage of umpires in this league continues to be a major concern, and the introduction of a second division is hardly going to help the situation. Mike Sheehy works extremely hard to make sure there are two umpires at every Division One game – but if this is to continue, the clubs themselves must put people forward to fill the breach left by those who have hung up the white coat.

Finally I hope all clubs enjoy the 2009 campaign – let's hope for some decent weather after the miserable times we've had to endure over the last two years.

Mike Robinson
Chairman, Marston's SPCL



 **SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2009**

1. TITLE:

The title shall be 'The Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League' (Hereinafter referred to as 'the league').

2. OBJECTIVE:

To foster and maintain Club Cricket in Shropshire and surrounding areas.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- a) The League shall normally consist of 12 member clubs, each with two elevens, but in respect that this League is now an integral part of 'the Birmingham and District League' pyramid system, the numerical situation may be subject to change, as decreed by this Leagues Executive Committee.
- b) This League shall normally consist of two divisions, namely 'Division One' and 'The Reserve Division'.
- c) The number of clubs in membership shall only be increased if the Executive on the recommendation and guidance of the Constitution Committee so decide after investigating the merits of each application. The Executive Committee shall have the power to refuse any application for membership and is not bound to give, any reason.
- d) Clubs wishing to resign from the League shall give notice in writing to the League Secretary by 31st October in the preceding year.
- e) Clubs desiring admission to the League must, via the promotion system, must comply with the latest version of the document, governing 'The Ground and Facility Criteria', as agreed upon in 2002, by 'The Shropshire Cricket Board', 'The Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League' and 'The Shropshire Cricket League'.
- f) The Executive Committee reserves the right to ask any Club to resign if, in its opinion the general conduct of appointments of such a Club do not satisfy the requirements of the League. In the event of any complaints against a member of the Club, that Club shall receive 14 days prior notice of the Committees' intentions to hear that complaint, and will be invited to send a representative to attend that part of the meeting hearing the complaint. This action shall be in addition to any steps taken under 'Rules for the Conduct of Matches'.

- g. Any Club ceasing to be a member of the League, shall at once forfeit any rights of participation in the assets of the League.

h. **The Pyramid System**

- i) At the conclusion of each season, this League Division One Champions, will be afforded the opportunity, if they so wish, of being promoted to The Birmingham Premier League, which will automatically include their respective second elevens.

Also at the conclusion of each season, the bottom placed club, in this Leagues Division One, shall be subject to relegation, along with their respective second eleven, to The Shropshire Cricket League.

NOTE: The latter situation will only apply, in the event, of one of this leagues former member clubs, returning to this league, via the relegation system.

- ii) At the conclusion of each season, The Shropshire Cricket League's Division One Champions, along with their respective second elevens, shall be afforded the opportunity of being promoted to The Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League. With the proviso, that such a clubs facilities comply with the Documents, Governing The Ground and Facility Criteria, as stated in membership 3.e).
- iii) The facilities of clubs desiring to attain membership of this League, via the promotion system, from The Shropshire Cricket League, shall be inspected by a sub-committee, set-up by The Shropshire Cricket Board, who under the guidance of the aforementioned Document, Governing The Ground and Facility Criteria, will advise on the suitability or otherwise of such clubs aspiring to become members of the Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League. The final decision of their acceptance will then be made by the SPCL Executive Committee.
- iv) All applicant clubs failing to comply with The Ground and Facility Criteria requirements, at the time of inspection by The Shropshire Cricket Board; Ground Sub-committee, must give written notice to the respective secretaries of The Shropshire Cricket Board, The Shropshire Cricket League and the Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League, by no later than 31st October of each year, that all or any outstanding works and/or requirements, as identified by the said Grounds Sub-Committee, will be completed

and/or fulfilled, by no later than 1st March, the following year.

- v) Any such club, which has been provisionally accepted for promotion to The Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League, but fails to complete the said work and/or fulfil the said requirements by March 1st, of the following year, shall not be eligible for promotion relative to the forthcoming season, and its application for promotion will be deemed rejected.
- vi) In the event of the League Division One Champions, for one reason or another, declining the opportunity of promotion, they may remain in this League, with the proviso, that they make their intentions known, no later than 31st October, in such circumstances, and providing that no club is relegated from "The Birmingham League", the bottom placed Division One Club, would not be relegated.
- vii) **Former member clubs participating in The Birmingham Premier League** - Should any of this Leagues former member clubs, apply to return to this League, other than via the relegation system, their application will be accepted, with the proviso, that any such application, is put in writing to this Leagues Secretary, no later than October 31st, in any such year. This acceptance will be valid only until the conclusion of the 2010 season (ie 31st October 2010).

NOTES:

- A. Relative to 6/7 of the Pyramid System, as aforementioned, should either of these circumstances arise in the same year, that none of the Leagues former clubs are relegated back to this League, the bottom placed club, will not be relegated.
- B. Also relative to 6/7 of this Pyramid System, should either, or one of these circumstances arise in the same year, that sees one of this leagues former clubs relegated back to this League, via the relegation system, the bottom placed club shall be relegated.

4. OFFICERS

- a) The Officers of the League shall consist of the President, The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary/ Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Fixture Secretary and Results Co-ordinator, all of whom, with the exception of the President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The President shall be elected by the Executive Committee.
- b) Honorary Life Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee in recognition of past services to the League and shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.
- c) An Honorary Legal Adviser shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) The League shall be governed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers named in 4(a) above, representatives nominated by each member Club and a delegate nominated by the SCB Association of Cricket Officials.
- b) Any officer named in 4(a) above and delegate nominated by the SCB of Cricket Officials shall declare his interest in any Member Club.
- c) Not more than one representative from anyone Club shall serve on this Committee, with the exception of the officers named in 4(a).
- d) In his absence a representative may appoint a deputy to attend meetings on his behalf.
- e) Nine members shall form a quorum.
- f) At least ten days notice of meetings shall be given, such meetings to take place on the last Monday in the following months - January, March, June, September and October.
- g) The Executive Committee shall be entitled to co-opt and may form sub-committees who's proposals shall be reported to the Executive Committee for ratification, with the exception of the Protest/Disciplinary sub-committee who will make decisions should the need arise according to the Code of Conduct of the League.

- h) A Sub-Committee shall be formally appointed by the Executive Committee, with full power to deal with any matters or issues which may arise and which are not provided for in these rules.
- i) Not more than one representative of each Member Club (or his deputy) shall be entitled to vote.
- j) Any officer named in 4(a) and delegate nominated by the Shropshire Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers shall be entitled to vote, providing they are not involved in the issue being debated.
- k) The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or if both are absent, a deputy appointed by the Committee shall preside at all Executive meetings and shall have a casting vote.
- l) The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- m) Clubs are requested to name their Representative and Deputy along with the relevant information - e.g. addresses and telephone numbers, to the League Secretary by the first week in January, in any year.
- n) Clubs must ensure that they are represented at all executive meetings. Failure to attend any such meeting will result in that club being fined £20 on each occasion.
- o) In the interests of continuity, Clubs may if they so wish be represented by both their Official Representative and their Deputy on the condition that only the former or in his absence the Deputy having the power to vote on his Club's behalf at any such meetings.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year.
- b) Twenty-eight clear days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all member clubs.
- c) Nominations for officers must be received by the League Secretary not later than seven clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Proposals for alterations to the constitution must be received by the League Secretary 42 days before the Annual General Meeting; the proposed alterations to the constitution shall be circulated to all member clubs at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.

- e) Proposals for alterations to the constitution must receive a two thirds majority of the votes cast before acceptance and can only be considered at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- f) Not more than one representative of each Member Club or his deputy shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote, but no other person shall have more than one vote.
- g) If it is thought desirable that only certain Member Clubs should vote on a particular matter, this restriction shall only be permitted with the specific consent of the Annual General Meeting.
- h) Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- i) Nine Member Clubs shall form a quorum.

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- a) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee and/or Management Committee, or on receipt by the League Secretary of a written request signed by not less than a third of the Member Clubs, stating the reason for which the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called.
- b) The provisions applicable to the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of 6(a), shall also apply to an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever such a meeting is convened.

8. FINANCE

- a) The subscription from each Club shall be £20.00 per team per annum, or as determined by the Executive Committee and shall be due as payable on the 1st May each year.
- b) If the League income from subscriptions is insufficient to meet League requirements, a further levy may be made on each Club, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- c) The funds of the League shall be dealt with by and through an account with a bank, in the name of the League. Cheques may be drawn on two signatures, the Chairman, League Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be the authorised signatories.
- d) The financial year shall end on 31st October, after which the accounts will be audited by an Honorary Auditor who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

9. REPORTS AND AUDIT

An Annual Report and audited accounts shall be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

10. TROPHIES

- a) Team Cups and shields respectively, together with individual trophies will be awarded at the end of each season to the champions and runners-up in both Divisions.
- b) In addition there shall be awards for Young Player of the Year, the English qualified batsman and English qualified bowler who have scored the most league runs and the bowler who has taken most league wickets during the season.
- c) A fair play team award shall be made at the end of each season and will be awarded following adjudication by member club delegates to the Executive Committee upon the instructions of their clubs.
- d) All trophies should be returned in good condition to the League Secretary not later than 30th September. Failure to do so may result in that Club being invoiced for the cost of a new trophy.

11. FIXTURES

- a) All League matches will be played on the dates published in the League Handbook unless agreed as in (b) below.
- b) Clubs wishing to re-arrange a published fixture must **BOTH** give written notice to the League Secretary not less than ten days before the date of the proposed alteration. Such changes must receive the sanction of the Management Committee who will only allow them in exceptional circumstances.
- c) Clubs not fulfilling fixtures shall be fined £50.00 for a first offence, £75.00 for a second offence and shall face expulsion from the League for a third offence. Any club fielding a Third XI in another League on a date when they have failed to fulfil a First or Second XI fixture in the Marston's Shropshire Premier League shall be liable to expulsion from the Marston's League.
- d) In the event of a Marston's Shropshire Premier League club qualifying for the final of the National Club Championship Trophy, any club desirous of re-arranging their League fixtures for that day may do so.



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THE SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE



CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The Code of Conduct defines the standards required of clubs, players and officials. It is deemed to clubs and provisions of "The Preamble – The Spirit of the Game".
2. All Member Clubs and their players must uphold the constitution and playing rules of the League.
3. All Member Clubs, players and officials must accept that
 - a) Cricket within the League is played in a competitive manner at the highest level in regard to personal conduct and sportsmanship.
 - b) They are responsible for ensuring that the spirit and the laws of the game are upheld at all times. Prime responsibility lies with the team captain, on the field of play and within the club premises, and in any connection with the game.
 - c) Positive action is required by clubs to uphold the highest standards of behaviour. Both captains and clubs may be liable to disciplinary action for offences committed by players.
 - d) Registration of players deems acceptance and understanding of the code of practice by each player so registered. Registration is for the complete season, and is not transferable between clubs during the season, unless both clubs involved and the player are completely agreed on the transfer.
 - i) The Management Committee will arbitrate in the event of exceptional circumstances regarding registration and transfer of players.
4. Clubs, players and officials must understand at all times that the following behaviour is NOT acceptable, and non compliance will be deemed to be a disciplinary offence.
 - a) The use of crude, obscene or foul language on the field of play and within the premises of the club.
 - b) Any form of abuse, by action or word directed at the opposition, an umpire or members of the public.
 - c) Any show of petulance, anger, disgust in a dissenting way against an umpire, opponent or team-mate when a decision is made for or against a player.

5. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of players, members and spectators at all times. It is the responsibility of each club to acquaint their players and members of the Code of Conduct.
6. Clubs are expected to instigate their own internal enquiry when the standards in the Code of Conduct are not complied with, and, if misconduct has been proven, to impose punishment compatible with the said misconduct. The action taken by the club will be considered by the League Protest/Disciplinary Committee which will take any further action it considers necessary.
7. Any Club, Player or Official dealt with by the League Protest/Disciplinary Committee shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee which shall comprise of three members of the League Management Committee other than those Management Committee Members serving on the Protest/Disciplinary Committee. Any appeal must be made no later than seven days after notification of the decision of the Protest/Disciplinary Committee has been received.
8. The decision of the Appeals Committee is binding on all parties and is not subject to any further right of appeal.
9. The League Executive Committee shall be empowered to take action against any club or individual member of a club, who make derogatory or disparaging media statements or comments regarding match officials.

If a case is found to be proved, clubs and/or individuals will be found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute, and will be liable to points deductions, and or suspension, and or a financial penalty.

The penalty for clubs will include a deduction of up to a maximum of 50 league points, on each and every occasion, which may be suspended for twelve months from the date of the incident, at the discretion of the protest/disciplinary committee. A repeat occurrence would invoke the suspension.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. The umpire's panel organiser will inform the Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman by Sunday evening (latest) of any problem where he feels action would be appropriate.
Note: If the complaint is from any other source (clubs, spectators etc., the same procedure shall apply). All complaints direct to the Protest / Disciplinary Committee Chairman.

2. The Protest / Disciplinary Committee Chairman will notify the relevant Club Secretary or Management Committee delegate member by phone confirming the details of any complaint. He will then confirm the details of any discussion in writing with the least delay. The Protest / Disciplinary Committee Chairman puts committee on standby for following Monday.
3. The Club involved will be allowed until the following Sunday to confirm to the Protest/Disciplinary Chairman any actions they have taken (this would allow the offending player to play one more game).
4. On receipt of actions taken (no reply means no action taken) the Protest / Disciplinary Committee Chairman will contact his committee and the umpires panel organiser and they will assess whether the actions taken are sufficient and satisfactory (if yes, the issue ends once confirmation of details are passed to the appropriate sources).
5. If the Protest / Disciplinary Committee are not satisfied with the actions taken they will sit on the Monday evening to consider the issue in full. Clubs must be aware all suspensions will commence the following Saturday. (The Protest / Disciplinary Committee Chairman puts the Appeals Committee on standby).
6. The Protest / Disciplinary Committee inform the appropriate clubs of decisions taken.
7. Any appeals are to be heard by the end of the same week. The decisions must be final (clubs who select players pending appeal must withdraw the player if the appeal is unsuccessful).
8. Should a player be deemed by the umpires to be not complying with "the spirit of the game", to such an extent of bringing the game into disrepute, the umpires shall inform the player concerned, and the captain, at the time of the incident, that he will be reported to the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee, within four days of such an incident taking place. Should a player be reported twice, in this way, during the season, **he will receive an automatic one match ban.**
 A player reported, relative to the aforementioned, shall have the right of appeal, providing he or his club, put any such appeal in writing, to the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee, within four days of his being reported.
 In any such instances, the Disciplinary Committees decision shall be final and binding.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

In the case of knock-out competitions the procedure will be the same. The knock-out fixture will be treated as if played on the next Saturday to enable it to fit into the disciplinary time table.

RULES AND PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

1. GENERAL

The Rules and Arrangements set out below will apply to both Divisions of the League from 1st April 2009, and will continue until officially amended on the authority of the League Executive Committee.

2. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(a) No player shall be brought in from an outside League to play in the League during the playing season without first obtaining the written consent of the League Management Committee of the League. An exemption will be made to this rule for clubs with teams competing in another league.

(b) All players must be registered on the correct signing-on form, which shall be submitted to the league secretary. No player will be allowed to play in a First XI game before his signing-on form has been received by the league secretary. Players may be registered to play in Second XI matches on the day, as long as the registration form is counter-signed by the opposing captain. If a player takes part in a game without the appropriate registration procedure having been carried out, the matter will be dealt with by the league management committee. No permission will be granted to register players after 17th July 2009. Should however exceptional circumstances arise, in regard to the aforementioned, these will be dealt with and adjudicated upon by the League Management committee.

(i) Transfer Forms - issued by the League - are to be completed by both clubs and acknowledged by the League Management Committee before players are eligible to play - any such transfers are to be completed within seven days.

(c) Any bona fide member of a club may take part in League matches provided that:

(i) Transfer of players -see Code of Conduct.

(ii) If he has played in 12 or more first team matches, he shall not be allowed to play in any of the last three second eleven matches without the approval of the League Management Committee.

(iii) **Only one overseas player**, not qualifying under the following shall be allowed to play for a Member Club in any League or Chronicle Cup 20/20 KO Competition game at anyone time, however a player may not be considered an overseas player should he conform, with the following criteria:-

(1) He has been resident in this country for a period of **twenty four consecutive months** before the date of his request for registration.

(2) He has not been out of this country for longer than 28 days consecutively or 56 days in total during the previous twenty four months.

(3) Any remuneration he receives from playing cricket, is not his main source of income.

Should a player, although not qualifying to play for England under the current ECB regulations, conform with the three aforementioned criteria, he will be considered a 'bona-fide' Club Member.

Clubs must ensure that the requisite form concerning their overseas player, if any, is fully completed and returned to the League Secretary prior to the start of the season.

(4) OVERSEAS PLAYERS

A club if they so desire, may register more than one overseas player per season, on the understanding that only one player relative to this category may play in a division one or reserve division match, at any one time the same applies to the Shrewsbury Chronicle Knock-Out Trophy Competition.

(5) OVERSEAS PLAYERS - HOLDING U K PASSPORTS

In line with the league cricket conference regulations, with which this league is compliant, a player residing Overseas and holding a UK passport, who visits the UK to play cricket during our playing season, will still be regarded an Overseas player, unless under such circumstances, he obtains clearance, in writing from the League Cricket Conference, that he is qualified to play league cricket in the UK, and not be deemed an Overseas player.

3. RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ALL MATCHES

- (a) In all matches – each captain will nominate his players on the team sheet card provided, denoting the overseas player, if any, and all players under the age of nineteen, with their date of birth, the team sheet card must be handed to the umpires before the toss is made.
- (b) All matches in both divisions, shall be played in accordance with the laws of cricket (2003 code), and subject to points hereafter stipulated.
- (c) No underarm bowling will be allowed in the League.
- (d)
 - (i) The Executive Committee shall have the discretion to call a match void if they deem it necessary and may award or deduct points at their discretion.
 - (ii) In games with panel umpires officiating (e.g. Division One Games) umpires are instructed to apply a strict and consistent interpretation of the law covering 'Wide Ball' in order to prevent negative bowling, especially down the leg side.
The following criteria should be adopted as a guide to umpires -
 - (a) If in the umpire's opinion the ball passes either side of the wicket, sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the batsman to play a normal 'cricketing stroke' - both from where he is standing and where he should normally be standing at the crease, the umpire shall call and signal 'wide-ball'.
 - (b) If the ball passes over head height of the batsman - standing up right at the crease, the umpire shall call and signal 'no-ball'.
 - (c) After the toss has been made umpires officiating in Division One games shall be the sole arbiters of ground, weather and light conditions and are instructed that play shall not start, re-start or proceed when rain is falling.

4. HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- (a) All matches inclusive of Saturday, April 18th through to Saturday August 29th shall commence at 1.00 pm. All matches inclusive of Saturday September 5th through to Saturday September 26th shall commence at 12.30 pm.
- (b) Prompt starts are essential and the toss for innings shall take place at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time. In the event of a team not being able to comply, the

opposing team may, if it so wishes, exercise the right to claim the toss. Clubs who arrive late with out a satisfactory explanation will be dealt with by the Executive Committee who may deduct two points from the record of the offending club.

- (c)
 - (i) The duration of play shall be limited to 100 six ball overs; with in normal circumstances an interval for tea between innings, such an interval may be reduced, with the agreement of both captains and umpire.
 - (ii) In a 100 over match the side batting first may if they so wish, bat a maximum of 50 overs, with an interval of 30 minutes, for tea, between innings.
 - (iii) In reduced over matches the side batting first may if they so wish receive a maximum of half the overs that constitute the match, the least number of overs to constitute a match shall be fifty.
 - (iv) The side balling second shall utilise the balance of the overs not used by the side batting first. Any odd balls bowled shall constitute an over.
 - (v) In conjunction with the scorers, the umpires shall ensure that the recording of overs and runs is correctly made and adequately displayed.
Before the first ball of the last over of each innings, the umpires shall call 'last over' clearly so that both sides understand.
 - (vi) Captains may agree to reduce the overs before the toss takes place only if in their opinion, and the opinion of the umpires the weather conditions so indicate. In these circumstances the provisions of Rule 5 will have no bearing unless 30 minutes have been lost after the start of play. The minimum number of overs to constitute a match shall be fifty. **In a match of 100 overs, the full 50 overs per side MUST be played, unless adverse weather conditions make this impossible.**

5. DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED STARTS

- (a) In the event of bad weather causing a delayed start or an interruption, the total overs in the match shall be reduced by one for every three minutes and 30 seconds (or part thereof) of time lost. Guidance in the form of table and data is printed at the end of these playing conditions.
- (b) Where the start of a match is delayed, due to inclement weather, the number of overs available to each side shall be equal. This shall be calculated from the overs chart on a basis of one over per three minutes and 30 seconds of playing time assuming an 8pm finish for a match starting at 1pm, with a 30 minute tea interval. If subsequent interruptions mean that there is insufficient time for the team batting second to receive a minimum of 25 overs, either captain, at his request, may be given the opportunity to play to secure a win. Should a win not be secured, the match shall be deemed to be abandoned.
- (c) No game may start unless a minimum of 50 overs (25 overs each side) is possible based on a countback of three minutes and 30 seconds per over from 8pm. No game may start after 4.55pm (minimum 50 overs plus 10 minute break between innings, assuming tea has already been taken).
- (d) Where a match is interrupted, due to inclement weather, during the innings of the side batting first, they shall still be entitled to their full allocation of overs, agreed at the start of the game. The calculation for overs remaining shall be taken from the chart and will be proportional to the time left.
- (e) Once the first innings is completed, the overs allocated to the team batting second, and the time allowed to bowl them, shall be calculated using the chart. This is subject to a maximum of 50 overs or less if the team batting first were allocated less. Exceptions to this would be in the event of a first innings declaration or an innings completion in less than the allocated number of overs. Once the calculation has been made, the allocation shall be treated as a maximum, which shall not be exceeded even if time would allow.
- (f) When the first innings has been completed, in less than the scheduled time allowed, and the second innings is suspended, due to poor weather or bad light, time 'saved' from the first innings should be taken into account. In this instance, when play is suspended in the second innings, there will be no reduction of playing time until the expiration of the 'saved' time from the first innings eg if 15 minutes were 'saved' in the first innings, there will be no overs reduction, in the second innings, until 15 minutes has expired.
- (g) If play is suspended, in the second innings, and time has been 'saved' in the second innings, the cut-off time remains the same as it was, when agreed by the Umpires at the tea interval.
- (h) If play is suspended during an over, then when the remaining number of overs is calculated before a resumption of play, any balls not bowled in the incompleting over shall be added to the new number of overs.
- (i) In all recalculations, the Umpires may adjust the targeted finishing time, which may include extending the deadline beyond 8pm, if the time has been lost for reasons other than ground, weather and light.
- (j) In their calculations, the umpires shall aggregate all interruptions for bad weather and shall count all fractions of overs as completed overs. If it, subsequently, transpires that the target has been miscalculated, the original target will stand.
- (k) If the first innings is interrupted for any reason, and time is lost, a target for a winning draw must be agreed by Umpires, Scorers and Captains before the second innings may commence. If it, subsequently, transpires that the target has been miscalculated, the original target will stand.
- (l) If the second innings is interrupted, for any reason, play may not recommence until a revised target for a winning draw has been agreed between the umpires, scorers and captains.

**GUIDELINES FOR UMPIRE & CAPTAINS FOR MATCHES
WHICH ARE DELAYED AT THE START DUE TO POOR
WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Minutes Lost	Overs Remaining	Minutes Lost	Overs Remaining
3½	99	91	74
7	98	94½	73
10½	97	98	72
14	96	101½	71
17½	95	105	70
21	94	108½	69
24½	93	112	68
28	92	115½	67
31½	91	119	66
35	90	122½	65
38½	89	126	64
42	88	129½	63
45½	87	133	62
49	86	136½	61
52½	85	140	60
56	84	143½	59
59½	83	147	58
63	82	150½	57
66½	81	154	56
70	80	157½	55
73½	79	161	54
77	78	164½	53
80½	77	168	52
84	76	171½	51
87½	75	175	50

**GUIDELINES FOR UMPIRES & CAPTAINS FOR MATCHES
WHERE A RECALCULATION IS REQUIRED**

Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost	Minutes Lost	Overs Lost
3½	1	63	18	122½	35
7	2	66½	19	126	36
10½	3	70	20	129½	37
14	4	73½	21	133	38
17½	5	77	22	136½	39
21	6	80½	23	140	40
24½	7	84	24	143½	41
28	8	87½	25	147	42
31½	9	91	26	150½	43
35	10	94½	27	154	44
38½	11	98	28	157½	45
42	12	101½	29	161	46
45½	13	105	30	164½	47
49	14	108½	31	168	48
52½	15	112	32	171½	49
56	16	115½	33	175	50
59½	17	119	34		

6. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

Maximum points available in a single game - 20

WIN	20 pt's
WINNING DRAW	8 pt's + bonus points
LOSING DRAW	4 pt's + bonus points
TIE	6 pt's + bonus points
LOSS	Bonus points only
ABANDONED GAME	5 points to each side, plus bonus points

BONUS POINTS

a) Batting: 125 Runs - 1 point, 150 runs - 2 points, 175 runs - 3 points, 200 runs - 4 points, 225 runs - 5 points.

b) Bowling: 2 wickets - 1 point, 4 wickets - 2 points, 6 wickets - 3 points, 8 wickets - 4 points, 10 wickets - 5 points.

c) Scorers: In Division One matches only - sides will gain one bonus point in each match, if they provide an official scorer (not a player), throughout the duration of the match.

NOTE: This bonus point will only be awarded in matches where at least 20 overs have been bowled, unless one team has been dismissed.

NOTE: The four points for a losing draw shall only be awarded if the side batting second scores 75% of the total scored by the side batting first, failure to reach this figure will result in the award of bonus points only.

7. OVER RATE:

In Division 1 games only, overs are required to be bowled at a minimum average of 17 per hour. Note: One minute shall be deducted in respect of the fielding sides overall time, for each wicket taken, this being in addition to any time lost, deemed by the umpires not to have been the fault of the fielding side. Clubs will be assessed at three points during the season, i.e. after 8, 15 and 22 matches. Clubs failing to achieve the required rate at each assessment point will have 8 points deducted from their total on each occasion.

The three assessments will be based on the actual number of innings completed during the assessment period, and calculations for the next assessment will start from zero i.e. no plus or minus overs will be carried forward (This will apply to all clubs, whether they have achieved the required rate or not) Any deduction of points required to be made will be made at the conclusion of each assessment period, and will be shown in published league tables, as early as possible after any such points deductions are made.

8. RESTRICTION ON PLACEMENT OF FIELDERS

(a) Applicable to all Division One and Reserve Division One matches In all league fixtures, at the instant of delivery a minimum of four fielders plus the wicket-keeper and bowler must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump, each with a radius of thirty yards and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch In the event of an infringement the square leg umpire shall call and signal 'no-bail'.

The fielding circles may be marked by white painted dots at five yard intervals, or preferably by white plastic or rubber discs, not metal, measuring approximately seven inches in diameter.

(b) Fielding Regulations

For reference, the ECB Fielding Regulations are as follows:

No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.

For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).

These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.

Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.

IN ADDITION ANY YOUNG PLAYER IN THE Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales.

9. THE BALL

Two new balls purchased through the League shall be used or division one and reserve division games. The match ball must be handed to either umpire at the fall of each wicket.

10. UMPIRES

a. An umpire may be required to satisfy the league Management Committee as to his competence either on appointment or at any time thereafter.

- b. If one side provides an umpire and the other side does not provide one, that one umpire should be the official umpire for the match and should stand at the bowler's end throughout the match.
- c. Umpires should be responsible for noting and recording the over rate - viz overs bowled and time taken - and will be required to note this information on the official league Score Sheet and post to the league Fixture Secretary
- d. The SCB Association of Cricket Officials will be responsible for appointing umpires to all Division One and Shrewsbury Chronicle Cup 20/20 Knockout fixtures.
- e. Umpires will receive an expense allowance of 80% of the Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League amount. For the 2009 season this will be £28 per umpire per match. Clubs must pay the umpires allowance before the commencement of the match, and must be paid even when no play is possible.
- f. In the event of an Umpire, standing alone, in Division One matches. He shall receive one and a half of the normal match expenses fee.
- g. Whenever possible, in Division One matches, a separate table shall be made available, relative to the tea interval, for Umpires and Scorers.

11. PREPARATION OF PITCHES

- a. Preparation of pitches must be in accordance with the MCC laws and Instruction Pitches should not be watered in the 48 hour period preceding any match.
- b. Pitches may be wholly covered at all times where possible. Before the toss is made, the home Captain should advise his opposite number whether covers are available.
- c. The protected area relative to the bowler's follow through, shall be marked and denoted - five feet in front of the popping crease, one foot either side of middle stump on the bowling crease.

12. PLAYERS CROSSING

The incoming batsman must pass the outgoing batsman, before the latter leaves the field of play.

13. CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

In the event of any ground being unfit for play owing to weather or other circumstances it shall be the responsibility of the home club to inform both the visiting club and the match umpires of this fact. Failure to follow this procedure will result in umpires' expenses being charged if they attend after a match has been called off.

Inspection should be carried out on the day of the match - **NOT before, 10.00 am** in matches commencing at 1.00 pm and **NOT before, 9.30 am** in matches commencing at 12.30 pm. Opponents have the option to travel.

14. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS (IMPORTANT)

a. Division One Matches

It shall be the responsibility of the Match Umpires, in Division One matches, to telephone the scores of matches, along with the relevant details, as soon as possible on Saturday evenings, to the Results Co-ordinator - Mike Robinson on 01691 662159, an answering service will be available to receive your call. Should there be a problem with getting through to Mike, on the aforementioned number, please contact him on his mobile 07971 559657.

Division One Result Sheets, must be signed by both captains and match officials at the end of matches and handed to the Match Umpires, who will then forward them to the Results Secretary (Craig Simms).

b. Reserve Division

It shall be the responsibility of the home club to telephone the Results Co-ordinator - Mike Robinson as soon as possible on Saturday evenings, informing him of the results and details of Reserve Division matches played on the same day. Mike's contact telephone number is 01691 662159, mobile 07971 559657.

Also in respect of Reserve Division matches, it is the Home Club's responsibility, to include full details of matches played, abandoned or postponed on the score sheet issued by the league, and signed by both Captains and Umpires, this score sheet must reach the Results Secretary - Craig Simms, 37 Wellsfield, Woodside, Telford, Shropshire, TF7 5LZ, and received by him no later than the Friday following the completion of league matches, failure to comply with any of the aforementioned, will result in a fine of £10.00, on each occasion they fail to comply.

In our efforts to maintain the standards of the league, Clubs should make every effort to notify "The Shropshire Star" of the results of their game by the Monday deadline.

- c. All home clubs (first and second XI's), shall enter a full score card on their Play Cricket web site within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

15. LIMITATION OF OVERS BOWLED BY A BOWLER IN LEAGUE MATCHES

No Bowler may bowl more than a third of the overs, in any one innings, relative to the agreed duration of the match, prior to the toss taking place.

The one exception to the aforementioned being, that in the event of the second innings being curtailed, due to the loss of 30 minutes or more in play, due to inclement weather conditions, so reducing the number of overs the side batting second may receive, in such circumstances, a bowler may bowl more than a third of the overs, providing he does not bowl more than the allotted ratio agreed prior to the toss.

16. COVERING/PREPARATION OF PITCHES

Each Club shall provide leak proof covers, of sufficient area, as to cover the entire pitch, which should be covered from the Thursday evening, prior to League Matches getting underway, for not necessarily the time span aforementioned, as the covers may be removed for drying purposes during this period, at the discretion of the Groundsman.

Note: Pitches should be marked and denoted, as shown in the diagram on page 39 published in the handbook, with Home Clubs being responsible for setting up, both sets of wickets, before the start of the match.

The Home Club shall also be responsible, if so required, for the sweeping and re-marking of creases, plus the use of the roller, between innings, if requested to do so, re., the aforementioned, the match will not restart, until this work has been completed.

17. RESERVE DIVISION - UMPIRES

Clubs failing to provide an Official Umpire, on more than six occasions during the Season, shall be fined 2 points, each time the default, over and above the aforementioned six matches, provision to record this, will appear on the back of the Official Result Sheet.

18. CLOCK

a. All Member Clubs are expected to have a working clock on their ground, sufficient in size, to be readily visible by players and umpires, during the course of League matches.

b. In the event of an Umpire standing alone in a Division One match, he shall receive one and a half of the normal match expenses fee.

c. Whenever possible, in Division One matches, a separate table shall be made available for the use of the Umpires and Scorers during the tea interval.

19. LEAGUE POSITIONAL PLACINGS

In the event of two or more teams having acquired the same number of points return in the league table, the following factors shall be used to determine their final place in the league table: Firstly - most wins, secondly - least defeats, thirdly - most winning draws, fourthly - most away wins, If still equal, the points tally of league matches played that season between the teams involved, if still equal, most wickets taken during the season.

20. ARTIFICIAL PITCHES

Clubs outside Division One who wish to play a league fixture on an artificial pitch, must notify and obtain agreement from the opposing team ten days before the fixture is due to played. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the loss of points.

21. SIGHTSCREENS

Sight screens shall be operational in all league matches and will be moved by the batting side to accommodate left and right handed batsman batting together.

22. SCORERS

Division One Clubs are reminded that they are responsible for providing a competent **non-playing** scorer in all Division One fixtures. **Two people must be in the score box during the duration of the game. If this instruction is not followed, umpires may halt the game until such time as two people are in attendance in the score box.**

23. E.C.B. FAST BOWLING DIRECTIVES

It is the responsibility of the Captain to inform the umpires, prior to the commencement of the match, of the names and relevant age group of any player under the age of 19 as at midnight on 31st August of the preceding year.

Captains are expected to ensure that any fast bowler who falls within the under 19 age group and younger does not exceed the ECB Directives for maximum overs per spell, maximum overs per day and minimum rest periods between spells. If the circumstances of the match result in a situation where the available overs per day are bowled in more than the maximum number of spells it is essential that the maximum overs per spell and minimum rest period Directives are strictly followed.

In these circumstances, should the Captain refuse to withdraw the bowler, the umpire will inform the Captain that he will be in breach of the ECB Directives and therefore (a) he will personally assume full responsibility for this action including transfer of all legal liabilities to him from the umpires and (b) both Captain and bowler will be reported to the league.

On receiving such a report, the league will advise the relevant County Boards) of the breach and may impose sanctions against the Club, Captain or bowler, which may include suspension and/or deduction of points.

The definition of a fast bowler, as one to whom the wicket keeper in normal circumstances would stand back to take the ball, should be interpreted according to the age group of the bowler - for example, if the bowler is under 17 would it be reasonable to expect an under 17 wicket keeper to stand up. If Captains have any doubt as to whether a young fast bowler is covered by the Directives they should consult the County Coach for the relevant age group guidance.

Please ensure that all Club Captains and Coaches are made aware of this procedure as soon as possible.

24. PROTECTIVE HELMETS

All batsmen, close fielders and wicket keepers standing up to the stumps, under the age of 18 on the last day of August, in the year preceding in the current season, must wear protective helmets. The Shropshire Cricket Board have directed that parental consent forms, will not override this requirement.

25. TEAS

- a. The home side shall provide teas for the away side, free of charge.
- b. A separate tea table **must** be laid for umpires and scorers.

NOTE: Both a. and b. above apply to both first and second eleven matches.

These rules are binding on all players and clubs in the League and the Executive Committee, relative to the respective Sub-Committee may take action against defaulting clubs or players.



THE LAWS of CRICKET THE PREAMBLE – THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the Captain.

Responsibility of Captains

The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Players conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an Umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an Umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the Game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other Umpire and to the players Captain, and **instruct** the Captain to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the Umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair play. The Umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the **Captain** to take action where required.

3. The Umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- * Time wasting
- * Damaging the pitch
- * Dangerous or Unfair bowling
- * Tampering with the ball
- * Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- * Your opponents
- * Your own Captain and team
- * The role of the Umpire
- * The games traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- * To dispute an Umpires decision by word, action or gesture
- * To direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire
- * To indulge in cheating or any "sharp practice", for instance:
 - (a) to appeal knowing the batsman is not out
 - (b) to advance towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - (c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play

7. Players

Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

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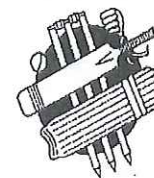
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MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE



FIXTURES 2009

18 April - Match 1

Newtown v Allscott
Shelton v Oswestry
Madeley v Quatt
Reman Services v Ludlow
Broseley v Wem
Albrighton v Bomere Heath
Much Wenlock v Welshpool

25 April - Match 2

Oswestry v Newtown
Quatt v Shelton
Ludlow v Madeley
Wem v Reman Services
Bomere Heath v Broseley
Albrighton v Welshpool
Allscott v Much Wenlock

2 May - Match 3

Newtown v Quatt
Shelton v Ludlow
Madeley v Wem
Reman Services v Bomere Heath
Welshpool v Allscott
Broseley v Albrighton
Much Wenlock v Oswestry

9 May - Match 4

Ludlow v Newtown
Wem v Shelton
Bomere Heath v Madeley
Albrighton v Reman Services
Broseley v Welshpool
Oswestry v Allscott
Quatt v Much Wenlock

16 May - Match 5

Newtown v Wem
Shelton v Bomere Heath
Madeley v Albrighton
Reman Services v Broseley
Allscott v Quatt
Much Wenlock v Ludlow
Welshpool v Oswestry

23 May - Match 6

Broseley v Madeley
Albrighton v Shelton
Bomere Heath v Newtown
Wem v Much Wenlock
Ludlow v Allscott
Quatt v Oswestry
Reman Services v Welshpool

30 May - Match 7

Newtown v Albrighton
Shelton v Broseley
Madeley v Reman Services
Welshpool v Quatt
Oswestry v Ludlow
Allscott v Wem
Much Wenlock v Bomere Heath

6 June - Match 8

Reman Services v Shelton
Broseley v Newtown
Albrighton v Much Wenlock
Bomere Heath v Allscott
Wem v Oswestry
Ludlow v Quatt
Madeley v Welshpool



**MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER
CRICKET LEAGUE**

FIXTURES 2009

13 June - Match 9

Newtown v Reman Services
Shelton v Madeley
Welshpool v Ludlow
Quatt v Wem
Oswestry v Bomere Heath
Allscott v Albrighton
Much Wenlock v Broseley

20 June - Match 10

Madeley v Newtown
Reman Services v Much Wenlock
Broseley v Allscott
Albrighton v Oswestry
Bomere Heath v Quatt
Shelton v Welshpool
Wem v Ludlow

27 June - Match 11

Newtown v Shelton
Welshpool v Wem
Ludlow v Bomere Heath
Quatt v Albrighton
Oswestry v Broseley
Allscott v Reman Services
Much Wenlock v Madeley

4 July - Match 12

Shelton v Much Wenlock
Madeley v Allscott
Reman Services v Oswestry
Bomere Heath v Wem
Broseley v Quatt
Albrighton v Ludlow
Welshpool v Newtown

11 July - Match 13

Newtown v Much Wenlock
Welshpool v Bomere Heath
Wem v Albrighton
Ludlow v Broseley
Reman Services v Quatt
Oswestry v Madeley
Allscott v Shelton

18 July - Match 14

Allscott v Newtown
Oswestry v Shelton
Quatt v Madeley
Ludlow v Reman Services
Wem v Broseley
Bomere Heath v Albrighton
Welshpool v Much Wenlock

19 July - Match 15 (Sunday)

Newtown v Oswestry
Shelton v Quatt
Madeley v Ludlow
Reman Services v Wem
Broseley v Bomere Heath
Welshpool v Albrighton
Much Wenlock v Allscott

25 July - Match 16

Quatt v Newtown
Ludlow v Shelton
Wem v Madeley
Bomere Heath v Reman Services
Allscott v Welshpool
Albrighton v Broseley
Oswestry v Much Wenlock

**MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER
CRICKET LEAGUE**

FIXTURES 2009



1 August - Match 17

Newtown v Ludlow
Shelton v Wem
Madeley v Bomere Heath
Reman Services v Albrighton
Welshpool v Broseley
Allscott v Oswestry
Much Wenlock v Quatt

2 August - Match 18 (Sunday)

Wem v Newtown
Bomere Heath v Shelton
Albrighton v Madeley
Broseley v Reman Services
Quatt v Allscott
Ludlow v Much Wenlock
Oswestry v Welshpool

8 August - Match 19

Madeley v Broseley
Shelton v Albrighton
Newtown v Bomere Heath
Much Wenlock v Wem
Allscott v Ludlow
Oswestry v Quatt
Welshpool v Reman Services

15 August - Match 20

Albrighton v Newtown
Broseley v Shelton
Reman Services v Madeley
Quatt v Welshpool
Ludlow v Oswestry
Wem v Allscott
Bomere Heath v Much Wenlock

22 August - Match 21

Shelton v Reman Services
Newtown v Broseley
Much Wenlock v Albrighton
Allscott v Bomere Heath
Oswestry v Wem
Quatt v Ludlow
Welshpool v Madeley

29 August - Match 22

Reman Services v Newtown
Madeley v Shelton
Ludlow v Welshpool
Wem v Quatt
Bomere Heath v Oswestry
Albrighton v Allscott
Broseley v Much Wenlock

5 September - Match 23

Newtown v Madeley
Much Wenlock v Reman Services
Allscott v Broseley
Oswestry v Albrighton
Quatt v Bomere Heath
Welshpool v Shelton
Ludlow v Wem

12 September - Match 24

Madeley v Much Wenlock
Shelton v Newtown
Wem v Welshpool
Bomere Heath v Ludlow
Albrighton v Quatt
Broseley v Oswestry
Reman Services v Allscott



**MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER
CRICKET LEAGUE**

FIXTURES 2009

19 September - Match 25	26 September - Match 26
Much Wenlock v Shelton	Much Wenlock v Newtown
Allscott v Madeley	Bomere Heath v Welshpool
Oswestry v Reman Services	Albrighton v Wem
Wem v Bomere Heath	Broseley v Ludlow
Quatt v Broseley	Quatt v Reman Services
Ludlow v Albrighton	Madeley v Oswestry
Newtown v Welshpool	Shelton v Allscott

Reserve Division fixtures are the reverse of first XI fixtures

2008 HONOURS

DIVISION ONE

Champions: **Reman Services**
Runners Up: **Albrighton**

RESERVE DIVISION

Champions: **Reman Services**
Runners up: **Wem**

FAIR PLAY TEAM AWARD - Madeley

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE 20/20 CUP K.O. COMPETITION

Final not played due to bad weather - held over until early 2009

2008 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MOST LEAGUE RUNS - DURING SEASON (DIVISION 1)

Steve Pugh (Madeley) - 676

MOST LEAGUE WICKETS - DURING SEASON (DIVISION 1)

Andy Wigginton (Shelton) - 52

MOST LEAGUE RUNS DURING SEASON (RESERVE DIVISION)

Mike Griffiths (Reman Services) - 447

MOST LEAGUE WICKETS DURING SEASON (RESERVE DIVISION)

Wayne Phillips Reman Services - 65

BBC RADIO SHROPSHIRE - YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ryan Lockley (Ludlow)

MARSTON'S "MOMENTS OF THE MONTH" WINNERS 2008

May - Andy Wigginton (Shelton)
 June - Craig Davis (Newtown)
 July - Steve Jones (Madeley)
 August - Jack Edwards (Ludlow)
 September - Shane Gwilt (Reman Services)

PREVIOUS YEARS' DIVISIONAL WINNERS / RUNNERS UP

DIVISION ONE.		RESERVE DIVISION ONE.	
<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
1970	Rolls Royce Newport	1970	Newport Rolls Royce
1971	Newport / Wem (TIE)	1971	Newport Wem
1972	Oswestry / Shifnal (TIE)	1972	Wellington Newport
1973	Wroxeter St. Georges	1973	Newport Wroxeter
1974	Wroxeter Newport	1974	Bridgnorth Newport
1975	Shrewsbury Wroxeter	1975	Wellington Shrewsbury
1976	Shrewsbury Bridgnorth	1976	Newport Shrewsbury
1977	Newport Shrewsbury	1977	Shrewsbury Wroxeter
1978	Shrewsbury St. Georges	1978	Bridgnorth Wroxeter
1979	Wroxeter Shrewsbury	1979	Shrewsbury Whitchurch
1980	Shrewsbury Wroxeter	1980	Whitchurch Wellington
1981	Whitchurch Newport	1981	Bridgnorth Whitchurch
1982	Shrewsbury Wem	1982	Newport Bridgnorth
1983	Shrewsbury Whitchurch	1983	Shrewsbury St. Georges
1984	Shrewsbury Shifnal	1984	Wem Newport
1985	Shrewsbury Shifnal	1985	Wroxeter Whitchurch
1986	Shrewsbury Wroxeter	1986	St. Georges Bridgnorth
1987	Shrewsbury Wem	1987	Shrewsbury Newport
1988	Wroxeter Newport	1988	Wroxeter St. Georges
1989	Newport Shrewsbury	1989	Bridgnorth St. Georges
1990	Shrewsbury Shifnal	1990	Shrewsbury Shifnal
1991	Newport Wroxeter	1991	Shifnal St. Georges
1992	Wem Shrewsbury	1992	Wroxeter Oswestry
1993	Wroxeter Shifnal	1993	Wroxeter Oswestry
1994	Wroxeter Shrewsbury	1994	Shrewsbury Oswestry
1995	Wroxeter Shrewsbury	1995	Bridgnorth Wroxeter
1996	St. Georges Perkins	1996	Bridgnorth Shifnal

PREVIOUS YEARS' DIVISIONAL WINNERS / RUNNERS UP (Cont.)

DIVISION ONE.		RESERVE DIVISION ONE.	
<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
1997	Ludlow Wroxeter	1997	Oswestry Bridgnorth
1998	Wellington Newport	1998	Bridgnorth Wroxeter
1999	St. Georges Shifnal	1999	Shifnal Oswestry
2000	Shrewsbury Shifnal	2000	Shrewsbury Bridgnorth
2001	Wroxeter Newport	2001	Ludlow Wroxeter
2002	Whitchurch Bridgnorth	2002	Whitchurch St. Georges
2003	St. Georges Whitchurch	2003	St. Georges Madeley
2004	Whitchurch Oswestry	2004	Whitchurch Oswestry
2005	Newport Oswestry	2005	Oswestry Newport
2006	Wem Ludlow	2006	Wem Oswestry
2007	Oswestry Reman Services	2007	Madeley Albrighton
2008	Reman Services Albrighton	2008	Reman Services Wem





MARSTON'S Shropshire Premier Cricket League
Division One - Statistics 2008

✓ *TAYSWILL*

Final League Table

✓ *NEWPORT*

	P	W	L	BP	A	P
✓ Reman Seives	22	16	0	20	3	395
✓ Albrighton	22	9	3	45	6	302
✓ Quatt	22	7	2	55	5	284
✓ Ludlow	22	7	5	50	7	268
✓ Madeley	22	5	6	63	6	249
✓ Wem	22	8	7	31	5	247
✓ Bomere Heath	22	5	7	42	7	209
✓ Much Wenlock*	22	5	7	49	6	201
✓ Shelton	22	3	5	54	6	196
✓ Welshpool	22	3	10	64	4	186
✓ Newtown	22	1	6	69	6	178
✓ Broseley	22	1	11	62	8	149

* 4 points deducted

✓ *ANDREWS*

Highs and Lows 2008

Highest total by a team - 318 - Albrighton v Broseley - 7th June

Lowest total by a team - 30 - Broseley v Wem - 3rd May

Batsmen Scoring Centuries - Division One

136* S. Jones	Madeley v Bomere Heath	26 July
110 S. Jones	Madeley v Newtown	19 July
104* D. Robinson	Quatt v Much Wenlock	14 June
102* H. Mahmood	Bomere Heath v Much Wenlock	5 July
101 E. McCarney	Quatt v Newtown	24 May
100* J. Wigley	Reman Services v Welshpool	12 July

Bowlers taking 7 wickets or more - Division One

8 - 16	S. Sengar	Much Wenlock v Broseley	26 July
7 - 8	S. Sengar	Much Wenlock v Welshpool	19 July
7 - 15	C. Davies	Newtown v Welshpool	7 June
7 - 51	A. Wigginton	Shelton v Welshpool	31 May
7 - 63	J. Arbuckle	Quatt v Much Wenlock	30 August

Leading Batting Averages 2008 - Division One

(Qualification - Minimum 13 innings average over 22)

Name	Team	Inns	Runs	N/Outs	HS	Ave
C. Jones	Quatt	16	308	10	63*	51.33
M. Wright	Albrighton	17	614	4	87	47.23
Aidrian Evans	Quatt	19	508	11	78	46.18
S. Pugh	Madeley	18	676	3	95	45.07
G. Hughes	Albrighton	16	449	6	72*	44.90
I. Gillespie	Bomere Heath	13	461	2	87	41.91
S. Singh	Broseley	18	703	1	86	41.35
H.K. Mahmood	Bomere Heath	14	523	1	102*	40.23
D. Robinson	Quatt	13	429	2	104*	39.00
R Williamson	Shelton	18	511	4	78*	36.50
D. Grant	Newtown	18	468	4	71*	33.43
J. Wigley	Reman Services	19	520	3	100*	32.50
N Salisbury	Shelton	13	338	1	89	28.17
R. Lockley	Ludlow	18	422	3	68*	28.13
E. McCarney	Quatt	17	454	-	101	26.71
D. Shimmons	Albrighton	13	304	1	89	25.33
P. Caudle	Reman Services	14	271	3	66	24.64
D. Bottoms	Ludlow	14	298	1	94	22.92
S. Walters	Much Wenlock	19	387	2	71*	22.76
C. Owen	Welshpool	15	290	2	79	22.31



Qualified Bowling Average 2008 (Minimum - 25 Wickets)

Name	Team	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Williams	Reman Svs.	106.4	22	267	29	9.21
A. Wigginton	Shelton	202.3	57	555	52	10.67
Shane Gwilt	Reman Svs.	216.3	62	496	43	11.53
W. Sparrow	Ludlow	151.4	38	435	37	11.76
A. Raza	Ludlow	164.4	33	468	37	12.65
C. Rope	Wem	185	45	572	45	12.71
C. Jones	Quatt	188.4	48	583	44	13.25
D. DeSilva	Madeley	207.4	55	541	39	13.87
P. Cootie	Ludlow	138	24	419	30	13.97
J. Summers	Albrighton	168	28	601	43	13.98
S. Raine	Wem	176.3	50	432	29	14.90
M. Wright	Albrighton	185.1	42	512	34	15.06
B. Jones	Quatt	172	62	409	25	16.36
J. Arbuckle	Quatt	114.5	13	468	28	16.71
A. Pugh	Madeley	129.3	22	472	28	16.86
S. Griffiths	Shelton	130.1	24	455	26	17.50
R. Birch	Welshpool	208.1	43	650	36	18.06
I. Gillespie	Bomere Heath	144	25	472	25	18.88
C. Davies	Newtown	174.5	41	511	25	20.44
S. Singh	Broseley	214	54	595	27	22.04
C. Stevens	Bomere Heath	173	14	817	31	26.35



**Marton's Shropshire Premier Cricket League
Reserve Division - Statistics 2008**

Final League Table

	P	W	L	BP	A	P
Reman Services	22	14	1	25	3	359
Wem	22	11	3	32	4	284
Shelton	22	9	4	59	3	282
Quatt	22	9	4	37	5	264
Much Wenlock	22	10	6	28	6	258
Newtown	22	8	8	50	3	240
Madeley	22	6	6	52	4	232
Ludlow	22	6	6	59	7	204
Broseley	22	5	9	30	6	170
Albrighton	22	3	9	60	6	169
Bomere Heath	22	2	12	68	3	140
Welshpool	22	3	12	46	5	137

Highs and Lows 2008

Highest score by a team - **308 Bomere Heath v Madeley** - 26th July
 Lowest score by a team - **27 Welshpool v Wem** - 26th September

Batsmen Scoring Centuries

128	S. Bloor	Bomere Heath v Newtown	30 August
127	Stewart Gwilt	Reman Services v Broseley	14 June
111	T. Goldthorp	Ludlow v Madeley	12 July
102	S. Jardine	Ludlow v Newtown	16 August

Bowlers Taking 7 Wickets or More

8 - 11	I. White	Quatt v Bomere Heath
8 - 26	K. Martindale	Shelton v Newtown
7 - 12	M. Ellis	Wem v Ludlow
7 - 29	D. Proctor	Ludlow v Broseley
7 - 35	W. Phillips	Reman Services v Albrighton
7 - 53	P. Ezard	Reman Services v Madeley

Leading Batting Averages 2008 - Reserve Division
(Qualification - Minimum 13 innings average over 20)

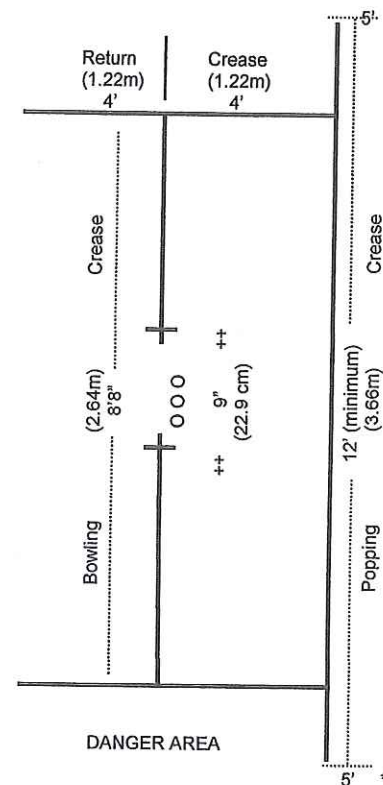
Name	Team	Innings	Runs	Not Out	HS	Average
C. Hodson	Madeley	14	442	3	78*	40.18
M. Griffiths	Reman Svs.	17	447	5	62	37.25
T. Williams	Reman Svs.	15	288	4	52	26.18
R. Davies	Newtown	17	363	1	67	22.69
G. Bristow	Quatt	15	248	3	50	20.67

Qualified Bowling Averages - Reserve Division 2008
(minimum 25 wickets)

Name	Team	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
I. White	Quatt	81	22	185	25	7.40
W. Phillips	Reman Svs.	249	71	546	65	8.40
T. Ellis	Shelton	85	14	240	26	9.23
D. Ashlin	Reman Svs.	214.2	70	417	45	9.27
G. McKenna	Quatt	85	20	262	28	9.36
C. Hodson	Madeley	126.4	42	283	28	10.11
R. Griffiths	Shelton	189.3	27	713	40	17.83
R. Jones	Quatt	211.4	54	602	33	18.24
A. Oliver	Bomere Heath	211.1	36	607	33	18.39
R. Davies	Newtown	132.5	16	503	25	20.12



DIAGRAM SHOWING MEASUREMENTS AND MARKING OF CREASE



BOWLERS FOOTMARKS

NB To assist Umpires, a white mark (*see above) must be made 5' in front of the Popping Creases, on either side of the Pitch and also a 4" mark on the bowling crease 1 foot either side of the middle stump (++) above).

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SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE CUP - 20/20 K.O. COMPETITION

RULES 2009

- 1 Objective** - The objective of the competition is to promote an eleven-a-side evening knock-out competition in Shropshire and surrounding areas. The matches will be played according to the M.C.C. Laws of Cricket (2003 Code) modified as under 3 below.
- 2 Organisation** - The 'Shrewsbury Chronicle - 20 / 20 Knock-Out Competition' shall be open to all fourteen "Shropshire Premier Cricket League" Clubs, plus invited clubs, as determined by the League's Knock-out Sub-Committee.
- 3 Payment of Umpires** - Each team will pay umpires expenses of £18 in cash to one umpire before the start of the match. The match will not start until both payments have been made.

4 Rules

Law 1

- (a) Each player must be a registered member of the club he represents when playing in the competition.
- (b) A player who is a member of more than one club can play only for one club in the competition.
- (c) Before the toss for innings, each captain must nominate his players, who may not thereafter be changed (without the consent of the opposing captain). The nominated players to be set out on a team sheet, which is to be presented to both umpires. The team is deemed able to start at 6.15 pm, if seven or more players are present at 6.05 pm.
- (d) Any team failing to fulfil a fixture at any stage of the competition, may be excluded from the competition the following year and thereafter must make an application for re-admittance to the league executive, no later than October 31st in the preceding year.

Law 3

Umpires should note that no appeal against the light shall be allowed after the commencement of the second innings unless both captains agree that further play is undesirable.

Law 5

Two coloured balls, provided by the League, shall be used in all rounds up to and including the final.

NOTE: In circumstances whereby the coloured balls are lost or damaged, and no more are available, they may be substituted by a regulation used red ball.

Law 12

- (a) Except in Finals, each side will have one innings consisting of twenty six-ball overs.
- (b) Provided that both captains agree prior to the commencement of play, the match may be contested over a lesser number of overs in the event of bad weather or a late start.

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(c) Before the toss for innings, the umpires shall acquaint themselves with the number of overs agreed upon by the two captains.

Law 14

Declaration and forfeiture, will not apply in the competition, the captain of the batting side may not declare his sides innings closed at any time during the course of the match.

Law 16

The interval between each innings shall be not more than ten minutes.

Law 21

A match is won by the side scoring the higher number of runs in the agreed number of overs, in the event of scores being level, the side losing fewer wickets shall be declared the winner. If this is also equal, the side scoring the greater number of runs in the first ten overs (or at the half way point in their innings if different) shall be the winner. If this is also equal, the match is tied and will be replayed on a ground chosen by the visiting team.

Law 22

No bowler may bowl more than four overs out of the allotted twenty. If a match of fewer overs is agreed upon, no bowler may bowl more than a fifth of that total, per innings.

Law 24.12 No Ball

The laws of cricket will apply, except that the penalty for a 'no ball', shall be two runs.

The delivery following a 'no ball' called for a foot fault (Law 24.5), shall be a free hit, for whichever batsman is facing.

If the delivery for a free hit is not a legitimate delivery (e.g. any kind of no ball or a wide ball) then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing.

For any free hit, the striker may be dismissed, only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball, even if the delivery for a free hit, is called a wide ball. Field changes are permitted for free hit deliveries.

Law 25

(a) In addition to Law 25 (wide ball) umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to the law, in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket, any ball passing behind the batsman (in his normal stance at the wicket) not touching his person or equipment, will be called and signalled 'wide ball' by the bowlers end umpire.

(b) Any ball which after pitching passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the batsman standing upright at the crease, shall be called and signalled no ball, by the umpire at the bowlers end.

Law 31

Timed out - will apply, except that the incoming batsman, must be in a position to take guard, or for his partner to be ready to receive the ball, within one minute and 30 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket. The incoming batsman is expected to be ready to make his way to the wicket, immediately a wicket falls, and is expected to 'jog' to the wicket.

Restriction - On Placement Of Fielders

(a) At the instant of the delivery, there shall not be more than five fielders on the leg side (throughout the innings).

For the first six overs of each innings only two fielders are permitted to be outside an area, bounded by the semi circles, centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of thirty yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch (the fielding circle). The fielding circle should be marked by painted white 'dots' at five yard intervals, with each 'dot' being covered by a white plastic disc (not metal), measuring seven inches in diameter.

For the remaining overs of each innings, only five players are permitted to be outside the fielding circle at the instant of delivery.

(b) Two inner circles shall be drawn on the field of play, the circles shall have as their centres, the centre point of "the popping crease" at either end of the pitch, the radius of each of the circles shall be fifteen yards denoted by plastic discs coloured if possible. The segment of the circles, for slip positions shall not be demarcated. And for the first six overs of each innings, there must be a minimum of two stationary fielders (excluding the wicket-keeper) within fifteen yards of the striker at the instant of delivery. However, when a fast bowler is bowling, the two stationary fielders may be permitted to stand deeper than fifteen yards in the un-demarcated area, provided only that they are standing in slip, leg slip and gully position.

(c) In circumstances whereby the number of overs are reduced for either side, the fielding restrictions shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with the table on the following page, for each innings.

When calculating these overs, fractions are to be ignored, regarding the number of overs to be bowled

If on the resumption of play, the number of overs for the fielding restrictions has already been exceeded, this should take effect immediately.

Total Overs In An Innings	Number Of Overs For Which Fielding Restrictions Will Apply
5 - 6	1
7 - 9	2
10 - 13	3
14 - 16	4
17 - 19	5
20	6

In the event of any infringement, of any of the above fielding restrictions, the strikers end umpire shall call and signal "no ball".

Bowling Of Overs - Time Restriction

(Which will cover all ties - including the final)

(a) There will be normally be two sessions of play of one hour and fifteen minutes each, separated by an interval of ten minutes, during which time the pitch may be rolled, at the request of the captain, of the side batting second.

(b) If the team fielding first, fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled cessation time of the first innings, play shall continue until the required number of overs have been bowled. In the event of them failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with six runs for every full over that has not been bowled, with these runs being added to their overall total.

This will apply to both innings of the match, and if the side batting second is credited with runs in this way, and this consequently takes their score past that of the side batting first, then the match shall be deemed to have won by the side batting second. All penalties in this regard, will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes 'dead', after the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time of the innings.

(c) In delayed or interrupted matches, one over will be deducted for every full three minutes and forty five seconds of playing time lost. The number of overs shall be arranged, so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum of five overs per side). For reduced overs matches, the timings shall be adjusted, by the amount that the starting time is also adjusted, allowing three minutes and forty-five seconds for each six ball overs to be bowled.

(d) If the innings is terminated before the scheduled or re-scheduled 'cut off' time, no over rate penalty shall apply, if the innings is interrupted, the over rate penalty will apply, based on the re-scheduled cessation time for that innings.

(e) The umpire shall inform the fielding team captain when taking the field for the first team and on every subsequent occasion, if play is interrupted by the weather, the cessation time for that innings and the umpire at the bowlers end will inform the fielding captain, the batsmen and his fellow umpire, of any time allowance, as and when they arise, (this matter will not be subject to retrospective negotiation). In addition, in all reduced overs matches, the fielding team will be given one overs leeway.

4 FIXTURES

(a) The Shrewsbury Chronicle - 20/20 knockout Competition, draw and dates, along with any amendments to the playing regulations, shall be circulated to all Marston's Shropshire Premier League clubs and guest entrants at least four months prior to the following seasons competition getting underway.

A reminder of the aforementioned will be relayed to all participating clubs before the end of April in each year, as well as being included in the League Handbook.

(b) The first two rounds of the competition, shall be pre drawn up and until the semi-final stage, with the ties taking place on the ground chosen by the side drawn at home. However, if for any reason, other than inclement weather conditions, the side drawn at home are unable to host the match, it shall take place on their opponents' ground.

(c) Each round of the Competition, inclusive of the semi-finals, which will be drawn on the completion of the second round ties, shall be played on the specified conference dates.

(d) Should the ground be deemed unfit for play, or the tie be abandoned without a positive result being achieved on the conference date, the tie shall take place on the following Thursday.

Should the second conference date be affected by inclement weather conditions, so preventing a positive result, a bowl-out (details of which appear on the following page), shall take place to decide the winner. Should the inclement weather conditions prevent a bowl-out taking place, the toss of a coin shall decide the winner of the tie.

NOTE - Bowl-Outs

(a)The eleven participants from each side shall bowl over-arm, alternately at a complete set of wickets, from a distance of a normal pitch length (22 yards), with the winner being the side who hit the wickets most times from the eleven attempts.

(b)Should the hits be equal after the initial Bowl-out, a 'Sudden Death' (golden ball) will ensue, with each side bowling in the same alternate order as previously, with their original ball as used in the initial Bowl-out until a positive result is achieved.

(c)In circumstances whereby the actual 'square' is deemed unfit, Bowl-outs may take place on the outfield, in the net area, or at a suitable indoor venue, should such a facility be available, whichever is agreed upon by both sides. If, however both sides agree that conditions are unfit for a bowl-out, and no suitable indoor venue is available, the toss of a coin shall decide the winner.

(d)Should the second conference date be postponed, due to inclement weather conditions, so preventing either side being in attendance, a representative from each side shall arrange to meet at a mutually agreed venue, either on the same evening or no later than the following evening, so enabling the toss of a coin to take place in deciding the winner.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE

(a)If any side is unable to play on the specified conference date, or on the following Thursday, other than due to inclement weather conditions, they shall forfeit the match.

(b)Matches shall normally commence no later 6:15pm on the day arranged. The umpire shall call 'Play' no later than 6:45pm, or refusing to play shall forfeit the match.

(c) Prompt starts are essential and the toss for Innings shall take place at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time of 6:15 pm. In the event of a team not being available to comply, the opposing team may, if it so wishes, exercise the right to claim the toss.

(d)The Umpires in each round of the competition, shall be responsible for notifying the competition organiser, of the result of each match within 48 hours of the fixture taking place.

5 FINAL

(a)The final of the competition shall be played on a Sunday, on a date decided by the Knock-Out Sub-Committee.

(b)The Final shall take place at a neutral venue, selected by the Knock-Out Sub-Committee. In the event of a neutral venue not being available, the two finalists will toss a coin to decide on the venue of the winners' choosing.

(c) The Final shall be played on the basis of two innings per side, each of twenty overs duration, which shall be taken alternately with no bowler bowling more than a maximum of four overs per innings. Should for any reason, the final be played over a lesser number of overs per innings, no bowler may bowl more than a fifth of that total agreed upon.

(d)In the event of the scores being equal at the end of the match, the side losing fewer wickets overall shall be declared the winner. If this is also equal, the side scoring the greater number of runs in their respective first innings, shall be declared the winner. If this is also equal, the final shall be replayed.

(e)If the final is abandoned due to inclement weather conditions after the completion of the first innings, the winner shall be the side who scored most runs, relative to the first two completed innings.

(f)In the event of the first two innings scores being equal, the side losing fewer wickets during that period shall be declared the winner. If this is also equal, the side scoring the greater number of runs in the first ten overs or at the halfway stage of the first two completed innings, shall be declared the winner.

(g)Should the final be postponed or abandoned, due to inclement weather conditions, without the completion of the first two innings, it shall take place at the same venue, on a Sunday, decided by the Knock-Out Sub-Committee. Should this original venue not be available and another neutral venue not be available, the two finalists shall toss a coin, with the winner having the option of playing the final at a venue of their choosing.

(h)The organising committee will provide four new coloured balls for use in the final, as well as mementoes of the occasion, to be presented to both finalists, match umpires and scorers.

6 UMPIRES

The SCB Association of Cricket Officials shall provide Umpires to stand in all rounds of the competition.

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE CUP 20/20 KNOCKOUT 2009

Round 1

To be played on
Thursday 18th June at 6.15 pm

A Welshpool v Oswestry
B Newtown v Ludlow
C Shelton v Reman Services
D Wem v Bomere Heath
E Broseley v Albrighton
F Worfield v Madeley
G Allscott v Quatt
H Much Wenlock v Cound

Round 2

To be played on
Thursday 9th July at 6.15 pm

A v B
C v D
E v F
G v H

Semi-final

To be drawn on the completion of second round ties and played
on Thursday 30th July at 6.15 pm

Final

To be played at Bomere Heath Cricket Club on Sunday 23rd August
at 12:30pm, on the basis of two innings per side -
each of twenty overs duration

Please Note

In each of the rounds the umpires shall notify the competition organiser
of the result within 24 hours of the completion of the respective ties.

Competition Organiser - Clive Smith - Tel: 01939 235576

**2008 SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE CUP
20/20 - KNOCKOUT FINAL**

2008 Final not played due to inclement weather.
Final Between Newport C.C. and Shrewsbury C.C. will be held over,
and played at Madeley C.C. early in the 2009 Season

PREVIOUS YEARS' FINALISTS LEAGUE KNOCKOUT

	Winners	Runners up
1970	Rolls Royce	Newport
1971	Newport / Fenns Bank (TIE)	
1972	St. Georges	Bridgnorth
1973	Newport	St Georges
1974	Rolls Royce	Wellington
1975	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1976	St. Georges	Shrewsbury
1977	Shrewsbury	Ludlow
1978	Shrewsbury	Neport
1979	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1980	Wroxeter	St Georges
1981	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1982	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1983	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1984	Shrewsbury	Newport
1985	Wroxeter	Newport
1986	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1987	Wellington	Whitchurch
1988	Shrewsbury	Newport
1989	Newport	Oswestry
1990	Newport	Oswestry
1991	Wem	Wellington
1992	Wellington	Shrewsbury
1993	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch

1994	Perkins	Wellington
1995	Wellington	Bridgnorth
1996	Shrewsbury	St Georges
1997	Wroxeter	Perkins
1998	Ludlow	St Georges
1999	Wellington	Wroxeter
2000	Wellington	Perkins
2001	Bridgnorth	Whitchurch
2002	Shrewsbury	Newport
2003	Wroxeter	Bridgnorth
2004	Oswestry	St Georges
2005	Wellington	Oswestry
2006	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
2007	Shifnal	Wellington

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Training courses are held each year at Wrekin College Sports Centre, Wellington and Neville Cardus Cricket Centre, Shrewsbury School on Thursday evenings from January to mid-March. The Association is also pleased to respond to requests from Clubs for explanations of the more frequently used Laws of Cricket at Club meetings of players and officials.

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2008 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES
LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

CEDRIC RHOADES TROPHY

First Round - Bye

Second Round - Match details

Sunday 27th July v The FBC Manby Bowdler Shropshire Cricket
League, at Bomere Heath C.C.

The Marston's SPCL lost by 11 runs

The FBC Manby Bowdler Shropshire Cricket League 187
(C. Jones 4-25, J. Wigley 4-26)

Marston's SPCL 176-8
(J. Wigley 48)



ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD
JUNIOR CRICKETERS PLAYING IN ADULT MATCHES

Introduction

The ECB has issued the following guidance covering the participation of young cricketers in adult matches. This guidance applies to boys and girls and any reference to he/his should be interpreted to include she/her. Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season.

Guidance for Clubs and Leagues

All clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to Leagues that allow the participation of young players in adult teams in their League. The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

- Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match in the relative skills of the player.
- Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally to against adult players.

In addition the following specific requirements apply to young players in adult matches:

- All young players who have not reached their 18th birthday must wear a helmet with a faceguard when batting and when standing up to the stumps when keeping wicket. Parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in adult matches. A young player acting as a runner must also wear a helmet even if the player he is running for is not doing so.

- The umpires and the opposing captain must be notified of the age group of all players participating in an adult match who are in the Under 19 age group or younger even if the player is not a fast bowler. This requirement also covers any young player taking the field as a substitute fielder. The ECB Team Sheet cards are freely available to facilitate this.
- Any player in the Under 13 age group and younger must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in adult matches. Clubs must ensure that their player registration procedures ensure that consent is obtained. The guidance related to changing and showering (see 'Safe Hands' - Welfare of Young People in Cricket Policy) must be adhered to.
- Any club wishing to play a player in the Under 11 age group in an adult League or Cup match must obtain the explicit prior approval of the League or Cup management before the player can play. Approval should only be given to exceptionally talented players. It is recommended that advice is sought from the County Age Group Coach or other ECB Level 3 coach as appropriate.

Clubs and Leagues can apply more strict restrictions on the participation of young players in adult matches at their discretion. It is strongly recommended that a parent, guardian or other identified responsible adult is present whenever a player in the Under 13 age group or younger plays in an adult match.

Fielding Regulations

For reference, the ECB Fielding Regulations are as follows:

- No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).

- These minimum distances apply even if the player is wearing a helmet.
- Should a young player in these age groups come within the restricted distance the umpire must stop the game immediately and instruct the fielder to move back.
- IN ADDITION ANY YOUNG PLAYER IN THE Under 16 to Under 18 age groups, who has not reached the age of 18, must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the off side. Players should wear appropriate protective equipment whenever they are fielding in a position where they feel at risk.

These fielding regulations are applicable to all cricket in England and Wales.



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