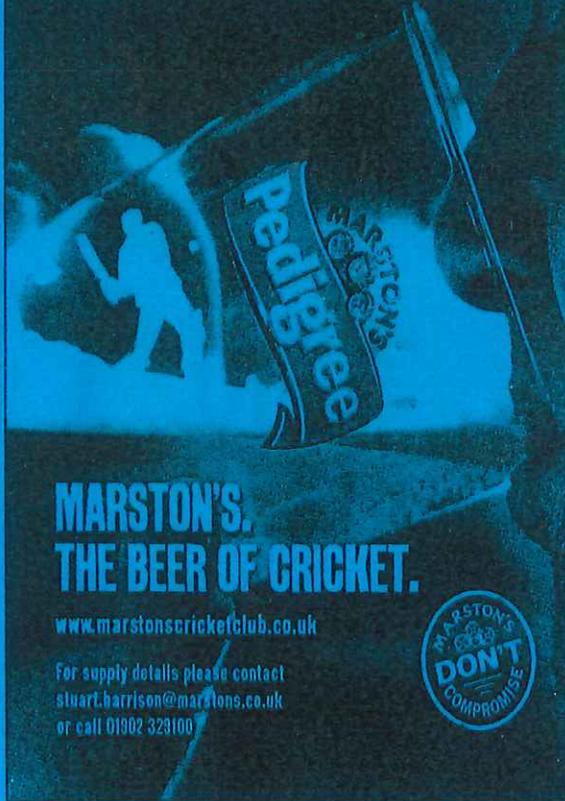


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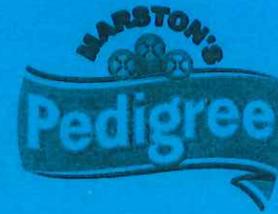
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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

Sun-Mon-Tues	June 6-8	v Wiltshire	at South Wiltshire CC
Sun-Mon-Tues	June 20-22	v Dorset	at Bridgnorth
Sun-Mon-Tues	July 4-8	v Oxfordshire	at Great and Little Tew
Sun-Mon-Tues	July 18-20	v Cornwall	at Whitchurch
Sun-Mon-Tues	August 1-3	v Berkshire	at Shrewsbury
Sun-Mon-Tues	August 15-17	v Cheshire	at Alderley Edge

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Sunday	April 25	v Cumberland	at Shifnal
Sunday	May 2	v Cheshire	at Marple
Sunday	May 16	v Northumberland	at Oswestry
Sunday	May 23	v Staffordshire	at Audley

Should Shropshire qualify for the latter stages of the competition, games will take place on the following dates:

Quarter-Finals - Sunday June 14th
Semi-Finals - Sunday July 19th
Final - To be arranged

"Marston's Shropshire Premier Cricket League" Representative Eleven

League Cricket Conference – Cedric Rhoades K O Trophy 2010

First Round - Sunday, 4th July
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Quarter Final - Sunday, 25th July
v North Somerset League (Away)

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SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE - OFFICIALS

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Executive Committee Members:

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice-Chairman
Hon. Secretary / Treasurer

PROTEST/DISCIPLINARY:

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Messrs. Kitson (Chairman), Robinson, G.Smith

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Competition Organiser: C. Smith

HON LEGAL ADVISER: J Hulme

DELEGATE TO THE SHROPSHIRE CRICKET BOARD: G Smith

FOREWORD

Fears that the first 14-club season in Marston's Shropshire Premier League history would prove unwieldy (at best) or disastrous (at worst) were unfounded. Everything went off well, and indeed a couple of clubs remarked that they enjoyed having the extra four fixtures.

By and large, however, the general consensus of the league management committee and its member clubs is that we would like to get back to the 12-club format as soon as possible.

This would be achieved within a couple of years if our champions elected to go up to the Birmingham League, provided no Shropshire club was relegated back to us. It might also be arrived at if we have to implement the decision taken by the Executive Committee to expel any club which has not attained Clubmark status in time for the 2012 season, or to refuse to accept any non-Clubmark champions from the Shropshire League. I sincerely hope any of our clubs who do not have Clubmark at present make arrangements to achieve it as soon as possible.

Our proposal to introduce a two-division format to the Marston's Shropshire Premier League was halted in its tracks when it was pointed out that our timescale would lead to a breach of League Cricket Conference regulations. Discussions with the Shropshire League regarding a possible merger also came to nothing, and I still think a two-division Premier League is something we might look at again in the future.

It obviously gives me great pleasure to congratulate my own club Oswestry on winning the Division One championship in 2009. Their stay in the Birmingham League after they last won the title in 2007 was short-lived, but hopefully they will be better prepared for the step up this time around. Congratulations, too, must go to Wern on winning the Reserve Division title, after a hard-fought battle with 2008 champions Reman Services.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Trysull and Seisdon, who join us after a tremendous season during which they landed the Shropshire League title. I have no doubt they will hold their own in the Premier League, and I trust they will enjoy a long and happy stay with us.

Newport also rejoin our ranks after a spell in the Birmingham League, and I am sure they will be doing their utmost to make an immediate return to the division in which they suffered a disappointing 2009 season.

This year will be the last under the initial agreement with our sponsors Marston's. At the time of writing, we are hopeful of securing an extension to what has been one of the most successful sponsorships in Shropshire sporting history.

Thanks must also go to the Shrewsbury Chronicle group for their continued sponsorship of our 20/20 knockout. Last year was the first in which the competition excluded Birmingham League teams, and Allscott deserve the highest praise for winning it in their first year as a Premier League club.

Coverage of this league in the Shropshire Star and the Chronicle series was once again excellent in 2009, and I would like to record my thanks to them. However, my plea for an improvement to Radio Shropshire's coverage fell on deaf ears, and reports on their 9am Sunday news bulletin were worse than ever.

Thanks goodness, therefore, for our Play-Cricket website, which has become stronger than ever in the last 12 months. Many clubs have their full results up on the site on Saturday evening, and the earlier you can do this the better.

One problem the 14-club format caused us came with regards to umpires, as Mike Sheehy had to find an extra two to stand each week. Mike does a magnificent job in this respect, and his task will be made easier in the long run by the vote to penalise any club which does not send in a completed umpires report form by the prescribed date. I would warn clubs now that this rule will be strictly implemented.

Finally, I would like to wish all clubs an enjoyable 2010. Only one team can win the league, but we can all derive maximum enjoyment along the way – weather permitting!

MIKE ROBINSON
Chairman
Marston's SPCL



 **THE SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2010**

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, via the promotion system, must comply with Level 2 of the latest version of The Birmingham League Club Accreditation Document.
- f) The Executive Committee reserves the right to ask any Club to resign if, in its opinion the general conduct of such a Club does 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'.

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Clubs must operate another open club
participating policy, which reports
player qualifications, regulations, and welfare
player/welfare 5 representative at other clubs

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

vii) **Clubmark - By October 31, 2011, in time for the 2012 season, all existing SPCL member clubs and the Champions of the Shropshire Cricket League applying for promotion to the SPCL, MUST be Clubmark accredited. Any club which fails to achieve this standard by the prescribed deadline will not be eligible for promotion to the SPCL, and similarly any existing SPCL club which fails to meet this standard will be expelled from the SPCL.**

viii) **Former member clubs participating in The Birmingham Premier League - Should any of this League's 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.**

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.

- 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 member clubs 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 whose 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) The League Management Committee comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer, shall have 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 Officials 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) Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- h) 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 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 may be liable to 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.



**THE SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE
DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

Aims and Jurisdiction

These regulations shall apply to any player who plays for any club, at any level, under the auspices of SPCL and they are intended to provide assistance and uniformity to all Clubs in dealing with any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct and The Spirit of Cricket.

It is intended that any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct and The Spirit of Cricket, that is reported, should, in the first instance, be dealt with by the player's club, who shall notify the Secretary of the League of the result of any action taken against its player. If the disciplinary sub-committee of the League is satisfied with the action taken by the club, the case will be closed. If the sub-committee is not satisfied with the action taken by the club, a disciplinary hearing will be convened.

The Management Committee shall also be empowered to take punitive action against any club or individual member of a club who makes derogatory or disparaging media statements or comments regarding other clubs, umpires or the league. If the case is found 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 as the Protest/Disciplinary Committee sees fit. In this instance, media shall include press, radio, television, club websites and club match programmes.

Introduction to Disciplinary Procedures

Discipline at cricket matches is an issue which SPCL takes very seriously. To this end, several stages have been built into the procedures which deal with discipline breaches. The aim is to simplify the procedure for minor offences, whilst providing full rights for all accused and wronged, in accordance with ECB Guidelines.

Three main stages are involved:

1. Umpires report on all matches and mark each club for their disciplinary behaviour. Three marks below the defined level (4) in a season result in points being deducted from the offending club.

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2. The Chairman and Secretary of all clubs must sign a declaration agreeing to the Spel. Code of Conduct. The accept club

2. Clubs agree to a Code of Conduct which obliges them to impose a ban for a period of at least two matches, for all discipline breaches reported to the League, through a pre-defined procedure. This ban applies to all ECB cricket. This stage deals mainly with Level 1 breaches, details of which are set out in the Disciplinary Complaints and Appeals Procedures. The full Code of Conduct and The Spirit of Cricket are set out in the next section.

3. For more serious offences, the League will call a Disciplinary Hearing, within 10 days of the alleged offence, whether reported by the umpires or another club or individual. This hearing will be subject to formal reports by the accusers, the accused and the umpires and will be heard before three committee members with advisors present, if considered necessary. Clubs and individuals may be present and represented. They may, also, call witnesses. Decisions made at the hearing may be subject to appeals, as defined in the procedure. The full procedure is set out in the Code of Conduct.

A list of discipline breaches, categorised into four levels, is set out in the Disciplinary Complaints and Appeals Procedures, including details of the action which will be taken when a breach is committed and the recommended penalties for each level.

ECB Guidelines on the Conduct of Hearings and Appeals and Sentencing Guidelines for the Recreational Game are set out later in this section. It should be noted that, if there is any conflict between the League's disciplinary procedures and the ECB Regulations and Guidelines, the League's procedures will take precedence.

Code of Conduct

All member clubs of The Shropshire Premier Cricket League have agreed to abide by this Code of Conduct and, in doing so, accept that there is no right of appeal against any sanction contained within this Code of Conduct, other than as stated below.

Every Player registered to play in the League, explicitly, acknowledges by virtue of his registration, the constitution of the League and its procedures, and undertakes to be bound by them, including suspension without appeal, other than as stated in paragraph 7 below.

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1. What is the warning procedure? PROCEDURE

1. Any player who receives a first and final warning on three occasions, during the same season, shall be suspended by his Club for the next TWO (2) League matches and the Secretary of that Club, or his deputy, will, by the Wednesday, following the match, inform the Secretary of the action taken by that Club. Each subsequent, first and final warning, during the same season will carry a further TWO (2) match suspension.
2. Any player reported by an umpire for bad behaviour shall be suspended by his club for the next TWO (2) League matches (minimum), and the Secretary of that club, or his designated deputy, will, by the Wednesday following the match, inform the Secretary of the action taken by that club.
3. Any player reported by an umpire for bad behaviour, for the second time in any one season, shall be suspended by his CLUB for the next FOUR (4) League matches (minimum). The Secretary will inform the League Secretary, as in paragraph 1 above.
4. Any player reported by an umpire for bad behaviour on THREE occasions in any one season will be suspended by his club for the next TEN (10) League matches (minimum). The Secretary will inform the League Secretary, as in paragraph 1 above.
5. Suspensions will be carried over to the following season, if applicable. Suspensions apply to all cricket played under the auspices of the ECB for the period of the suspension.
6. Where the same player of a club is reported, on more than one occasion, that club shall have five (5) league points deducted, on the second, and each subsequent occasion, the player is the subject of report.
7. Any individual club having three (3) or more players reported in any one season shall have ten (10) league points deducted, in addition to deductions made under 5 above.
8. Appeals under the Code of Conduct will only be allowed on the grounds of
 - a) Mistaken Identity
 - b) Failure of the umpire to follow the warning procedure.

Notes

It must be remembered it is the responsibility of the individual concerned AND his captain, club and team-mates to uphold standards of behaviour at all times. It is only when that has failed that there is a need for this code, and unacceptable behaviour is reported by an umpire.

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

Players and team officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision.

Players must not show dissent at an umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator.

Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or a spectator.

Players and team officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

Players and team officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/members irrespective of ethnic origin.

Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.

It should be stressed that there is nothing in this code preventing, or discouraging, clubs from applying additional, or stronger, sanctions against offenders, whether or not they are the subject of a report. To this end, it is important that clubs have their own code of conduct and disciplinary procedures in place.

The Chairman of the Protest/Disciplinary Committee may, and within seven (7) days of the reported incident, decide that sanctions other than those of "The SPCL Code of Conduct" are appropriate and institute the full disciplinary complaints and appeals procedures.

Any sanctions resulting from those procedures shall be in addition to those of "The SPCL Code of Conduct" which shall not be reduced.

The League Protest/Disciplinary Committee will deal with all incidents involving violent conduct.

The Spirit of Cricket *MOVE TO PAGE 13*

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. (Laws 1:4 and 42:1)

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.

Player's Conduct

In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, 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 player's captain, requesting the latter 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 umpires
- The game's traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:-

- To dispute an umpire's 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
 - i) appeal knowing the batsman is not out.
 - ii) advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - iii) 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.

Failure to comply with these provisions may lead to disciplinary action.

alter Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct – Guidelines / MOVE TO PAGE 14 (15-11)

These guidance notes outline the principals and the procedures in the implementation of "SPCL Code of Conduct"

Code of Conduct deals with unacceptable behaviour reported by an Umpire, the responsibility for upholding standards of behaviour lies with the clubs AND in particular, with the Captain of each team on the day.

Note: - The Laws of Cricket, The Preamble – "The Spirit of Cricket."

Every club must make a firm stand to uphold high standards of behaviour, and shall have in place its own code of conduct and a disciplinary procedure to ensure appropriate action is taken whenever the standard of behaviour of any of its players is unacceptable.

The "SPCL Code of Conduct" is to provide the strongest possible backing to umpires, as each Club undertakes to suspend any player reported by an umpire. Its legitimacy stems from the Declaration signed by the Chairman and Secretary of all Clubs before the start of each season.

The Management Committee stress that, whilst everyone expects player behaviour to be of impeccable standard, we rely on our League Panel Umpires to ensure that acceptable standards are maintained. When that is not the case, e.g. verbal or physical abuse, or verbal or physical dissent, the Umpire shall follow a procedure similar to those of caution, warning and report in the Laws of Cricket.

e.g. Unfair Play Law 42/7 (a) (b) (c iii-iv) and /12 (a) (b) (c iii)

A. First Warning

1. First caution the player as to his conduct and advise the player and his captain that it is a first and final warning and its possible consequences.
2. Advise his colleague of his first warning.
3. Advise the Secretary of the league, stating the player's name, and the offence committed, on the Umpires' Report at the end of the game.

B. Take action on a further warning

1. Warning the player as to his conduct and advising the player and his captain that he would be submitting a report AND, at the earliest opportunity, inform the executive of that team's club.
2. Advise his colleague that he would be submitting a report and request him to, also, submit a report.
3. At the earliest opportunity, advise the opposition captain that he would be submitting a report.

Advise the Secretary, by telephone, within 24 hours, that he is submitting a report of the match.

It should be noted that the umpire might decide that a player's conduct is such that the caution is also the final warning, and take action as in B 1, 2 & 3 above, e.g. when any player shows aggravated verbal or physical dissent or abuse.

It is hoped that this will not simply be a mechanism for dealing with the consequences of unacceptable behaviour but provide assistance in reminding everyone, particularly the captain, of his responsibilities. It is important for clubs to be aware that, when informing the captain a report will be submitted, the club itself is informed and triggers the suspension under the "SPCL Code of Conduct."

Disciplinary Complaints & Appeals Procedures

These procedures must be read in conjunction with the Code of Conduct Guidelines. The Code of Conduct will be invoked in most cases as the first step

1. Code of Conduct

- 1.1 The League is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct of those subject to its jurisdiction. In pursuance of these standards, the following rules of conduct shall be complied with by all those subject to the jurisdiction of the League Management Committee (for the purpose of these rules hereinafter known as a participant).

1.2 Each participant shall at all times conduct himself fairly and properly on the field that, for the purpose of this paragraph, shall include any part of a cricket ground and not merely the field of play. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be regarded as conduct that is not fair and proper:-

- a. Verbal or physical abuse or hostility towards any other participant or member of the public.
- b. Disputing of an umpire's decision or reacting in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner towards an umpire at any time.
- c. Using crude and/or abusive language or "sledging" or giving hand signals or engaging in like conduct.

1.3 The Protest/Disciplinary Committee shall deal with any question relating to or affecting the misconduct of any participant (or Club Official) in connection with any League match or any other matters effecting the interests of the League. This Sub-Committee shall have the power to impose such penalties as are covered in these rules, or such other penalties as it thinks fit, other than expulsion from the League.

In arriving at its decision, the Protest/Disciplinary Committee shall follow the procedures laid down in the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures below.

2. Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures

2.1 Any Club or umpires wishing to lodge a complaint on any matter must do so:-

Firstly, at the match and inform the Captain, or an official of the Club, against whom the complaint is made that a report will be made.

Secondly, by telephone, to the Secretary to advise that a report will be made. The telephone call shall be made within 24 hours of the end of the match.

Thirdly, by forwarding a report, signed by the Club Secretary, or his designated deputy, (using e-mail is acceptable) in respect of the Club or by the umpire concerned. The telephone call and report will be addressed to and received by the Secretary. Any letter shall be posted to the Secretary within 48 hours of the end of the match from which the report arises.

2.2 Upon receipt of a complaint, the Secretary shall:

- a. Acknowledge the complaint by telephone, e-mail or letter.
- b. Contact, by telephone, the Secretary of the Club against whom the complaint has been made or, if unable to contact the Secretary, the Chairman of that Club, informing him of the complaint.
- c. Send a copy of the complaint to the Club concerned, requesting a report from the Captain of the day of the Team concerned, and if the complaint is against a named Individual player, a report from that player as well as the Captain's report.
- d. Send a copy of the complaint to the umpire(s) requesting a report(s) if necessary.

2.3 All reports must be sent to the Secretary within 48 hours of first being contacted by him.

2.4 In the event of a Club and/or player, against whom a complaint has been made, failing to comply with the above provisions, a fine of £50 per week, or part thereof, will be levied against the Club, and after the first week, an additional fine of five points per week, or part thereof, will be made against the team concerned.

2.5 When all the reports have been received, the Protest/Disciplinary Committee shall convene within 10 days of the match to which the complaint pertains, to consider the matter and pronounce judgement. All parties shall have the right of attendance to provide evidence to the hearing. Some discretion will be permitted to vary this date, in the event of real emergencies, at the sole discretion of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall inform the Club and/or individual concerned of what complaint or complaints have been upheld against them and the penalty for the offence.

2.6 In the event that the Club has put in a defence to any complaint, any decision of the committee will be detailed in writing by the Secretary.

2.7 If the decision is to fine a Club and to fine and/or suspend a player, then the Secretary shall inform the Club (of which the player is a member) of the decision in writing.

2.8 If, at the hearing, the Protest/Disciplinary Committee finds the alleged offence proved, it shall have the power to impose any penalty it deems appropriate, plus costs of £30.00 against the offending Club or the offending player's club.

3. Appeals Procedure

3.1 Any Club or individual shall have the right to appeal against a decision of a Disciplinary Committee.

3.2 Notice of appeal, setting out the grounds, must be given in writing to the Secretary, within 7 days of the disciplinary hearing, together with a deposit of £150 (of which £50 is non refundable) payable to the League.

3.3 An Appeals panel will be formed, consisting of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach nor have been a member of the original hearing committee. The composition of the Appeals Panel shall be at the discretion of the Secretary and/or the Chairman of the League.

3.4 The appeal shall be heard within 10 days of receipt of the notice of appeal.

3.5 The player or Club shall have the right of attendance and may call witnesses in support. The appeals panel may also, at its sole discretion, request other parties to attend the hearing and give evidence.

3.6 The appeals panel may confirm, vary (which shall include the power to increase or decrease penalties) or reverse the decision. It shall also have the power, where it considers the appeal to be frivolous, vexatious or lacking in merit, to order the deposit to be forfeited.

3.7 The decision of the Committee, if no appeal is made against the original decision, shall be final and binding. After appeal, any decision made by the Appeal Panel shall be final and binding.

4. Non-payment of Fines

4.1 Any fine levied under these procedures, or imposed for the breach of any match rule, must be paid to the Hon. Treasurer of the League within twenty-eight days of the Club being notified of such fine.

4.2 Any fines still outstanding, at the end of that period, shall be increased by 100% of the original fine, when the Secretary or Chairman of the offending Club shall be notified to the effect that the fine is outstanding. They will be given a reminder that if, after a period of fourteen days from that reminder, the fine is still outstanding, a deduction of five points shall be made from the points gained by the side that received the fine.

4.3 In respect of other payments, owed to the League, by member Clubs, these shall be treated as if they were a fine, except that points shall not be deducted. Such payment shall continue to increase by 100% for each further twenty-eight day period that the payment remains outstanding.

Breaches of Discipline

1. Breaches

Certain conduct, whether on or off the field of play, amounting to a breach of the Laws of Cricket and/or the Spirit of Cricket have been categorised into 4 levels which are set out below:-

Level 1

- a. time wasting by either the fielding side or the batting side
- b. abuse of the cricket ground, equipment or fixtures
- c. showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- d. using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making of an obscene gesture
- e. excessive appealing

Level 2

- a. showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- b. inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play
- c. charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- d. deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play, regardless as to whether such conduct is deemed to be fair under Law 42.5
- e. throwing the ball at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and dangerous manner.
- f. using language or gesture that is obscene or of a serious insulting nature to another player, umpire, team official or spectator
- g. changing the condition of the ball other than as permitted by Law 42.3
- h. the bowling of fast short pitched balls that result in the bowler being disallowed from bowling further in that innings
- i. causing avoidable damage to the pitch contrary to Laws 42.13 and/or 42.14 that results in a five run penalty being awarded

Level 3

- a. intimidating an umpire or referee
- b. threatening to assault another player, team official or spectator
- c. using language or gesture that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
- d. the deliberate bowling of any high full-pitched ball contrary to Law 42.8

Level 4

- a. threatening an umpire or referee
- b. physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator
- c. any act of violence on the field of play
- d. using language or gesture that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

2. Action

2.1 Level 1 Breaches – will normally be dealt with by umpires under the League's Code of Conduct i.e. the umpire will caution the player as to his conduct and advise him and his captain that it is a first and final warning. On any further breach the umpire will warn the player as to his conduct and advise him and his captain that a report will be submitted. This will result in an automatic two match ban.

2.2 Level 2 Breaches – depending on the circumstances Level 2 breaches may also be dealt with under the League's Code of Conduct. The umpire may decide not to give a first and final warning but immediately warn the player as to his conduct and advise him and his captain that a report will be submitted. The Secretary or Chairman of Protest/Disciplinary Committee will decide if the automatic two match ban is sufficient or if a discipline hearing should deal with the matter.

2.3 Level 3 & 4 Breaches – will be dealt with at a disciplinary hearing.

3. Penalties

3.1 The following is a guide to the penalties recommended for each level of breaches:-

Level 1 – Suspension for 2 to 6 matches

Level 2 – Suspension for 2 to 8 matches

Level 3 – Suspension for 4 to 10 matches

Level 4 – Suspension for a minimum of 10 matches

The Protest/Disciplinary Committee/Appeals Panel will take the following into account when considering the suspension to impose:-

- a. If the player has pleaded guilty
 - b. The player's previous discipline record
 - c. If the player is also the Captain
 - d. The conduct of the player subsequent to him being warned and told that he will be reported
- 3.2 Captains who fail to control their players, after being requested to do so, by the umpires, or after cautions/warnings have been given to one or more of their players, may be given a warning and/or a suspension by the Protest/Disciplinary Committee and/or the Appeals Panel.
- 3.3 The Protest/Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Panel may also deduct points from clubs and fine clubs whose player(s) have been guilty of breaches of discipline. Players may also be fined..

ECB GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Natural Justice

The rules of natural justice are the minimum standards of fair decision making imposed on persons or bodies acting in a judicial capacity. The rules of natural justice consist of the following elements:

- (i) The right to a fair hearing
- (ii) The rule against bias

1. The right to a fair hearing

The right to a fair hearing requires that an individual shall not be penalised by a decision affecting his rights or legitimate expectations unless he has been given prior notice of the case against him and a fair opportunity to answer the case against him and to produce his own case.

a) Prior notice of the hearing

The accused person should be given adequate notice of the allegations against him and of the procedure to be followed so that he may be in a position to make representations on his own behalf, to prepare his own case and to answer the case against him. The time and location of the hearing must also be properly notified to the reported person.

b) Opportunity to be heard

The reported person has a right to attend the hearing and be allowed to present his case. If the Disciplinary Panel is satisfied that the reported person has been given adequate notice of the alleged breach and of the time and location of the hearing, they may allow the hearing to proceed if the reported person fails to attend. However, it may not be justifiable to proceed if the time or location fixed for the hearing is such that the person cannot reasonably be expected to attend. Within the Model Discipline Regulations it states that "at least seven days' notice in writing of the hearing and of the offence(s) alleged shall be given to the player, or in the case of a club, its Secretary".

2. The rule against bias

A person adjudicating on a dispute must have no pecuniary or proprietary interest in the outcome of the proceedings and must not reasonably be suspected, or show a real likelihood, of bias. The rule against bias also provides that a party should not normally be judged by his accuser.

Conduct of Hearing

Within these Guidelines words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and those importing the male shall include the female, and vice versa.

1. A complaint is received by either the General Manager of the League or the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee who decides to refer the matter to a Disciplinary Hearing.
2. The Hearing is conducted by at least three persons (the Panel appointed by either the Chairman of the League or the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee. No-one connected with the individual or the club, or their opponents, or a club which might directly benefit from any disciplinary action (e.g. by the deduction of points), should be a member of the Panel.
3. The accused person/club should be notified of the offence(s) alleged against him/them and the time and location of the hearing. The notification should be in writing, include all relevant documentation and give at least seven days' notice.
4. The accused person is entitled to be supported by a colleague. There is no right to legal representation but the Panel would normally permit the accused person to be legally represented. However, the attendance or otherwise of the legal representative should not be used as a 'delaying tactic'.
5. If the complaint has been made by the umpires, they should be available to give evidence at the hearing.
6. Witnesses should not be present in the room at the outset but should be called in individually to give their evidence at the appropriate time. (Ideally, a separate waiting area should be provided for each party).
7. The Chairman should open the hearing and introduce all the parties. He should then briefly outline the procedure to be followed.
8. The charges against the accused person/club should be specified.

9. Witnesses should be called individually and asked to give their evidence. The Panel may question the witnesses. The accused person (or representative)/club may question the witnesses.
10. The accused person/club should be asked to give his/her account and may call witnesses. The Panel may question the witnesses. Once the witnesses have given their evidence and answered any questions, they should either leave the room or, with the permission of the Chairman, they may remain but should take no further part in the hearing.
11. The Panel may question the accused person/club.
12. The Panel should deliberate in private. The Panel's decision should be by majority vote; where necessary the Panel Chairman shall have a casting vote.
13. The accused person/club should be called back in and the Panel should give their decision as to whether the case is proved or not proved. If proved, the accused person/club should be asked to give any mitigation which might affect the Panel's decision as to sentence, if they have any discretion in this area.
14. The Panel should consider the sentence in private.
15. The accused person/club should be called back in and the Panel Chairman should announce the sentence. The accused person/club should be made aware of the Appeals Process, particularly the time within which an appeal should be lodged.
16. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel and if appropriate the penalty should be communicated to the accused person/club in writing within 21 days. Draft forms for this purpose are attached to these Guidelines.

Appeals Process

1. Notice of appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Panel, whether as to verdict or sentence, to be given in writing to the Secretary of the League within 7 days of the decision of the Panel (together with a deposit of £150.00). The notice of appeal should record the decision or part of the decision against which the appeal is made and the grounds and basis of the appeal.

2. Any penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Panel should not take effect until the appeal has been heard.
3. The appeal must be heard by a different Panel from those who sat on the original Disciplinary Panel. The Appeal Panel must consist of not less than three people, none of whom should be connected with the individual or the club or their opponents, or club which might directly benefit from any disciplinary action (e.g. by the deduction of points).
4. An appeal against the verdict should take the form of a complete re-hearing. The accused person or club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation and the ability to call witnesses as they did at the first hearing.
5. At an appeal against the sentence, the accused person or club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation as they did at the first hearing.
6. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote with the Chairman having a casting vote where necessary. The decision of the Appeal Panel is final and binding.
7. The Appeal Panel can confirm the Disciplinary Panel's decision, vary it or reverse it. It has the power to increase the penalty and award costs.
8. The decision of the Appeal Panel and if appropriate the penalty should be communicated to the accused person/club in writing within 21 days.

ECB SENTENCING GUIDELINES - RECREATIONAL GAME

The following are guidelines to sentencing policy which may be used by Disciplinary Panels in determining the appropriate sentence in any individual case. The guidelines provide a method of considering individual cases but are not a tariff and should not be considered as such. Only a Disciplinary Panel can decide on the penalty appropriate to any individual case.

Players' Behaviour

In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, 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 player's captain, requesting the latter to take action.

Breaches of paragraph 1.2.5 of the Spirit of the Game should automatically be reported by the umpires to the executive of the club concerned and to any Governing Body responsible for the match. Such breaches will be treated seriously and are likely to result in suspension.

Accumulated Bad Behaviour

Repeated infringements by an individual of the Spirit of the Game (where it is decided that each infringement in itself does not merit any immediate disciplinary action), should always result in a Disciplinary Hearing. Repeated infringements by a team are likely to result in the captain being held responsible for the conduct of his team (whether or not individual players are also identified for disciplinary action) and being called before a Disciplinary Hearing. The penalties available include suspension. When issuing the penalty, the Disciplinary Panel may take account of instances of poor team discipline in previous years, particularly where the on-the-field captain is the same. Leagues should ensure that captains understand their responsibility for the "on the field" behaviour of themselves and their team members. If suspension is the penalty, this will normally take effect immediately.

Violence

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

Proven cases of violent conduct against an official will inevitably result in a lengthy term of suspension.

Violence against a spectator or another player will also normally result in suspension, the length depending upon the circumstances.

If suspension is the penalty, this should take effect immediately.

Racial Abuse

Players and team officials must not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Racially abusive comments or actions will normally result in suspension, the length depending upon the circumstances.

Drugs

It is ECB's policy that there should be no distinction drawn between 'performance enhancing' and 'recreational' drugs. Use or distribution of illegal drugs by players or team officials is a breach of the ECB Code of Conduct.

Appropriateness of Penalties

In all cases and for all offences, an admission of guilt will almost certainly result in a lesser sentence being imposed than if the matter is contested – credit being given for the admission. Plainly, the extent of the credit to be given will depend upon all the circumstances of the case, including how early the admission of guilt is made, but, save possibly in the most trivial of cases, it will not normally be such as to change the nature of the penalty or to bring about total suspension of the penalty.

Whatever penalties are applied should be applied with consistency. Fines are normally more appropriate for individual breaches of regulations or the Code of Conduct. Points penalties are normally more appropriate in the case of a Club or where a significant number of the team have contributed to the breach.

It is likely that cases of accumulated bad behaviour and cases of violent conduct will result in a suspension of at least four weeks. Suspension of four weeks' duration should be reported by the League to their nominated County Board for national circulation. Players should understand that suspensions of this length will normally apply played under the auspices of ECB.

Leagues should notify their nominated County Board of a four week suspension or above upon expiry of the seven day period within which notification of intent to appeal should be made or, in the case of an appeal, immediately upon conclusion of the appeal hearing.

RULES AND PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

1. GENERAL

- a) The Rules and Arrangements set out below will apply to both Divisions of the League from 1st April 2010, and will continue until officially amended on the authority of the League Executive Committee.
- b) Any changes to the Rules and Playing Regulations which member clubs may wish to propose for the following season, must be sent to the League Secretary prior to the October meeting of the Executive Committee so that they may be circulated to all member clubs at that meeting. The decision on the adoption of any such proposals will then be taken at the January meeting of the 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) Registration of players will take place according to ECB guidelines at a time designated by the League Management Committee, and all players must be registered before they can take part in a match. **For the 2010 season, registration of players will be via the League's Play-Cricket website.** 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 for First XI matches after 17th July 2010.** Should however exceptional circumstances arise, in regard to the aforementioned, these will be dealt with and adjudicated upon by the League Management committee.
- (c) Transfer Forms - the transfer of a player from one member club to another, is permissible on the completion of a transfer form. This is to be completed by both clubs and acknowledged by the League Management Committee before the player is eligible to play for his new club.
- (d) Any bona fide member of a club may take part in League matches provided that:

- e) 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.

f) OVERSEAS PLAYERS

- i) **An overseas player is one not qualified to play for England under current ECB regulations.** Exemptions to this definition are as follows:

A player not qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations, who is ordinarily resident in this country, and has been resident in this country for a period of 24 consecutive months, prior to the date of request for registration, and has not been out of the country for more than 35 days consecutively, or 70 days in total during the previous 24 months. Any remuneration received from playing cricket must not be the main source of his income.

The definition of "ordinarily resident" shall be in the absolute discretion of the body responsible for registration of the player in the relevant competition.

In relation to exempted players:

- a) Clubs must satisfy themselves, by checking evidence of any such player's continuous residence in the UK, eg utility bills, council tax bills, entry and departure dates on passport.
- b) In addition every exempted player must sign a declaration, as follows:

"I confirm that I have been resident in England and Wales for the past two years and, during that period, I have not been outside England and Wales for longer than 35 days consecutively, or 70 days in total. I also confirm that any payment that I receive for playing cricket is not my main source of income. I understand that the punishment for making a false declaration in this regard, will be severe and will most likely result in a lengthy ban which will apply to all forms of recreational cricket in England and Wales."

(Note : England and Wales Includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

- c] In the event of a player making a false declaration, the club will also be liable to disciplinary action if it has failed to carry out all reasonable checks on the player's documentary evidence. Clubs will therefore, be expected to keep a record of all such checks.
- d] As there is a continuing need to verify that the criteria are met, clubs must re-register all exempted players each season, providing evidence of their continuous residence in this country, otherwise they will be deemed to be overseas players.
- e] If an exempted player has unavoidably, due to personal reasons, had to leave England and Wales for longer than the permitted period, the Management Committee will consider such player's application for continued Exemption Status, and its decision will be final.
- f] A Player who has a home in England or Wales and has been granted "exempt" status, who Subsequently accepts a temporary work assignment unconnected to cricket, in another country, may apply to re-instate his "exempt" status immediately on his return. Approval is at the discretion of the Management Committee and may not be automatic.
- g] A Student may be granted exempt status subject to production of documentary evidence that he/she is a full time student attending a three year course of study in a bona-fide education establishment.
- ii) A club if they so desire, may register more than one overseas player per season, on the understanding that only one such player may play in a division one or reserve division match at any one time. The same applies to the Shrewsbury Chronicle 20/20 Knockout Competition.

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 current laws of cricket, 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, 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) In games with panel umpires officiating, after the toss has been made, the umpires 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.

SLOW
FULL
PITCH
NO BALL

4. HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- (a) All matches inclusive of Saturday, April 17th through to Saturday August 14th shall commence at 1.00 pm. The last six matches of the season commencing Saturday August 21st through to Saturday September 25th shall commence at 12 noon.

(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 100 six ball overs.

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(ii) 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.

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is 15 min
(iii) The side batting second shall utilise the balance of the overs not used by the side batting first. Any odd balls bowled shall constitute an over.

(iv) In conjunction with the scorers, the umpires shall ensure that the recording of overs and runs is correctly made and adequately displayed.

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call
last over
Before the first ball of the last over of each innings, the umpires shall call 'last over' clearly so that both sides understand.

15 min
(v) 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.

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(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. This finish time shall be amended pro rata

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for games starting earlier than 1pm. 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.

7.30pm
(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, the out-off time remains the same as it was when agreed by the Umpires at the tea interval.

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and the toss has not been made

- (g) 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.
- (h) 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) 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.
- (k) 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.

and losing draw

(l) In reduced over matches, if a win is not secured, the result shall be based on the side with the overall higher overall scoring rate as below

(1) Team declared - Run divided by over (REMOVED)

(1) Otherwise - Run divided by over (REMOVED)

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 points

WINNING DRAW - uninterrupted match 8 points + bonus points

WINNING DRAW - interrupted match when both sides do not receive the same number of overs due to an interruption after the start of the match

Side batting first - if side batting second fails to score more than the average runs per over provided 25 overs have been bowled in the second innings 8 points + bonus points

Side batting second - faster run rate provided it has received 25 overs 8 points + bonus points

TIE- where both sides have scored the same number of runs in a completed match regardless of wickets down 6 points + bonus points

LOSING DRAW 4 points + bonus points

ABANDONED GAME 5 points to each side + bonus points

LOSS Bonus points only

NOTE The four points for a losing draw will 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.

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 lose one point in each match if they fail to provide an official competent scorer (not a player) throughout the duration of the match.

POINTS DEDUCTION

Failure to post umpire performance reports to arrive by the prescribed date will result in a 3 - point penalty deduction for each and every occasion.

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 9, 18 and 26 matches. Clubs failing to achieve the required rate at each assessment point will have 8 points deducted from their total on each occasion. **The onus is on club Captains to monitor their over rates throughout the season. Any Captain seeking an update on his club's over rate may contact the League Results Secretary at any time.**

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, and shall be a full member

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 in Division One matches 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 2010 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.

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. 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 66 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.

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 carried out on the day of the match no earlier than 3 hours before the scheduled start time.

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 will result in a fine of £10.00, on each occasion.

- 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 16 overs in an innings.

In the event of the start of a game being delayed due to bad weather, no bowler may bowl more than a third of the revised number of overs agreed for each side, eg in a game reduced to 60 overs, no bowler would be allowed to bowl more than 10 overs.

16. 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.

17. CLOCK

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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. SCORERS

In all Division One games, 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

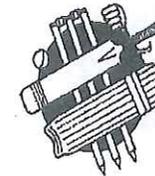
NOTE: Both a. and b. above apply to both first and second eleven matches.

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



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IMPORTANT DON'T FORGET

Results of all games
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Mike Robinson
within 24 hours of the
game ending.

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MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE



FIXTURES 2010

PLEASE NOTE:

- * All matches from 17 April to 14 August start at 1pm
- * All matches from 21 August to 25 September start at 12 noon
- * Reserve Division Fixtures are the reverse of First XI Fixtures

17 April - Match 1

Allscott v Bomere Heath
Madeley v Newport
Much Wenlock v Albrighton
Newtown v Trysull & Seisdon
Quatt v Reman Services
Shelton v Ludlow
Wern v Broseley

15 May - Match 5

Albrighton v Trysull & Seisdon
Broseley v Reman Services
Much Wenlock v Ludlow
Newtown v Allscott
Quatt v Madeley
Shelton v Newport
Wern v Bomere Heath

24 April - Match 2

Bomere Heath v Shelton
Broseley v Much Wenlock
Ludlow v Newtown
Madeley v Allscott
Newport v Albrighton
Reman Services v Wern
Trysull & Seisdon v Quatt

22 May - Match 6

Allscott v Quatt
Bomere Heath v Much Wenlock
Ludlow v Albrighton
Madeley v Wern
Newport v Reman Services
Shelton v Newtown
Trysull & Seisdon v Broseley

1 May - Match 3

Albrighton v Broseley
Allscott v Newport
Much Wenlock v Reman Services
Newtown v Bomere Heath
Quatt v Ludlow
Shelton v Madeley
Wern v Trysull & Seisdon

29 May - Match 7

Albrighton v Bomere Heath
Broseley v Ludlow
Much Wenlock v Madeley
Newtown v Newport
Quatt v Shelton
Reman Services v Trysull & Seisdon
Wern v Allscott

8 May - Match 4

Allscott v Shelton
Bomere Heath v Quatt
Ludlow v Wern
Madeley v Newtown
Newport v Broseley
Reman Services v Albrighton
Trysull & Seisdon v Much Wenlock

5 June - Match 8

Allscott v Much Wenlock
Bomere Heath v Broseley
Ludlow v Reman Services
Madeley v Albrighton
Newport v Trysull & Seisdon
Newtown v Quatt
Shelton v Wern



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CRICKET LEAGUE**

FIXTURES 2010

12 June - Match 9

Albrighton v Allscott
Broseley v Madeley
Much Wenlock v Shelton
Quatt v Newport
Reman Services v Bomere Heath
Trysull & Seisdon v Ludlow
Wem v Newtown

19 June - Match 10

Allscott v Broseley
Bomere Heath v Trysull & Seisdon
Madeley v Reman Services
Newport v Ludlow
Newtown v Much Wenlock
Quatt v Wem
Shelton v Albrighton

26 June - Match 11

Albrighton v Newtown
Broseley v Shelton
Ludlow v Bomere Heath
Much Wenlock v Quatt
Reman Services v Allscott
Trysull & Seisdon v Madeley
Wem v Newport

3 July - Match 12

Allscott v Trysull & Seisdon
Madeley v Ludlow
Newport v Bomere Heath
Newtown v Broseley
Quatt v Albrighton
Shelton v Reman Services
Wem v Much Wenlock

10 July - Match 13

Albrighton v Wem
Bomere Heath v Madeley
Broseley v Quatt
Ludlow v Allscott
Much Wenlock v Newport
Reman Services v Newtown
Trysull & Seisdon v Shelton

17 July - Match 14

Albrighton v Much Wenlock
Bomere Heath v Allscott
Broseley v Wem
Ludlow v Shelton
Newport v Madeley
Reman Services v Quatt
Trysull & Seisdon v Newtown

18 July - Match 15 (Sunday)

Albrighton v Newport
Allscott v Madeley
Much Wenlock v Broseley
Newtown v Ludlow
Quatt v Trysull & Seisdon
Shelton v Bomere Heath
Wem v Reman Services

24 July - Match 16

Bomere Heath v Newtown
Broseley v Albrighton
Ludlow v Quatt
Madeley v Shelton
Newport v Allscott
Reman Services v Much Wenlock
Trysull & Seisdon v Wem

**MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER
CRICKET LEAGUE**



FIXTURES 2010

31 July - Match 17

Albrighton v Reman services
Broseley v Newport
Much Wenlock v Trysull & seisdon
Newtown v Madeley
Quatt v Bomere Heath
Shelton v Allscott
Wem v Ludlow

1 August - Match 18 (Sunday)

Allscott v Newtown
Bomere Heath v Wem
Ludlow v Much Wenlock
Madeley v Quatt
Newport v Shelton
Reman Services v Broseley
Trysull & Seisdon v Albrighton

7 August - Match 19

Albrighton v Ludlow
Broseley v Trysull & Seisdon
Much Wenlock v Bomere Heath
Newtown v Shelton
Quatt v Allscott
Reman Services v Newport
Wem v Madeley

14 August - Match 20

Allscott v Wem
Bomere Heath v Albrighton
Ludlow v Broseley
Madeley v Much Wenlock
Newport v Newtown
Shelton v Quatt
Trysull & Seisdon v Reman Services

21 August - Match 21

Albrighton v Madeley
Broseley v Bomere Heath
Much Wenlock v Allscott
Quatt v Newtown
Reman Services v Ludlow
Trysull & Seisdon v Newport
Wem v Shelton

28 August - Match 22

Allscott v Albrighton
Bomere Heath v Reman Services
Ludlow v Trysull & Seisdon
Madeley v Broseley
Newport v Quatt
Newtown v Wem
Shelton v Much Wenlock

4 September - Match 23

Albrighton v Shelton
Broseley v Allscott
Ludlow v Newport
Much Wenlock v Newtown
Reman Services v Madeley
Trysull & Seisdon v Bomere Heath
Wem v Quatt

11 September - Match 24

Allscott v Reman Services
Bomere Heath v Ludlow
Madeley v Trysull & Seisdon
Newport v Wem
Newtown v Albrighton
Quatt v Much Wenlock
Shelton v Broseley



**MARSTON'S SHROPSHIRE PREMIER
CRICKET LEAGUE**

FIXTURES 2010

18 September - Match 25		25 September - Match 26	
Albrighton	v Quatt	Allscott	v Ludlow
Bomere Heath	v Newport	Madeley	v Bomere Heath
Broseley	v Newtown	Newport	v Much Wenlock
Ludlow	v Madeley	Newtown	v Reman Services
Much Wenlock	v Wem	Quatt	v Broseley
Reman Services	v Shelton	Shelton	v Trysull & Seisdon
Trysull & Seisdon	v Allscott	Wem	v Albrighton



2009 HONOURS

DIVISION ONE

Champions: **Oswestry C.C.**
Runners Up: **Quatt C.C.**

RESERVE DIVISION

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

FAIR PLAY TEAM AWARD

Shared - **Newtown C.C.**
- **Reman Services C.C.**

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE 20/20 CUP K.O. COMPETITION

2008 Final - Held over due to bad weather

Winners - **Shrewsbury C.C.**
Runners up - **Newport C.C.**

2009 Final

Winners - **Allscott C.C.**
Runners up - **Reman Services C.C.**

2009 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

(English Qualified Players)

MOST LEAGUE RUNS - DIVISION 1

Aidrian Evans (Quatt C.C.) - 857

MOST LEAGUE WICKETS - DIVISION 1

Mark Robinson (Oswestry C.C.) - 65

MOST LEAGUE RUNS - RESERVE DIVISION

Stewart Gwilt (Reman Services C.C.) - 582

MOST LEAGUE WICKETS - RESERVE DIVISION (Shared)

Ian White (Quatt C.C.) - 61

Wayne Phillips (Reman Services C.C.) - 61

BBC RADIO SHROPSHIRE - YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Will Sparrow (Ludlow C.C.)

MARSTON'S MOMENT OF THE MONTH WINNERS 2009

April/May

Division One - Ben Waters (Allscott C.C.)
Reserve Division - Dave Street (Quatt C.C.)

June

Division One - Stuart Raine (Wem C.C.)
Reserve Division - John Darlington (Wem C.C.)

July

Division One - Gareth Jones (Quatt C.C.)
Reserve Division - Barry Bellis (Newtown C.C.)

August

Division One - Jason Summers (Albrighton C.C.)
Reserve Division - Harry Thomas (Madeley C.C.)

September

Division One - Richard Bill (Much Wenlock C.C.)
Reserve Division - Stewart Gwilt (Reman Services C.C.)

PREVIOUS YEARS' DIVISIONAL WINNERS / RUNNERS UP

DIVISION ONE.

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
1970	Rolls Royce	Newport
1971	Newport / Wem (TIE)	
1972	Oswestry / Shifnal (TIE)	
1973	Wroxeter	St. Georges
1974	Wroxeter	Newport
1975	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1976	Shrewsbury	Bridgnorth
1977	Newport	Shrewsbury
1978	Shrewsbury	St. Georges
1979	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1980	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1981	Whitchurch	Newport
1982	Shrewsbury	Wem
1983	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1984	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1985	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1986	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter

RESERVE DIVISION ONE.

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
1970	Newport	Rolls Royce
1971	Newport	Wem
1972	Wellington	Newport
1973	Newport	Wroxeter
1974	Bridgnorth	Newport
1975	Wellington	Shrewsbury
1976	Newport	Shrewsbury
1977	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1978	Bridgnorth	Wroxeter
1979	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1980	Whitchurch	Wellington
1981	Bridgnorth	Whitchurch
1982	Newport	Bridgnorth
1983	Shrewsbury	St. Georges
1984	Wem	Newport
1985	Wroxeter	Whitchurch
1986	St. Georges	Bridgnorth

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

DIVISION ONE.

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
1987	Shrewsbury	Wem
1988	Wroxeter	Newport
1989	Newport	Shrewsbury
1990	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1991	Newport	Wroxeter
1992	Wem	Shrewsbury
1993	Wroxeter	Shifnal
1994	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1995	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1996	St. Georges	Perkins
1997	Ludlow	Wroxeter
1998	Wellington	Newport
1999	St. Georges	Shifnal
2000	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
2001	Wroxeter	Newport
2002	Whitchurch	Bridgnorth
2003	St. Georges	Whitchurch
2004	Whitchurch	Oswestry
2005	Newport	Oswestry
2006	Wem	Ludlow
2007	Oswestry	Reman Services
2008	Reman Services	Albrighton
2009	Oswestry	Quatt

RESERVE DIVISION ONE.

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
1987	Shrewsbury	Newport
1988	Wroxeter	St. Georges
1989	Bridgnorth	St. Georges
1990	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1991	Shifnal	St. Georges
1992	Wroxeter	Oswestry
1993	Wroxeter	Oswestry
1994	Shrewsbury	Oswestry
1995	Bridgnorth	Wroxeter
1996	Bridgnorth	Shifnal
1997	Oswestry	Bridgnorth
1998	Bridgnorth	Wroxeter
1999	Shifnal	Oswestry
2000	Shrewsbury	Bridgnorth
2001	Ludlow	Wroxeter
2002	Whitchurch	St. Georges
2003	St. Georges	Madeley
2004	Whitchurch	Oswestry
2005	Oswestry	Newport
2006	Wem	Oswestry
2007	Madeley	Albrighton
2008	Reman Services	Wem
2009	Wem	Reman Services





MARSTON'S Shropshire Premier Cricket League
Division One - Statistics 2009

Final League Table

	P	W	L	BP	A	P
Oswestry	26	19	3	24	2	463
Quatt	26	14	4	57	3	404
Wem	26	14	4	36	4	384
Much Wenlock	26	13	4	52	4	383
Reman Services	26	9	6	57	5	352
Allscott	26	11	8	58	2	349
Albrighton	26	8	7	65	6	308
Madeley	26	7	9	85	5	283
Shelton	26	5	12	79	4	244
Newtown	26	6	11	60	2	239
Broseley	26	5	14	77	3	238
Bomere Heath	26	3	11	69	6	220
*Ludlow	26	5	16	77	4	217
Welshpool	26	4	17	65	4	192

*8 points deducted for slow over rate

Highs and Lows

Highest total by a team - **275-7 Allscott v Bomere Heath** - 22 August
Lowest total by a team - **18 Reman Services v Quatt** - 11 July

Batsmen Scoring Centuries (19)

149 K. Dirwan	Much Wenlock v Broseley	13 June
138 I. Gillespie	Bomere Heath v Madeley	9 May
129* M. Mehboob	Broseley v Much Wenlock	29 August
129* A. Withington	Allscott v Wem	15 August
125 A. Withington	Allscott v Madeley	4 July
119* M. Serplet	Reman Services v Newtown	29 August
116* W. Sparrow	Ludlow v Reman Services	18 July
111* B. Waters	Allscott v Bomere Heath	22 August
109* Ben Waters	Allscott v Oswestry	9 May
108 A. Huxley	Oswestry v Newtown	25 April
107* A. Evans	Quatt v Welshpool	30 May
107* A. Evans	Quatt v Welshpool	15 August
106* D. Robinson	Quatt v Welshpool	30 May
104* D. Robinson	Quatt v Shelton	25 April

Batsmen Scoring Centuries (19)

104 D. Bradley	Much Wenlock v Albrighton	22 August
103* D. May	Much Wenlock v Allscott	25 April
102* A. Huxley	Oswestry v Quatt	8 August
102* D. Robinson	Quatt v Welshpool	15 August
102 S. Pugh	Madeley v Bomere Heath	9 May

Bowlers taking 7 wickets or more (8)

8 - 41	M. Serplet	Reman Services v Quatt	11 July
7 - 16	S. Raine	Wem v Welshpool	27 June
7 - 20	K. Dirwan	Much Wenlock v Quatt	9 May
7 - 23	A. Raza	Ludlow v Much Wenlock	2 August
7 - 25	M. Robinson	Oswestry v Broseley	27 June
7 - 28	S. Birch	Welshpool v Allscott	2 May
7 - 43	R. Bill	Much Wenlock v Shelton	19 September
7 - 54	J. Arbuckle	Quatt v Welshpool	15 August

Leading Batting Averages 2009

(Qualification - Minimum 13 innings average over 26)

Name	Team	Inns	Runs	N/Outs	HS	Ave
Adrian Evans	Quatt	19	857	9	108*	85.70
D. Robinson	Quatt	24	1157	10	106*	82.64
S.S. Khenwar	Bomere Heath	13	498	2	93	45.27
I. Gillespie	Bomere Heath	19	763	1	138	42.39
M. Davies	Reman Services	16	374	6	68*	37.40
A. Huxley	Oswestry	25	813	3	108	36.95
M. Mehboob	Broseley	24	774	3	129*	36.86
K. Dirwan	Much Wenlock	15	497	1	149	35.50
A. Withington	Allscott	21	643	2	129*	33.84
I. Bissell	Albrighton	18	525	2	89	32.81
G. Hughes	Albrighton	19	434	5	50*	31.00
N. Salisbury	Shelton	17	463	2	70	30.87
M. Serplet	Reman Services	22	614	2	119*	30.70
S. Pugh	Madeley	19	521	2	102*	30.65
M. Davies	Wem	14	391	1	61	30.08
N. Williams	Oswestry	15	329	4	68*	29.91
D. Bradley	Much Wenlock	18	513	0	104	28.50
M. Robinson	Oswestry	17	420	2	88	28.00
Carl Starling	Allscott	22	585	1	73	27.86
B. Waters	Allscott	25	613	3	111*	27.86
M. Whitthead	Oswestry	20	439	4	81*	27.44
D. Bullock	Reman Services	16	260	6	62*	26.00
W. Sparrow	Ludlow	22	546	1	116*	26.00

Leading Bowling Average 2009
(Qualification - minimum of 30 wickets, average under 23)

Name	Team	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
K. Dirwan	Much Wenlock	201	74	397	64	6.20
A. Raza	Ludlow	220.2	56	573	60	9.55
C. Lewis	Much Wenlock	168.4	32	478	47	10.17
S. Raine	Wem	275.1	88	571	53	10.77
M. Robinson	Oswestry	286.1	71	799	65	12.29
M. Serplet	Reman Svs	173.4	29	536	40	13.40
G. Williams	Reman Svs	155.5	25	457	34	13.44
C. Davies	Newtown	219	59	547	38	14.39
C. Jones	Quatt	258.4	53	709	49	14.47
J. Prince	Madeley	161.5	32	497	33	15.06
P. Robinson	Oswestry	214.3	43	661	43	15.37
J. Arbuckle	Quatt	218.3	18	910	58	15.69
J. Summers	Albrighton	228	53	681	43	15.84
A. Wigginton	Shelton	203.5	50	556	34	16.35
S. Gwilt	Reman Svs	192	46	510	31	16.45
I. Gillespie	Bomere Heath	180.4	27	599	35	17.11
S. Birch	Welshpool	210.2	45	705	40	17.63
I. Pollard	Allscott	213.1	50	620	35	17.71
D. Woollatt	Albrighton	154.2	21	541	30	18.03
M. Bellamore	Newtown	182.1	32	589	31	19.00
J. Lloyd	Madeley	207.4	41	732	36	20.33
W. Sparrow	Ludlow	223.2	38	755	37	20.41
M. Mehboob	Broseley	319	72	955	44	21.70
P. Coote	Ludlow	227.1	43	741	34	21.79
R. Birch	Welshpool	277	56	866	39	22.21
G. Jones	Quatt	255.1	55	725	32	22.66



Marton's Shropshire Premier Cricket League
Reserve Division - Statistics 2009

Final League Table

	P	W	L	BP	A	P
*Wem	26	21	2	19	2	455
Reman Services	26	20	1	12	4	440
Oswestry	26	13	7	47	4	339
Madeley	26	11	6	52	4	326
*Newtown	26	11	8	55	3	309
*Much Wenlock	26	10	10	52	4	287
*Allscott	26	7	9	73	4	264
Quatt	26	9	12	57	3	260
*Albrighton	26	9	12	33	4	250
Ludlow	26	8	13	43	5	239
*Shelton	26	8	15	59	1	225
Broseley	26	5	16	81	4	209
Bomere Heath	26	4	15	62	4	170
*Welshpool	26	3	15	54	6	152

* - points deducted for fielding unregistered players

Highs and Lows

Highest score by a team - 312-4 Oswestry v Bomere Heath 29 August
Lowest score by a team - 16 Bomere Heath v Reman Services 2 May

Batsmen Scoring Centuries (12)

154*	D. Street	Quatt v Welshpool	30 May
150*	S. Gwilt	Reman Services v Allscott	12 Sept
146	M. Roberts	Madeley v Bomere Heath	9 May
141*	I. Payne	Oswestry v Bomere Heath	29 Aug
133	J. Wear	Reman Services v Madeley	15 Aug
129	J. Wear	Reman Services v Welshpool	23 May
117	E. Ashlin	Reman Services v Allscott	27 June
109*	D. Street	Quatt v Bomere Heath	5 Sept
109	H. Jones	Shelton v Much Wenlock	4 July
104*	N. Gittens	Allscott v Albrighton	29 Aug
104*	B. Bellis	Newtown v Allscott	18 July
102*	N. Davies	Newtown v Ludlow	9 May

Bowlers Taking 7 Wickets or More (5)

9- 12	I. White	Quatt v Shelton	25 April
8 - 10	W. Phillips	Reman Services v Bomere Heath	2 May
7 - 21	J. Darlington	Wem v Quatt	13 June
7 -27	K. Higgins	Wem v Welshpool	27 June
7 - 52	M. Griffiths	Reman Services v Allscott	12 Sept

Leading Batting Averages 2009
(Qualification - Minimum 13 innings average over 20)

Name	Team	Innings	Runs	Not Out	HS	Average
S. Gwilt	Reman Svs.	13	592	3	150*	58.20
A. Laycock	Madeley	13	423	2	81	38.45
J. Ashton	Reman Svs.	15	303	7	51*	37.88
A. Jackson	Shelton	14	435	2	90	36.25
T. Williams	Reman Svs.	14	394	3	85*	35.82
M. Roberts	Madeley	16	516	0	146	32.25
A. Eley	Much Wenlock	16	449	1	98	29.93
N. Gittens	Allscott	22	584	3	104*	29.68
P. Cuthbert	Wem	21	453	4	89*	26.65
M. Bullock	Broseley	20	452	2	67	25.11
B.P. Marshall	Oswestry	14	324	1	77	24.92
R. Davies	Newtown	23	467	4	57*	24.58
J. Davies	Wem	13	243	3	56*	24.30
C. Dean	Allscott	23	516	0	56	22.43
G. Knowles	Quatt	17	262	5	64*	21.83
S. Astley	Wem	13	260	1	53	21.67
R. Mapp	Ludlow	15	303	1	57	21.64
M. Knight	Welshpool	14	297	0	94	21.21
O. Clarke	Oswestry	14	263	1	92	20.23
M. Green	Much Wenlock	18	283	4	58*	20.21

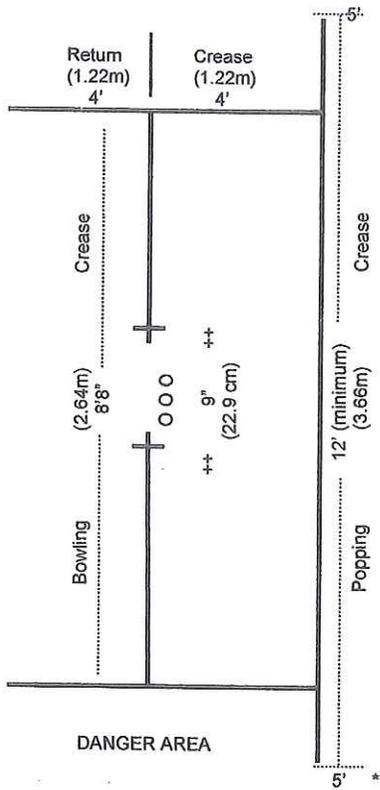


Leading Bowling Averages 2009
(Qualification minimum 25 wickets, average under 20)

Name	Team	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Astley	Wem	126.4	32	261	34	7.68
I. White	Quatt	217.4	64	487	61	7.98
M. Griffiths	Reman Svs.	83.5	15	217	25	8.68
W. Phillips	Reman Svs.	235.5	73	530	61	8.69
M. Stevens	Albrighton	128.2	20	369	41	9.00
K. Higgins	Wem	173	48	401	43	9.33
J. Phillips	Oswestry	153	32	413	34	12.15
P. Burton	Much Wenlock	195.5	52	525	42	12.50
K. Richards	Madeley	150	47	340	27	12.59
H. Thomas	Madeley	133.4	32	339	25	13.56
J. Willets	Madeley	115.2	26	394	29	13.59
J. Ridgway	Bomere Heath	129.3	22	420	30	14.00
M. Fleming	Quatt	143	34	379	27	14.04
P. Blanchard	Reman Svs.	101	12	412	27	15.26
C. Morris	Oswestry	156.5	21	484	31	15.61
O. Clarke	Oswestry	137.3	17	516	33	15.64
D. Ashlin	Reman Svs.	200.5	65	456	28	16.29
L. Boden	Broseley	213.3	36	729	39	18.69
R. Jones	Quatt	209.1	42	580	31	18.71
L. Richards	Broseley	134.3	15	487	26	18.73
L. Pritchard	Allscott	188.2	45	556	29	19.17
A. Hussain	Albrighton	142	26	480	25	19.20



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 2010

- 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.

- (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 the 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) 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 over 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 2010

Round 1

To be played on
Thursday 17th June at 6.15 pm

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

Round 2

To be played on
Thursday 8th 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 29th July at 6.15 pm

Final

To be played at Wem Cricket Club on Sunday 22nd 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 and 2009 SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE CUP
20/20 - KNOCKOUT FINAL**

(A) 2008 Final held over, played at Madeley Cricket Club on
Sunday 26 April 2009

Shrewsbury won by 120 runs

Shrewsbury 1st Innings 163-7 (Joe Leach 32, Dan Manders 32).

Newport 1st Innings 107-6 (Paul Furniss 45, Rob Furniss 25,
James Gale 3-19).

Shrewsbury 2nd Innings 156-5 (Wayne Merrick 29, Ed Foster 29,
James Gale 25).

Newport 2nd Innings 92-9 (Alex Blofield 3-6).

Man of the Match: Joe Leach (Shrewsbury).



(B) 2009 Final played at Bomere Heath Cricket Club on
Sunday August 23 2009

Allscott C.C. won by 56 runs

Allscott 1st Innings 184-5 (Carl Starling 76, Andy Withington 51,
Dominic Bradburn 2-14, John Wigley 2-22)

Reman Services 1st Innings 123-8 (Ed Ashlin 30 no,
Chris Starling 2-13)

Allscott 2nd Innings 131-6 (Steve Powell 39 no, Martin Jones 30,
Chris Speake 2-13)

Reman Services 2nd Innings 134-6 (Mark Davies 30,
Mal Serplet 26)

Man Of the Match - Carl Starling (Allscott)

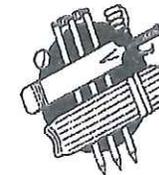


PREVIOUS YEARS' FINALISTS LEAGUE KNOCKOUT

	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
2008	Shrewsbury	Newport
2009	Allscott	Reman Services

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Training courses are held each year at Wrekin College Sports Centre, Wellington on Monday 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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2009 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES
LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION
CEDRIC RHOADES TROPHY

First Round - Sunday 5th July v North Somerset League (A)
North Somerset League Won By A Walkover, Marston's
SPCL Conceded The Tie.



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:

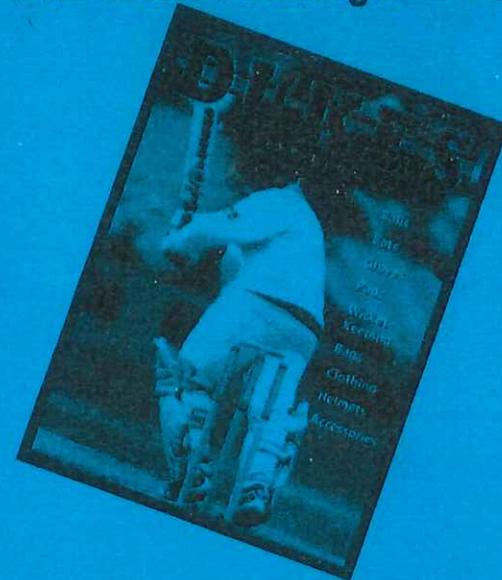
- No young player in the Under 15 age group or younger shall be allowed to field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off side, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- For players in the Under 13 age group and below the distance is 11 yards (10 metres).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

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