

Promotion and relegation for the 2025 season ahead of placings for the 2026 season in the Premier Division and Division One

These are the issues the structure sub-committee will need to consider ahead of finalising the top two divisions, then due to be ratified by the full committee.

- The possibility of the Premier champions earning a place in the BDPCL via the county league play-offs, or remaining in the SCCL
- The possibility that one or both of Shifnal and Worfield be relegated from the BDPCL
- Shrewsbury 2 must win D1 to be eligible for promotion (unless extenuating circumstances apply)
- Shifnal 2 must win D1 to be eligible for promotion (unless extenuating circumstances apply) but will be definitively ineligible if their 1s are relegated from the BDPCL
- Both Quatt 2 and Wellington 2 are ineligible for promotion so long as their 1s remain in the Premier. Eligible if 1s promoted to BDPCL; and they win D1 (unless extenuating circumstances apply); relegated if 1s are relegated from Premier
- No Saturday singletons will now be allowed in the top 2 divisions (unless extenuating circumstances apply) following the demise in recent years of Broseley (twice), Chelmarsh and Much Wenlock. Eligibility depends on a team having another club side playing Saturdays further down the league structure. This means Wheaton Aston are not eligible; while for this year only, Shelton 2 have until the end of July to inform the league committee if their 3s will switch to Saturday cricket in order for their 2s to be eligible to qualify.
- Worfield 2 are an exception to this rule, despite the club informing the league committee that their 3s will not be switched from Sunday. Their 2s will be allowed to remain in D1 unless/until it forfeits a match, in which case it will be relegated at the end of the season in which they forfeit – as it would also be owing to natural causes. In either case the 2s would then not be eligible to go back up to D1 until the 3s are playing Saturdays during the season in which the 2s finish as promotion contenders
- Worfield 2 are ineligible for promotion to the Premier Division under rule 24.6
- There is no definitive policy about the procedure for restoring D1 to 12 sides, but the division will definitely contain 12 teams for 2026
- Final decisions will be made at the league committee meeting on 29/09/25

Extenuating circumstances involve issues that obstructs promotion criteria, and it might then be necessary to waive one of the above rules in order to operate the Premier Division with a full 12 sides. This could involve:

- the Premier champions being promoted to the BDPCL
- no team returning from the BDPCL
- the bottom SCCL Premier team(s) being clearly outclassed and necessitating relegation
- the top team(s) in D1 being ineligible
- a D1 team being considered for promotion whatever its finishing position
- the possibility of a team requesting to remain in D1 owing to a low finishing position