



SCCL Return to Cricket Document

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A SCCL Player Registration and Qualification

1. All players in SCCL matches must be registered with the league, and player registration must be in accordance with current ECB regulations
2. Registration will be via the League's Play-Cricket website. Clubs may also register new players by phone or text to the Registrations/Results Co-ordinator Craig Simms (07368 344718) before noon on the day of the game, provided that the player's details are entered onto the Play Cricket website within 48 hours.
3. No player suspended by a Board or another League will be permitted to play in the SCCL.
4. No Transfers or Loans will be permitted this season. A player can only play for one club in 2020
5. Teams cannot register new players for the Premier Groups after August 31st. In all other groups, players can be added up until September 27th
6. No Overseas players (Cat 3) or Contracted players (Cat 2) will be allowed in 2020, but each team can register and play one category 3 Exempt player , providing the Registrations/Results Co-ordinator has given prior approval.
7. **Sunday qualification. Any club member (registered on play-cricket) can play on a Sunday but there is a limit of 4 who have played the previous day and they must have played in the team directly above the Sunday team. (Sunday cricket is provided by the league to enable more players to play, not more cricket for the same players)**

***There is however a special rule for the two clubs with two Sunday sides (Madeley and Knockin), whose two individual clubs XIs (3rd and 4th) are both in the same groups.**

A maximum of eight Saturday 2nd XI players may play for the Sunday sides provided no more than four play in each team.

- 8. A player that has played six matches in the Premier Groups or Birmingham League , cannot play in matches in other groups on the weekend of 26th/27th September**
9. Any team playing an UNREGISTERED player will receive a 2pt penalty per player.
10. Any team playing an INELIGIBLE player will lose all points gained in the match. The opposition will receive 20pts

B. SCCL Rules 2020

(Where referenced please see main Rules document on website, otherwise the following rules are to take precedence)

1. All clubs must have provided the SCCL with a Covid-19 Risk Assessment to meet ECB Guidelines. These are uploaded to the League website. It is important that all away clubs read the Risk Assessment for the club they are visiting in the days leading up to the match , and captains should ensure that all players and officials have read a copy.
2. All clubs must have submitted the Declaration signed by their Chairman and/or Secretary and returned to the League Secretary Brian Kitson. Failure to do so will result in no points being recorded until they have.
3. The Rules are binding on all players and clubs . In the event of any contravention, The League (or any of its constituent sub-committees) shall have powers to award or deduct points, declare a match void and/or levy fines on any offending clubs,officials , players.
For more detail on this procedure see the Disciplinary Document on the SCCL Website
4. The Management Committee shall adjudicate on all matters not specifically covered by these Rules . The League's judgement shall be final .

Playing Arrangements 2020

1. All captains should download and print off the **team sheet/card** from the SCCL website and ensure it is correctly filled in before the toss.
2. All matches will be played under the standard **WIN/LOSE** format
3. **Start times** are 12 noon for all matches

4. All matches will be **40 overs per side** . If BOTH captains agree that a full game is not possible owing to bad weather or potential bad weather, then the overs can be reduced to a minimum of 20 overs per side before play starts. **Once a match has started there can be no reduction of overs in either innings.**

Example 1. Delayed start due to rain. Play gets underway at 1.30 and captains agree a 30 over a side game

Example 2. Heavy rain is forecast for 4pm with no likely break , so both captains agree to start on time but play 25 overs a side so the game can finish before the rain comes.

Example 3. It is raining and likely to be intermittent all day. Captains agree to a minimum 20 over game

The above examples are reliant on captains reaching agreement. If there is no agreement between the captains then a 40 over game is the default position. Umpires can give their views and encouragement is given for players and officials to reach a sensible consensus decision but it is ultimately a matter for the captains.

- 4 **The Ball** : The home team shall provide both balls. Home clubs must also ensure a selection of at least 6 suitable spare balls are available to the umpire(s) at the toss.
5. Between innings interval of **20 minutes** . No teas provided .
6. **Over rates** are not to be monitored, but we expect the game to be played at as reasonable a pace as possible.
7. In all matches no bowler may bowl more than **one-fifth** of the allocated overs
8. There is **no DLS**
9. **Delayed starts and Interruptions** . No match can start later than 4pm . If the team batting second does not receive as many overs as the side batting first without achieving a result, then the game is abandoned and points will be awarded accordingly. (four points each plus bonus points). The game must finish at 7pm unless there is 8 or less overs remaining **and** the players are still on the field of play, in which case the game can be finished (weather and light permitting).
10. **Umpires** are as per Rule 18 of the SCCL Rulebook, except the fee per panel umpire is now £30. There are no requirements for umpires to submit Umpires Match Reports, although general comments are always encouraged which can be sent to the League Umpires Secretary .Any Disciplinary issues are to be reported by umpires in the usual way , please download Disciplinary document on League website.

11. **Wide ball.** In the Premier and Division One groups a more stricter interpretation of the wide is required than in other groups . We do not recommend that all balls passing down the leg side are wided in non Prem/Div 1 groups
12. **No ball.** All no balls in Premier Groups and Division 1 Groups result in a free hit. No free hits in any other groups
13. **Power plays** do not apply in any groups
14. **A scorer** is required in the Premier Division groups.

Until further notice, only one scorer will be required to attend each match. The home side will be responsible for providing the scorer. If their regular scorer is unavailable, the home club should contact the visiting club, in the first instance, and offer their scorer the opportunity to fulfil the role. If the visiting scorer is unavailable or unwilling to fulfil the role, the responsibility for providing a scorer reverts to the home club. If the away scorer wishes to travel anyway and score, they must stay socially distanced and under no circumstances share a score box with the home scorer

15. **Fielding Regulations.** Usual rules regarding discs - see Rule 14 of the main Rules text on SCCL website
16. **Penalty runs** as per Rule 26 and Law 42
17. **Match Points** are as follows :

20 points to the team that scores the most runs . Bonus points to the losing team.

There are a total of five batting points available - one point for reaching 100,125,150,175,200.

There are a total of five bowling points available - one point each for the 2nd,4th,6th,8th 10th wicket (or all out)

Tied game : Eight points each plus bonus points

Abandoned game :Four points each plus bonus points to each team

Cancelled game Four points each. See Rule Five of main rules document for more details regarding the cancellation of matches

Conceded game: 20points to the team conceded on. Zero points to the conceding team

No Umpires or scorers points in any division

18. The **Discipline and Behaviour Guidelines** are detailed on the League website. These have changed since 2019 so all participants are advised to familiarise themselves with them. There are also additional "Covid-19" offences that are outlined here :

A player intentionally moving within 1 metre of anyone else for non-cricketing purposes will be treated as a Level 3 offence

A player intentionally spitting or coughing at and within 2 metres of, another person will be treated as a Level 4 offence

19. See website rules for **NOTIFICATION OF RESULT**. (These are unchanged from 2019)

20. **ECB fast Bowling Directives** see Rule 13 and Appendix C on original 2020 Rules on Website

21. **Concussion** : see Appendix C

22. Enjoy the Season!

C - ECB Guidance for clubs & grounds <https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/1717108/ecb-share-guidelines-for-the-return-of-recreational-cricket> covers links to the following:-

Roadmap

Guidance for England including infographics

Guidance for Wales including infographics

Guidance for officials

A FAQ link

Please also note that recent additional guidance has been released to further clarify the situation.

Changing rooms are to remain closed at all times in line with ECB guidance on pavilions and clubhouses.

Players should arrive and leave the ground in their cricket clothes.

The changing rooms cannot be used as a bag drop or to store food and drink.

Toilets can be open, but with a strict policy of one in, one out, and an enhanced cleaning regime in place.

The only exception is, for safeguarding purposes, that players are allowed inside to put on or remove the protective equipment they couldn't put on prior to leaving home, such as a box or thigh pad.

In this instance, again, it must be only one person in a room at a time.

This should only happen when there is no other appropriate screening available outside.

D-G See Attachments

H - Club Feedback from early matches

- In Wales home captain to brief visiting team on different regs in Wales before start.
- Important role of captains in lower divisions (where no umpires) to brief players before start.
- signing/notices to tell spectators not to return the ball

- One of our fast bowlers bowled a beamer first ball after a sanitising break when the ball slipped out of his hand. My suggestion would be for the umpires to ask the bowler to be sure his hands and the ball are dry before resumption
- Players continued to return the ball to the bowler via the fielders and not direct, again this may be something the umpires have to reinforce with the Captain
- We put three sanitisers outside boundary on each side of ground, square of the strip this worked well. Someone ran on with the wipes for the captain to wipe the ball
- Umpires suggested drinks (players own) at 18 overs to reduce stoppages - good idea

- Would be helpful if players brought their own small sanitisers & kept them in their pockets to speed up the hygiene break process