



Shropshire County Cricket League

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From Jamie Dowley – Chairman of the SCCL Rules Sub Committee as of 31.01.24

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Rule changes for 2024

Following the recent meeting of the Management Committee, the following rule changes were ratified for the 2024 season.

All formats, start times, match overs and bowler overs remain as 2023.

Changes:

1. **Overseas players.** In addition to the one category 3 overseas player, all clubs are now able to play an additional non-category-1 player providing that player is residing in the country legally and not here on a Home Office sporting visa. All such players must be approved by Craig Simms, Registrations secretary, before they are allowed to play in the SCCL. This regulation only applies to competitions under the SCCL, and does not apply to any ECB competition or end-of-season BDPCCL play-offs.

2. **Disciplinary.** All players found in breach of disciplinary regulations shall no longer be liable for monetary penalties, but instead the following points will be deducted from their teams' totals. Level 1 = 5pts, Level 2 = 10pts, Level 3 = 15pts, Level 4 = 20pts. This is in addition to the playing suspensions laid out in the SCCL Disciplinary Regulations. If two or more players are reported in the same games, the points penalties will be combined. If the offence is for an off-the-field breach, then the DSC will determine which team within that club receives the penalty.

3. **Live scoring** is now mandatory in Division One. The result sheet is no longer required in this division. All other divisions remain as per 2023.

4. Loan Rule.

a) Now simplified so that loans can be registered up to 8pm on a Friday.

b) Only teams from Division 4-7 can loan players in. Note: Division 3 teams can no longer loan players in.

c) Any loan player must play in the lowest team within that club.

d) Teams can only loan from a maximum of one division higher (same division and lower is fine). Certain exemptions may be granted according to the status of the loanee – all such queries and requests must go to the Rules Chairman or Registrations Secretary, who will adjudicate.

e) As before, no club may include more than three loan players at any time.

f) No fresh loans will be permitted for any matches in September, but existing loans are still acceptable.

g) Sunday teams may loan players out, but as before cannot loan players in.

5. **Panel Umpires' fees** are now £55 per umpire in the Premier and £50 in Division One. Clubs can now, if they wish, arrange to pay the umpires by BACS. The umpires can no longer insist on cash. All umpires' fees must be paid promptly.



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6. The **use of Go-Pro cameras** or similar devices are no longer allowed in the SCCL. This applies to all participants, players and officials.

7. Senior rules (Prem and D1).

a) Slow over rates in WL matches will now accrue fielding restriction penalties and not run penalties.

b) WDL draw points: 10-0 if the team batting second fail to reach 70% of the 1st innings. 7-3 if they do reach 70%. The target score in rain-affected matches is still based on average run-rate and is now also 7-3 (70%).

c) As previously announced, Division One to use coloured clothing and pink ball in WL matches (2nd half of season). Premier continues in WL with coloured clothing and white balls (black sightscreens).

8. Lower Saturday divisions (2-7).

In WL matches, providing 50% of the overs in the second innings have been bowled, the result is decided on average run-rate. So 20pts to winning side, bonus points to losing.

9. **Method of communication** for cancelling matches / exercising right to travel must include texts/whatsapps in addition to initial verbal exchange.

10. **Sunday divisions.** Juniors (u-18) who have played in Premier division or BDPCL the previous day can play on a Sunday at the discretion of the Rules Chair or Registrations Secretary. Any such junior must be u-18 on Sept 1 of the previous year.

11. **Sunday Division 1 and 3.** Both teams should supply one new ball. In all other divisions (including Sunday 2), the home team supplies both balls.

12. **Concessions.** 1st offence 5pts, 2nd offence 10pts, 3rd offence 15pts, 4th offence 20pts, 5th offence = expulsion. On the 3rd & 4th offences, an additional 10pts are deducted from all higher teams within the offending club.

13. **Last 2 games of season.** 12-game rule is now 60% rule. League games only to count and games must have started.

14. **KO Finals day** to include DLS.