



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section captains' meeting - 3 July 2024

Note of meeting

- Welcome.** RP welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to participate. There were apologies from Greg Wadsworth (WTCC) due to work commitments.
- Update on Premier Section issues.** RP covered three issues:
 - Games on Saturday 6 July.* The original intention was to allow teams in the Senior Section to bring start times forward if players wanted to watch the football, but that Premier Section games should go ahead as planned. Following a request from one club, he had consulted committee members and agreed that clubs may therefore bring start times forward but not reduce overs. For future reference, RP asked if any of the captains disagreed with this decision, and there were no dissenters. All such changes to be notified to David Ward and himself; and, in any future instance, permission must be sought in advance.
 - Replacement of overseas players.* For 2025 onwards, the admin rules will be changed to stipulate that up to 30 June an overseas player may be replaced only if he has to return home for such as illness, injury or family circumstances, or if the club terminate his stay for disciplinary or performance reasons. From 1 July to 14 August, an overseas player may be replaced if he is unexpectedly required to return home by his home club or association for cricket commitment, as is currently the case. In neither circumstance are 'planned' replacements allowed.
 - Premier Section standards.* RP said that a ground and facilities standards document was in the final stages of preparation for introduction in 2025. This would be circulated before the end of the season. Any club that did not meet the standards would be expected to have a plan in place to do so within a maximum of three years, or if it was, exceptionally, impossible to do so, to apply for exemption from a particular requirement. RP said that from his observations, most clubs would have no serious issues.
- Cup competitions**
 - SW progress report, saying that the Whitworth and T20 Plate are on schedule; there are two outstanding games to arrange in the K3; and the T20 Blast semi-finals have now been arranged.
 - SW said that a planning meeting for the T20 finals day for the participating and host clubs, would take place on Tuesday 16 July by Zoom.
 - RP said that the number of cup competitions already makes scheduling very tight, and the adverse weather has made matters particularly difficult in the last two years. We must expect this to recur, so we are considering whether the start of the K3 Dental cup should be put back to early June. The organisers of the Heavy Woollen Cup are thinking along the same lines, so we are liaising with them before decisions are made.
 - RP & SW wished Tickhill the very best of luck for their National KO game at Northern CC on Sunday
- Under 23s v MCC game.** We have been advised that the MCC will have a strong side for this game at Abbeydale on 1 August. We have asked Premier Section clubs to nominate potential players to SW by 10 July please.
- Other issues.** In his absence, Greg Wadsworth had asked RP to raise two issues; firstly, the perceived inconsistent application of the 'leg-side wide rule' and second, a perceived increase in the on-field use of foul and abusive language. RP asked captains if they had experienced issues with either of these, but none had.
- Close.** RP thanked all for their attendance and wished them the very best of luck for the remainder of the season.