



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section Cricket Committee

9th meeting – Wednesday 28 September 2022 – 7.30pm by Zoom

Note of Meeting

Present: Mark Beardshall (chair), Chris Froggett, Bryan Lowe, Roger Pugh, Steve Ward, Andrew Tipple (observer)

Apologies: Jason Booth, Mick Forrester, Andy Harrison

1. **Welcome & apologies.** Apologies were received from Jason Booth and Mick Forrester.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** RP & SW provided an update on action points:
 - i. RP had drafted the bowling restrictions proposal – see appendix 1
 - ii. SW said that he had spoken to Rob Smith of YPLN and confirmed that his League were committed to playing in the Viking Cricket Cup in the future.
SW also said that Viking Cricket are no longer able to sponsor the competition. He has therefore negotiated a £1k per season deal with Ollie Beukes of K3 Dental, starting next season. Part of the initial payment will be used to purchase a new trophy.
SW also said that both BWMCC and Woodhouse Grange CC had written to thank Wakefield Thornes CC for their exemplary hosting of the 2022 Viking Cricket final, and that there had been much very positive feedback. He said that Thornes had been a credit to the League.
 - iii. RP had drafted letter for MB to send to WPCCC, to which there had been as reply – see item 6 below.
 - iv. RP had drafted a letter of thanks for MB to send to Elsecar CC on their hosting of the T20 Blast finals.
 - v. RP had circulated the G&F criteria, and there had been feedback on the grounds needing inspection – see item 7 below.
 - vi. RP had asked Gareth Davis to attend the LEB, where there had been as full discussion on the cricket ground situation in South Yorkshire – see [LEB notes](#)
 - vii. CF and RP had reviewed the overseas rules and had proposed some amendments – see appendix 2. Most of these did not reflect material changes, but simply bring us in line with ECB rules. They had considered a rule to cover students, but had felt this unnecessary, as most students will now qualify under the 210-day residence rule, and there have been very few applications to register overseas students in any case.
 - viii. RP had spoken to David Ward on umpire recruitment issues and this was followed up at the LEB. DW is concerned about the shortage of umpires and is actively seeking solutions.
3. **Equity & Diversity update.** No report.
4. **Scoring issues.** SW has arranged two scoring courses in November (Level 2 on the 12th; linear scoring on the 13th).

5. **Proposals for rule changes.** RP said that other than bowling restrictions and a correction to 20 (position of teams in the league table) to include 'most wins', there have been no proposals for changes to playing conditions. DW and RP are meeting to go through the Administrative Rules and Playing Conditions to update and make any necessary amendments. Two areas being looked at are Admin Rules 34-36 (loan players) and 39 (players from higher division teams playing in lower division teams).
6. **Letter from David Bridge, Chairman, Whiston Parish Church CC.** The letter had been circulated and was discussed. In conclusion, MB said that the committee was happy to rescind the word 'ban'. Whiston PCCC would be suspended from hosting prestige games, including T20 group days for three seasons, but if we receive favourable reports on the ground, this could be reviewed in two years' time.
7. **Grounds & facilities**
 - i. *Promoted clubs.* The committee agreed that:
 - the promotions of Aston Hall and Hallam to the Premier and Darfield to the Championship should go ahead on the basis that they will take the actions they have indicated and provided that Hallam will undertake to revisit long-term plans and provide quarterly updates on progress for the pavilion at Crimicar **(RP to draft letters for MB to send)**.
 - Shiregreen be contacted to advise that their pitch marks need to show significant improvement before they could be admitted to the Premier Division **(RP to draft letter for MB to send)**.
 - Green Moor and Rockingham Colliery should be contacted to advise that they will not be readmitted to the Premier Section until there are concrete plans in hand to level the square (Green Moor) and they have assurance that they will be allowed to do the necessary pre-season work on the ground and that the long-term ground issue is satisfactorily resolved **(RP to draft letters for MB to send)**.
 - ii. *Assessment of grounds and facilities for ECB money purposes.* To be assessed alongside the ground markings. **RP to meet with JB to agree the issues that need to be considered on the list of clubs identified for further investigation.**
 - iii. *Pitch inspections.* **RP to follow up with JB on discussion at last meeting.**
8. **Other business**
 - i. *Committee.* MB said that this would be his last meeting as Head of Premier Section, and thanked the committee members for their help and support over the last two years. **All committee members are asked to confirm by email to MB whether they are prepared to continue on the committee in 2023.**
 - ii. *Premier Division championship trophy.* **RP and SW to identify a suitable new permanent Premier Division championship trophy.**

Appendix 1

Premier Section proposals for bowling restrictions

First proposal:

To replace Playing Condition 16.iv with the following – Premier Section. Two bowlers may bowl up to 15 overs in an innings; no other bowler may bowl more than eight.

Second proposal (if the first proposal is defeated, a second proposal will be put to the vote):

To replace Playing Condition 16.iv with the following – Premier Section. No bowler may bowl more than ten overs in an innings.

If either proposal is successful, a supplementary question will be put to the clubs as follows:

Do you want the introduction of the new rule to take place in the 2023 season, or defer it to the 2024 season?

If the first and second proposals are both defeated, the existing Playing Condition 16.iv will continue to apply.

Revised administrative rules pertaining to overseas players, for approval by LEB

33 Clubs must register their players in the following categories:

- i. *Category 1 (Eligible Players)*. Players eligible to play for England under current regulations or ‘ordinarily resident’ in England, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for a minimum of 210 days in the immediately preceding 12 months. A player who holds a British passport and lives outside the UK must also meet the “ordinarily” resident criteria. Players from Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are classified as Category 3 (Overseas Players) under this regulation.
- ii. *Category 2 (Contracted Players)*. Players qualified to play for England under the current regulations, and currently under contract to a First-Class County Club or MCC Young Cricketers. For clarification, a contracted player is one who has a current full playing contract or a development (scholarship) contract but not an Academy contract (16-19 years).
- iii. *Category 3 (Unqualified Players)*. An unqualified player is a player not qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations. All non-EEA citizens will require prior permission (a visa) to come to the UK to participate in sport if they do not hold a:
 - British Passport (or is a spouse/dependent of),
 - European Passport (or is a spouse/dependent of) *or*
 - Ancestral Visa

37 **Overseas players**. Unless ‘ordinarily resident’ under 33.i above, overseas players are Category 3 (Unqualified Players). In registering overseas players, all Home Office and ECB rules and guidelines must be followed, the correct visa obtained, and the approval of the Compliance Manager obtained before registration. The Compliance Manager will make such checks as he deems necessary before giving approval to register. Category 3 players fall into two categories:

- i. ‘Overseas professionals’ who, in order to be registered on Play-Cricket, must furnish the Compliance Manager with a copy of:
 - the registering club’s Certificate of Sponsorship for the player, issued by ECB
 - a Tier 5 Creative and Sporting Visa
 - a completed copy of the YCSPL Overseas Professional Registration form
- ii. ‘Overseas amateurs’ who, in order to be registered on Play-Cricket, must furnish the Compliance Manager with a copy of:
 - British or European Passport (or document confirming spouse/dependent of), *or*
 - an Ancestral Visa, *or*
 - a relevant visitor visa, eg, a Standard Visitor Visa, Tier 5 Youth Mobility Visa, or Tier 4 (Student) Visa, *and*
 - a completed copy of the YCSPL Overseas Amateur Registration form