



# **Constitution & League Rules 2014**

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **1. NAME**

1.1 The name of the League is the Wetherby Cricket League, hereinafter referred to as “the League”.

## **2. AFFILIATION**

2.1 The League shall be a member of the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB) and the West Yorkshire Area Cricket Council (WYACC).

## **3. OBJECTIVES OF THE LEAGUE**

- To provide cricket for its member clubs in the form of various competitions throughout the year.
- To endeavour at all times to uphold the high traditions, spirit and laws of the game.
- To promote the highest possible standards of cricket and playing facilities.
- To encourage equality in all aspects and to ensure a duty of care to all its member clubs and members regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, social status, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. The League will work diligently at all times to promote anti-racism and racial equality in the game. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member, club, player or other person, who acts in any racist manner, or who is proven guilty of racial abuse.

## **4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE**

4.1 The clubs, senior and junior, as shall have been admitted to the membership of the League and are still participating in the League structure.

4.2 The President and Honorary Vice-Presidents of the League, who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the League. The qualification for their election shall be the services rendered by them to the League.

4.3 The Wetherby Association of Cricket Officials (WACO) and the Wetherby Cricket Coaches (WCC) may attend all General Meetings of the League, including Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, with both organisations having full voting rights for two representatives.

4.4 The bona-fide members of clubs in membership of the League shall also be members of the Wetherby Cricket League. Such members shall be permitted neither to attend General Meetings of the League nor to vote as individual members, their interests being represented by their clubs.

## **5. GOVERNANCE OF THE LEAGUE**

5.1 The affairs of the League shall be governed by a Board of Management, hereinafter referred to as “the Board”.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS**

6.1 The Board shall consist of up to a maximum of seven members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Board shall serve for a period of three years, with a minimum of two members and a maximum of three, retiring each year by rotation. The retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

6.2 The Board shall elect its own Chairman, Vice-Chairman and League Secretary.

6.3 At Board meetings, all members present shall have one vote with the Chairman, in addition, having a casting vote.

6.4 For Board meetings, four members shall constitute a quorum.

## **7. MANAGEMENT OF THE LEAGUE**

7.1 The Board shall deal with the routine business of the League; with all matters arising out of the Constitution and the rules of the League, and with any other matters which may arise affecting the League but for which no provision has previously been made. It shall make such reports and recommendations as it considers desirable on any matters relating to the League or the game of cricket. It shall be empowered to impose such fines and/ or penalties, including suspension of members, whether playing or non-playing, of clubs or organisations as it may consider to be in the best interest of the League or the game of cricket.

7.2 The Board shall, at its discretion, determine the amount of the honoraria payments payable in respect of the following positions: League Secretary, League Treasurer, Senior Cricket Secretary, Junior Cricket Secretary, Senior Fixture Secretary, Finance Secretary.

7.3 The Board shall appoint the following permanent sub-committees annually at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting:

**a) Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee (FC), under the chairmanship of the League Treasurer, shall deal with all financial matters of the League. The FC shall issue penalties in accordance with breaches of the Constitution and League rules.

**b) Disciplinary Committee**

The Disciplinary Committee (DC), under the chairmanship of the Head of Discipline, shall deal with all matters regarding conduct and discipline, both on and off the field, in accordance with the League's disciplinary procedures, the ECB's Code of Conduct and the powers delegated to it by the Board.

**c) Senior Cricket Committee**

The Senior Cricket Committee (SCC), under the chairmanship of the Head of Senior Cricket, shall be responsible for the organisation and day-to-day management of senior cricket. It shall deal with all matters arising out of League rules relating to senior cricket. The SCC shall reserve the right to pass any matter directly to the Board or the Disciplinary Committee for investigation and action.

**d) Junior Cricket Committee**

The Junior Cricket Committee (JCC), under the chairmanship of the Head of Junior Cricket, shall be responsible for the organisation and day-to-day management of junior cricket. It shall deal with all matters arising out of League rules relating to junior cricket. The JCC shall reserve the right to pass any matter directly to the Board or the Disciplinary Committee for investigation and action. The JCC shall be authorised to arrange General Meetings of clubs in junior membership for briefing and information purposes.

**e) Sponsorship & Events Committee**

The Sponsorship & Events Committee (SEC), under the chairmanship of the Head of Sponsorship, shall obtain sponsorship for the League and shall organise League events, including the annual dinner.

7.4 Any other sub-committee deemed desirable may be appointed by the Board on either a permanent or a casual basis.

7.5 A member of the Board shall act as the Chairman of each sub-committee and each sub-committee shall elect its own Secretary. The SCC and the JCC shall normally consist of a minimum of four members; the FC, the DC and the SEC shall normally consist of a minimum of three members. For all sub-committee meetings, three members shall constitute a quorum. At sub-committee meetings, all members present shall have one vote with the Chairman, in addition, having a casting vote.

7.6 The Board reserves the right to overturn any decision made by any sub-committee.

7.7 The Board shall be empowered to invite any person representing sub-committees, or any other organisations, to any of its meetings where relevant matters are to be discussed.

7.8 Meetings of the Board and any sub-committees thereof should be held no less than bi-monthly. The minutes of all the meetings of the Board and of its sub-committees shall be circulated to all members of the Board.

## **8. NEW CLUBS**

8.1 Applications from clubs for membership of the League must be received, in writing, by the League Secretary no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September, for admission in the following year. A club, not being a member of the League in the preceding season, must enclose with its application a letter granting permission to transfer from the league of which it was previously a member.

8.2 All such applications shall be dealt with by the Board who will satisfy themselves as to the fitness of the ground and facilities; that the admission of further teams to the League is, at the time, desirable; and that such grounds are within acceptable travelling distance of existing clubs. On joining the League member teams of new clubs will normally be placed in the lowest divisions of the League; however, at the discretion of the Board higher positions may be allocated.

8.3 Junior teams under any approved organisation and not necessarily affiliated to any club in membership, may be admitted to the junior section if their written application is approved by the Board or by the Junior Cricket Committee, under authority delegated by the Board.

8.4 Each senior club on its admission to the League shall forthwith pay an admission fee of £100. Failure to pay this within ten days of notification of admission shall render such admission null and void.

## **9. CLUBS IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE**

9.1 All member clubs will be subject to the principles of the Constitution and by joining the League will be deemed to have accepted these principles, the rules of the League and any Codes of Conduct that the League has adopted.

9.2 It is a League requirement that all clubs in membership of the League obtain Public Liability Insurance. To ensure that this cover is in place, if requested by the Board, clubs are required to make available for inspection such policies that they hold covering this requirement. Clubs failing to comply with this requirement will be debarred from involvement in any League activity until such time as this cover is in place.

9.3 Clubs in membership of the League are required to notify the Senior Cricket Secretary, in writing, not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> November of any intended variation of their entry to the League Championship for the following year. In the absence of any such notice, they will be automatically entered in the League Championship for the following season and they shall be required to fulfil such fixtures as may be arranged by the League.

9.4 Clubs in membership of the League are also required to submit to the Senior Cricket Secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March details of any competitions which they have entered, or which they intend to enter, for the ensuing season, but which are not to be played under the auspices of the League. Clubs entering such competitions shall accept that any fixtures arranged within the League shall be given priority over all other fixtures. However, provided that application is made, in writing, to the Secretary of the opposing club and to the Senior Fixture Secretary not less than fourteen days prior to the original fixture and that the opposing club and the Senior Cricket Committee raise no objection, the date and/ or time of a fixture may be rearranged.

9.5 Clubs in membership of the League are deemed to have pledged themselves not to select players for club matches on dates when those players are required to represent the County, League, or other representative sides which may enjoy the support of the League.

9.6 No club in membership of the League shall negotiate with any other league affiliated to the Yorkshire Cricket Association with the intention of leaving the former to become a member of the latter without first obtaining the permission of the League, in writing, on an official Yorkshire Cricket Board transfer form. Such permission shall not be withheld unless the club has failed to fulfil any financial or disciplinary obligations to the League, or would fail to fulfil fixtures made, in any year, for the following season. Permission to negotiate shall not be interpreted as either resignation or dismissal but, should the date by which resignations are due to be received pass without further written notification of further action from the club; the written permission to negotiate shall be deemed to be invalid, without further action being necessary by the League.

9.7 Any club wishing to resign from the League must give written notice to the League Secretary no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April in the year previous to the year in which it intends to play in another League. The written notice of resignation must be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the club.

9.8 Any club whose facilities, playing standards, or disciplinary record deteriorate to such an extent as to cause the League to consider action against it, may be expelled from the League. Any such decision would be recommended by the Board and approved by the member clubs at the next appropriate General Meeting.

9.9 Any team which fails to fulfil three or more League Championship fixtures in a season will only be accepted into the League the following season if its club submits a bond to the value of £50 for each occurrence. This bond will be refunded in full if the team fulfils all its League Championship fixtures in the following season. If the team fails to fulfil any fixtures in the following season, a deduction of £50 will be made from the bond for each occurrence.

9.10 Any club which is expelled from, or which ceases to be a member of, the League for any reason, including resignation, shall at once forfeit any rights to participation in the assets of the League.

## **10. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE**

10.1 General Meetings of the League, attended by the President, the members of the Board, the Secretary (or his or her nominated representative) of each senior club and the nominated representatives of the affiliated organisations, shall be held in April and in November, and at such other times as may be considered necessary by the Board. The League Secretary shall give all eligible members not less than ten clear days' notice in writing of all General Meetings, including Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

10.2 At General Meetings, including Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, sixteen members, including League officials, shall constitute a quorum.

10.3 Any club not being represented at a General Meeting, including Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, unless a reasonable explanation is given, shall be fined the sum of £25.

10.4 At General Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, only one representative from each club and the two nominated representatives from the affiliated organisations shall be entitled to vote, each being entitled to one vote only. To be carried, any resolution must receive a majority of all votes cast. In the event of there not being a majority, the Chairman of the meeting shall, in addition, have a casting vote. All voting shall be by ballot paper.

10.5 Those clubs having junior teams in membership of the League shall be entitled to vote on matters concerning their relevant junior sections.

10.6 The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held no later than six months after the end of the financial year of the League. The financial year end of the League is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

10.7 The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

1. To receive, consider and approve the Financial Statements of the League along with the Accountants' Report.
2. To elect members of the Board for the ensuing year.
3. To elect the Accountants
4. To appoint a Child Welfare Officer for the League
5. To appoint delegates to such other organisations as may be required
6. To consider any other business affecting the League of which due and proper notice has been given or which the Chairman of the meeting gives permission to be introduced.

10.8 Nominations for members of the Board should be made in writing by the nominating club and must be received by the League Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January in each year. The Board may also make nominations. It should be confirmed that any person so nominated is willing and able to carry out their duties if elected. A

person nominated as a member of the Board may, or may not, be their club's nominated representative to the Annual General Meeting or the Board.

10.9 The business to be transacted at the November General Meeting shall be:

1. To consider proposed new Constitutional Principles and League Rules and /or amendments to existing Principles and Rules of which due and proper notice has been given.
2. To determine League entry fees for the following season.
3. To consider any other business affecting the League of which due and proper notice has been given or which the Chairman of the meeting gives permission to be introduced.

10.10 A Special General Meeting of the League may be called at any time by the League Secretary:

- a) upon the authority of the Board, or
- b) within fourteen days of receipt of a written requisition bearing the signature of the Chairman or Secretary of no less than twelve clubs. Such requisitions must take the form of a definitive resolution to be moved and seconded by two of the signatory clubs.

10.11 No business shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting other than that for which it was specifically called.

10.12 The minutes of all General Meetings, including Annual General Meetings and any Special General Meeting, shall be circulated to members of the Board, the Secretary of each club, the Secretary and nominated members of the affiliated organisations and to other members not otherwise in receipt of copies.

## **11. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

11.1 No alterations to the Constitution shall be made except with the approval of the member clubs at the November General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting.

11.2 No alterations to the League Rules, including those relating to junior cricket, shall be made except at the discretion of the Board.

11.3 Notice of any proposed alteration to the Constitution or League Rules to be considered by the Board must be sent, in writing, to the League Secretary and be received no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September.

11.4 Such resolutions must be in the form of a specific resolution for presentation to the Board. Where any amendment is proposed to an existing Constitutional Principle or League Rule, the full text of the amended version must be quoted. Failure to comply with this requirement or failure to ensure that necessary complementary amendments are proposed may permit rejection by the Board.

11.5 Particulars of all proposed alterations shall be notified to clubs, together with any comments thereon by the Board, by the League Secretary at least twenty one days prior to the November General Meeting or a Special General meeting called for the specific purpose.

11.6 To be carried, any resolution must receive a majority of all votes cast. In the event of there not being a majority, the Chairman of the meeting shall, in addition, have a casting vote.

## **12. FINANCES**

12.1 Annual subscriptions shall cover admission to any and all League Championship and Cup competitions.

12.2 The annual subscription for clubs shall be as set out in Appendix A (para 1). In addition, all clubs with senior teams in the League shall be charged for four tickets for the end of season League Dinner at a cost to be recommended by the Board.

12.3 Clubs who participate in junior cricket only shall pay an annual League admission fee as set out in Appendix A (para 2). In addition, all clubs entering junior teams in the League will pay an annual subscription per team, as set out in Appendix A (para 3).

12.4 The Treasurer will send an invoice to all clubs for annual fees, subscriptions and dinner tickets, where appropriate. All due payments must be received by the Treasurer not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March. Failure to comply with this requirement shall render the club liable to suspension from any part in League competitions until such time as payment is received and to a fine at the discretion of the Board.

12.5 Where a club has teams playing outside the League, then affiliation fees in respect of the YCB for such additional teams shall be paid either through the league(s) in which those teams play or, if only friendly matches are played, directly to the YCB.

12.6 The WACO, WCC and bona-fide members of clubs in membership of the League shall not be required to pay any annual subscription.

12.7 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the League through an account or accounts in the name of the League. At the discretion of the Board, accounts may be opened for the deposit of League funds with any one or more suitable financial institutions. Cheques may be drawn, and signed, on behalf of the League by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, League Secretary or Treasurer, two out of four to sign. The Treasurer is empowered to transfer funds between any current or deposit accounts of the League at their discretion or as may be determined by the Board.

12.8 The accounts of the League shall be made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> October each year and shall be reported upon by an independent firm of Accountants.

### **13. DISCIPLINE**

13.1 The League is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. The League operates within the jurisdiction of the ECB and will operate a disciplinary procedure based on the current version of the ECB's Code of Conduct.

13.2 The expression "player" in this section shall be deemed to mean and include all players, any member or official of any member club or any other person involved in any incident of alleged misconduct within the curtilage of the club premises.

13.3 The ECB Code of Conduct places the emphasis on clubs and team captains, who have the prime responsibility to deal with their own misconduct once it has been reported in a fair and speedy manner. The Board will monitor the actions taken, via the Disciplinary Committee, within the guidelines which are based on the ECB model.

13.4 It is considered a disciplinary offence for a club to act in a manner which could prejudice the standing or interests of the League or to fail to act promptly to control and/ or discipline a player.

13.5 Umpires will normally be the instigators of disciplinary reports but written reports are also acceptable from a club chairman/ cricket chairman or other acceptable officer acting on behalf of a club committee, an officer of the League or club appointed Child Welfare Officer, or any interested party.

### **14. CODE OF CONDUCT**

14.1 The following is taken from the introduction to the Laws of Cricket and it informs clubs of the way in which the League approaches all aspects relating to disciplinary matters

14.2 The ECB and the League are committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct both on and off the field. All clubs and players, by virtue of their registration with the League, explicitly agree

to abide by this Code of Conduct, which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket, and are bound by the provisions in these regulations.

14.3 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring the play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.

14.4 Players and club officials must at all times accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or spectator.

14.5 Players and club officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player, a club official or a spectator.

14.6 Players and club officials shall not use crude and/ or offensive language (known as sledging), nor make offensive gestures or hand signals, nor deliberately distract an opponent.

14.7 Players and club officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters. Clubs must operate an active open door membership policy whilst respecting player qualification regulations and welcome players/ members irrespective of ethnic origin.

14.8 Players and club officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.

14.9 Players and club officials shall not make any public or media comment which is detrimental to the League, clubs, umpires or the game in general. In this instance, media shall include press, radio, television, external websites, club websites, social networking sites and club match programmes.

## **15. THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET**

15.1 Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

15.2 There are two Laws which place responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

### **Responsibility of captains**

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

### **Player's conduct**

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

### **15.3 Setting the Tone**

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

### **15.4 Fair and unfair play**

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

### **15.5 The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:**

Time wasting

Damaging the pitch

Dangerous or unfair bowling

Tampering with the ball

Any other action that they consider to be unfair

### **15.6 The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:**

Your opponents

Your own captain

The roles of the umpires

The game's traditional values

### **15.7 It is against the Spirit of the Game:**

To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture

To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire

To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:

(a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out

(b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing

(c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment

with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

### **15.8 Violence**

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

## **16. SOCIAL AND GENERAL MEDIA**

16.1 Clubs are required to ensure that all their members are aware of the misuse of social and other media and to be aware of the possible consequences faced by individuals, clubs and the League if such misuse happens.

16.2 Any public or circulated comment brought to the attention of the League in any form of social media (e.g. websites, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, etc.) or in the general media (e.g. press, radio, television, general websites, club programmes, etc) that is detrimental to the League, its officials, players or to the game in general may be viewed as unsatisfactory conduct and may result in disciplinary procedures against the individual(s) or club concerned.

# **PLAYING & REGISTRATION REGULATIONS**

## **1. COMPETITION INFORMATION**

1.1 The following annual League competitions are open to all senior clubs in membership of the League:

- a) The League Championship - Played on Saturdays for all teams.
- b) The Fred Fleetwood Cup – Knockout Cup. Played on Sundays for first XI teams
- c) The Hare Cup – Knockout Cup. Played on Sundays for reserve teams.
- d) The Senior Evening Knockout Cup - Played on Tuesday evenings for first XI teams. The final shall be played on a Sunday.
- e) The Reserve Evening Knockout Cup - Played on Tuesday evenings for reserve teams. The final shall be played on a Sunday.

1.2 The Betty Chadderton Rosebowl is played annually, by invitation, between the current League Champions and the League Representative XI.

## **2. ORGANISATION OF THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

2.1 The teams competing in the League Championship shall be divided into divisions and the constitution of such divisions shall be determined by the Senior Cricket Committee. Where possible, there shall be promotion and relegation through all divisions, the top two teams in each division shall be promoted whilst the bottom two teams in each division shall be relegated. No club shall be permitted to have two teams in the same division.

2.2 Fixtures shall be arranged by the Senior Fixture Secretary and details of such fixtures shall be available to each club no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December. Teams shall play home and away matches with all other teams in their respective division.

2.3 In the event of two or more clubs in any division finishing the season with an equal number of points then the final positions will be determined by taking account of the following:

- a) The number of league matches won by the clubs concerned during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) The number of six point league matches won during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- c) The points gained from the head to head league matches between those clubs. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- d) The proportion of the average number of runs scored for, per wicket, to the average number of runs scored against, per wicket, in league matches.

## **3. ORGANISATION OF THE CUP COMPETITIONS**

3.1 The Cup competitions shall be open only to clubs that compete in the League Championship.

3.2 Clubs wishing to participate in any of the Cup competitions are required to notify their intentions to the Senior Fixture Secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December for the forthcoming season. Any team subsequently failing to fulfil any Cup competition fixture shall be fined in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.7.

3.3 Fixtures shall be determined by a draw to be conducted by the Senior Cricket Committee. The first team of each pair so drawn shall be considered the home team. Winning teams in any round shall go forward to the next round; losing teams will take no further part in the competitions.

3.4 Evening Cup competitions will be regionally zoned into four areas. The winner of each of the zones will meet in the semi-finals.

## **4. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

4.1 Each club may play any bona-fide member, provided such member is an amateur, in any competition organised by the League. The player must first be duly registered with the League, in accordance with the rules contained in Rule 5, 'Registration of Players'.

4.2 An amateur shall be a player who does not receive from, or on behalf of, their club any cash payment or reward for their services or is paid any wage, salary, reward or out of pocket expenses by any person, business organisation or society interested in the club. Clubs wishing to apply for an exemption to Rule 4.2 should make application, in writing and stating all relevant details, to the Senior Cricket Secretary.

4.3 A club may register a maximum of one overseas player in any one season, irrespective of age. Any such player shall be registered for the current season only and shall only be permitted to play in a club's first team.

4.4 Individuals in the following categories will not be deemed as overseas players:

- a) British citizens either born in the United Kingdom or who have been resident for the preceding four consecutive years.
- b) Non British citizens who have been resident in the United Kingdom since the preceding calendar year.
- c) Bona-fide students residing in the United Kingdom for the purpose of full time education.

4.5 Each week there will be a pool of League players who are not required by the club to which they are registered but who wish to make themselves available for other clubs within the League. These pool players can only be utilised by a club's lowest ranked team. A maximum of two pool players can be used per team per match but none in cup matches or in a team's last three league matches of the season. Such players will not be required to pay match fees or for teas. The Senior Cricket Committee reserves the right to refuse a player to be used as a pool player.

4.6 Any player who has played in ten or more League Championship matches for a club's first team shall not be eligible to play in any of the club's last three second team League Championship matches. Any player who has played in ten or more League Championship matches for a club's first and second teams combined shall not be eligible to play in any of the club's last three third team League Championship matches. Clubs wishing to apply for an exemption to Rule 4.6 must do so by email to the Senior Cricket Committee at [senior@wetherbyleague.co.uk](mailto:senior@wetherbyleague.co.uk) by midnight on the Tuesday prior to the Saturday for which exemption is sought. Each application will be considered on its own merit.

4.7 No player shall be eligible to play in any round of the Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup if they have played in more League Championship matches for the first team than for the second team and/ or third team, up to and including the Saturday preceding any Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup round. No player shall be eligible to play for a club's third team in any round of the Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup if they have played in more League Championship matches for the second team up to and including the Saturday preceding any Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup round.

4.8 No player who has represented a club in any Cup competition held under the auspices of the League may represent another club in any Cup competition during the same season. No player who has represented a club's second team in the Hare Cup or the Reserve Evening Cup may represent a club's third team in those competitions during the same season.

4.9 There will be no dispensation for juniors with regard to the rules contained in this section.

4.10 Any club breaking any part of Rule 4 in any League Championship match shall be fined the sum of £25 and the team concerned deducted six points in respect of each individual breach of the rules. The match shall also be awarded to their opponents, along with the maximum six points.

4.11 Any club breaking any part of Rule 4 in any Cup competition shall be fined the sum of £25 in respect of each individual breach of the rules. The match shall also be awarded to their opponents.

## **5. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

5.1 Clubs must register all senior players to play in any senior competition organised by the League. For the purpose of registration, a senior player is one who is 17 years or over as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the preceding year.

5.2 Juniors in the Under 13 age group who are eligible to play in open age cricket, as defined in Rules 18.2 and 18.3, and juniors in the Under 15 and Under 17 age groups as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the preceding year are eligible to play in any senior team in any division and should also be registered. Separate provision is made in junior rules for the registration of juniors to play in junior cricket.

5.3 Clubs are required to register players directly on the League's website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) under '**Senior Registrations**' and must provide the full names, addresses and postcodes of all bona-fide senior players who are to be registered. For eligible juniors, only full names are required and the 'junior' box should be ticked. In order to be eligible to play, all players must have been registered on the League website before midnight on the day before the player is first required to play.

5.4 No new registrations or transfers will be allowed for a team's last three League Championship matches of a season.

5.5 A club wishing to transfer a player already registered to another club, either within the Wetherby Cricket League or a club playing in any other Yorkshire Saturday cricket league, shall be required to complete a YCB Player Transfer Form, which must be emailed to [senior@wetherbyleague.co.uk](mailto:senior@wetherbyleague.co.uk) and received by the League before midnight on the day before the player is first required to play for the new club.

5.6 No club, either through its officials or any other person connected with it, shall approach or negotiate with any player between the date of his first registration or the date on which he plays his first match with his existing club, and the 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive, in any year, for the purpose of securing his services without first giving seven clear days' notice, in writing, on the official YCB Player Transfer Form, of their intention to negotiate. This notice must be delivered to the Secretary of the player's club by recorded delivery.

5.7 No club, either through its officials or any other persons interested in the club shall accept into membership, association, or service any person who, after official enquiry and investigation, shall have been adjudged guilty of any conduct as to have justified their expulsion or suspension from any organisation affiliated directly, or indirectly, to the YCB until the period of such disciplinary action has been completed and then only on the person being able to produce a Clearance Certificate where this is appropriate. Such persons shall have the right of appeal to the YCB whose decision shall be final.

5.8 Any club breaking any part of Rule 5 in any League Championship match shall be fined the sum of £25 and the team concerned deducted six points in respect of each individual breach of the rules. The match shall also be awarded to their opponents, along with the maximum six points.

5.9 Any club breaking any part of Rule 5 in any Cup competition shall be fined the sum of £25 in respect of each individual breach of the rules. The match shall also be awarded to their opponents.

## **6. RULES APPLYING TO ALL MATCHES UNDER THE LEAGUE AUSPICES**

6.1 All matches shall be conducted under the Laws of Cricket as have been agreed for the recreational game by the ECB for the current season. The ECB regulations and guidelines relating to junior players, as set out in Rule 18, must be applied in all matches played under the auspices of the League.

6.2 The Code of Conduct & Spirit of Cricket notice, provided to clubs by the League, must be displayed by all clubs, senior and junior, in all changing areas and in a public area in the clubhouse. A copy of the current Constitution and Rules of the Wetherby Cricket League must also be displayed by all clubs, senior and junior, in a public area in the clubhouse.

6.3 Alleged breaches of any League Rules for which no specific penalty is made shall, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.7, be referred to the Disciplinary Committee in connection with conduct whereby the spirit of the game may have been breached.

6.4 First team cricket must take precedence over second team cricket and second team cricket must take precedence over third team cricket. In the event that any club is unable to raise sufficient players to fulfil all its fixtures on any given day, it must always be the lowest team fixture that is cancelled. In cases of emergency, six or more players shall be held to constitute a team.

6.5 All teams competing in Division One must field eleven players in every match. In all other divisions, first teams must field more players than, or the same number of players as, the club's second team in every match. Second teams must field more players than, or the same number of players as, the club's third team in every match, and so on. Any club breaking Rule 6.5 in any matches shall, in respect of each individual breach of the rules, be fined the sum of £25 and the affected matches shall be awarded to the opposition, along with the maximum six points in League Championship matches. In addition, all the offending teams shall be deducted six points in respect of each individual breach of the rules in League Championship matches.

6.6 The full names and all relevant details of all players taking part in a match must be exchanged between the two Captains and the official lists handed to the Umpires and Scorers not later than fifteen minutes before the time set for commencement of the match. If any player is under 19 years as at midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August of the preceding year then their age group must be entered against their name. Compliance with this rule is required even where there are no League-appointed Umpires present. Captains are required to retain the official list for four weeks after each match and to provide the said list to the Senior Registration Secretary if requested. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of £25.

6.7 Any club failing to fulfil a League Championship or Cup competition fixture shall be fined the sum of £50 and the match awarded to their opponents. £25 of this fine shall be paid to their opponents as a contribution to loss of revenue. The club failing to fulfil the fixture must also ensure that the Umpires are notified otherwise it shall be liable for their fees and any costs that may be incurred by the Umpires.

6.8 Matches may be cancelled on account of weather or ground conditions at any time but no later than two hours before the designated start on the day of the match by mutual agreement between the two clubs concerned. However, the visiting club, after an approach by the home club, may withhold their agreement and exercise the right to travel. In the event of mutual agreement to cancel, the home club will be responsible for advising the Umpires of the cancellation and shall also be responsible for notifying the designated Senior Results Secretary, no later than two hours before the designated start. After the mutual agreement of cancellation has been accepted by the visiting club no objection can be considered by the League.

6.9 Should light, weather, or ground conditions interfere, the responsibility for commencing the match rests primarily with the Captains but, in the event of them not being able to agree, the Umpires shall be called upon for a decision. After play has commenced in any of the above situations, the Umpires shall be the sole arbiters for the continuance or resumption of play. Where no League or neutral Umpires are available, the match shall commence unless both Captains are in agreement that the ground is unfit and will remain so for three hours after the designated start time, and shall continue until such time that the Captains agree to its abandonment. In such circumstances, it is expected that Captains will exercise all reasonable discretion to ensure that matches are not played in unsuitable conditions. No pitch shall be changed after the match has commenced. In the case of matches played on neutral grounds, where any doubt or dispute arises, an official of the club on whose ground the match is being played shall be consulted and shall be allowed to have the casting vote on the matter.

6.10 Where covers are available and have been used prior to the match, they must be used during the match if play is suspended for rain.

6.11 Except by prior agreement of the Board, non-turf pitches may not be used in any League Championship or Cup competition fixture.

6.12 The home team, in all League Championship or Sunday Cup competition fixtures, shall be responsible for providing no less than fifteen teas for the visiting team and match officials. Teas for Umpires and Scorers must be available immediately at the start of the tea interval and, where possible, set aside to avoid delay. The visiting team must pay £25 on the day towards the cost of this provision, regardless of the number of teas to be consumed.

6.13 All teams playing in Divisions One and Two, the Fred Fleetwood Cup and the Senior Evening Cup must provide a competent Scorer. This person must be named on the team sheet handed to the Umpires prior to the start of the match. Any team failing to provide a competent Scorer will be required to nominate from their team sheet a person to act in that capacity for the duration of the match. A substitute will not be allowed for that person.

6.14 Captains shall not request substitutes from the opposition except in the case of injuries sustained during the course of play.

6.15 Each fielding side will provide its own two balls which shall be of a manufacture and grade decreed by the Board at the previous year's Annual General Meeting and purchased through the League or from a supplier nominated by the League. These are to be shown to the opposing Captain, and submitted to the Umpires for their approval and retention prior to the toss being made. One ball shall be clearly nominated as the match ball, the other then being available as a spare.

6.16 All boundaries shall be clearly marked at ground level to the satisfaction of the Umpires and shall count four runs. Sixes shall be allowed where the ball clears the boundary.

6.17 The scoreboard shall show the number of overs bowled in the innings, including the over being bowled.

6.18 If batsmen would like a sightscreen moving after every run due to the change in action of a bowler then their own team will be responsible for moving it.

6.19 The League expects all teams to take the field in full whites and use the usual protective equipment where necessary.

6.20 It is considered against the Spirit of the Game for a player to use foul or abusive language which, in the opinion of either Umpire, is loud enough to be heard by people beyond the boundary. Any failure to comply with this Rule may lead to either Umpire awarding 5 penalty runs and also lead to disciplinary action following a report from the Umpires.

## **7. RULES APPLYING TO THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

7.1 League Championship matches shall be played on Saturdays but may be moved to the Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday following the original fixture if there is mutual agreement of the clubs and the Senior Fixture Secretary. This applies to all matches except those involving a team that is playing its last League Championship match of the season. The clubs must afford fourteen clear days' notice of their wish to rearrange a fixture to the Senior Fixture Secretary. Once agreement has been reached with all parties, the re-arranged date must stand. No player shall be allowed to play in the rearranged match on the Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday who had previously played for another team within their club on the Saturday from which the fixture was originally moved.

7.2 The points system shall be as follows:

- a) The team scoring the most runs in a completed match will be awarded:
  - i) Five points.
  - ii) One additional point if they bowl out their opposition or the opposition declare their innings batting first.
- b) The team scoring the least runs in a completed match will be awarded:
  - i) Zero points.
  - ii) One additional point if they batted second and scored at least 75% of their opponent's total.

iii) One additional point if they bowled second and took at least seven of their opponent's wickets.

c) The following points may also be awarded:

- i) Three points for a tie in a completed match, irrespective of the number of wickets taken.
- ii) Two points for a cancelled or abandoned match due to weather conditions.

7.3 Matches shall consist of 90 overs. The team batting first shall occupy not more than 45 overs, with the balance of overs remaining occupied by the team batting second.

7.4 Matches shall start promptly at 1.30 p.m. in April to August inclusive and at 1.00 p.m. in September, with a tea interval between innings of 20 minutes.

7.5 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions delaying the start of the match, the following shall apply:

- Start delayed up to:
- 2.30 p.m. (2.00 p.m. in September) - 45 overs per side
  - 3.30 p.m. (3.00 p.m. in September) - 35 overs per side
  - 4.30 p.m. (4.00 p.m. in September) - 25 overs per side

This means that no match shall commence more than 3 hours after the designated start time and the minimum permitted duration of any match shall be 25 overs per side.

7.6 For the purpose of Rule 7.2, a match is not considered as interfered with by weather or light if the full 90 overs, or the reduced overs originally agreed, are bowled.

7.7 Any time lost at the commencement or after the interval shall be made up if this is not due to interference by weather or light.

7.8 The toss shall be made 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team not being ready to take the field at the time of the toss i.e. with fewer than 6 players ready, then the toss shall be claimed as of right by their opponents.

7.9 No player arriving after 2.30pm for any League Championship match shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsmen, but may field.

7.10 No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than:

- 12 overs in a 90 over match;
- 10 overs in a 70 over match;
- 7 overs in a 50 over match.

7.11 If, for any reason, a bowler is unable to complete an over another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that they do not bowl two overs, or parts thereof, consecutively. The part over shall count as an over towards both bowlers' maximum allocation.

7.12 Teams must bowl their overs at a rate no less than 16 overs per hour in all Division One and Two games. Failure to achieve this will result in a fine of £25.

## **8. RULES APPLYING TO THE SUNDAY CUP COMPETITIONS**

8.1 All matches shall be played on Sundays and shall start promptly at 1.30 p.m., with a tea interval between innings of 20 minutes.

8.2 Each innings shall consist of 40 overs unless a side is dismissed or declares. The side batting second will not be credited with any unused overs from the first innings.

8.3 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions delaying the start of the match the following shall apply:

- Start delayed up to:
- 2.30 p.m. - 40 overs per side
  - 3.30 p.m. - 30 overs per side
  - 4.30 p.m. - 20 overs per side

This means that no match shall commence more than 3 hours after the designated start time and the minimum permitted duration of any match shall be 20 overs per side.

8.4 The toss shall be made 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team not being ready to take the field at the time of the toss i.e. with fewer than 6 players ready, then the toss shall be claimed as of right by their opponents.

8.5 No player arriving after 2.30 p.m. shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsman, but may field.

8.6 No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than:

- 8 overs in a 40 overs per side match;
- 6 overs in a 30 overs per side match;
- 4 overs in a 20 overs per side match.

8.7 If, for any reason, a bowler is unable to complete an over another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that they do not bowl two overs, or parts thereof, consecutively. The part over shall count as an over towards both bowlers' maximum allocation.

8.8 Umpires are required to apply a strict and consistent interpretation of Law 25.1 in the Laws of Cricket in order to prevent negative leg side bowling.

8.9 In order for a result to be achieved both side must have been entitled to bat the same number of overs. The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners.

8.10 Should the match result in tied scores the side losing the fewest wickets shall be declared the winner. In the event of the wickets being equal the match shall be decided by a bowl out. This will initially involve five players from each side who will bowl two overarm deliveries each. The side which bowls down the wicket the most times shall be the winner. Thereafter, if the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

8.11 Any match unable to be played to a conclusion shall be rescheduled to the reserve date for that round, subject to confirmation by the Senior Fixture Secretary.

8.12 If a result is not achieved in any match rescheduled under Rule 8.11 it must be decided by a bowl out (as described in Rule 8.10) or, where this is not possible, by the toss of a coin.

## **9. RULES APPLYING TO THE EVENING CUP COMPETITIONS**

9.1 All matches, apart from the finals which shall be played on a Sunday, shall be played on Tuesdays and shall start promptly at 6.30 p.m., with an interval between innings of 10 minutes.

9.2 Each innings shall consist of 20 overs unless a side is dismissed or declares. The side batting second will not be credited with any unused overs from the first innings.

9.3 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions delaying the start of the match the following shall apply:

- Start delayed up to: 7.00 p.m. - 20 overs per side
- 7.30 p.m. - 15 overs per side
- 8.00 p.m. - 10 overs per side

This means that no match shall commence more than one and a half hours after the designated start time and the minimum permitted duration of any match shall be 10 overs per side.

9.4 The toss shall be made 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event of a team not being ready to take the field at the time of the toss i.e. with fewer than 6 players ready, then the toss shall be claimed as of right by their opponents.

9.5 No player arriving after 7.00 p.m. shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsman, but may field.

9.6 No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than:

- 4 overs in a 20 overs per side match;
- 3 overs in a 15 overs per side match;
- 2 overs in a 10 overs per side match.

9.7 If, for any reason, a bowler is unable to complete an over another bowler shall complete the over from the same end, provided that they do not bowl two overs, or parts thereof, consecutively. The part over shall count as an over towards both bowlers' maximum allocation.

9.8 The bowlers' run ups shall be restricted to 12 yards, which must be marked on the outfield. Any bowler bowling from beyond that line shall be deemed to have bowled a no ball.

9.9 Umpires are required to apply a strict and consistent interpretation of Law 25.1 in the Laws of Cricket in order to prevent negative leg side bowling.

9.10 In order for a result to be achieved both side must have been entitled to bat the same number of overs. The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners.

9.11 Should the match result in tied scores the side losing the fewest wickets shall be declared the winner. In the event of the wickets being equal the match shall be decided by a bowl out. This will initially involve five players from each side who will bowl two overarm deliveries each. The side which bowls down the wicket the most times shall be the winner. Thereafter, if the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

9.12 Any match unable to be played to a conclusion shall be rescheduled to the reserve date for that round, subject to confirmation by the Senior Fixture Secretary.

9.13 If a result is not achieved in any match rescheduled under Rule 9.12 it must be decided by a bowl out (as described in Rule 9.11) or, where this is not possible, by the toss of a coin.

## **10. MATCH RESULTS & MATCH RETURNS**

### **MATCH RESULTS**

#### **Divisions 1 & 2 and Fred Fleetwood Cup Matches**

10.1 Match results for Divisions One and Two and Fred Fleetwood Cup matches (completed, abandoned or cancelled) must be telephoned by the home club to the designated Senior Results Secretary no later than 8.00 p.m. on the day of the match. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the designated home team or, in a cup final, the first drawn team to submit the match result.

#### **Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Fred Fleetwood Cup, Hare Cup, Senior Evening Cup and Reserve Evening Cup Matches**

10.2 Match results for Divisions One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Six, Fred Fleetwood Cup, Hare Cup, Senior Evening Cup and Reserve Evening Cup matches (completed, abandoned or cancelled) must be entered in to the '**Initial Senior Match Result**' area of the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) by the home club by 11.59 p.m. on the day of the match. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the designated home team or, in a cup final, the first drawn team to submit the match result.

### **MATCH RETURNS**

#### **Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Fred Fleetwood Cup, Hare Cup, Senior Evening Cup and Reserve Evening Cup Matches**

10.3 Match returns for all League Championship and Cup matches (completed or abandoned) must be entered in to the '**Full Senior Match Return**' area of the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) by the home club no later than 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the match i.e. for Saturday matches by

11.59 p.m. on Monday; for Sunday matches by 11.59 p.m. on Tuesday and for Tuesday matches by 11.59 p.m. on Thursday. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the designated home team or, in a cup final, the first drawn team to submit the match return.

10.4 When a match is cancelled with no play having been possible then no match return should be submitted. No players shall be credited with an appearance for that match in relation to qualification for future League and Cup matches.

10.5 Any club failing to comply with any part of Rule 10 shall be fined the sum of £25 for each individual breach.

10.6 Any club who is found to be in breach of any part of Rule 10 on more than four occasions in any one season shall be reported to the Senior Cricket Committee and may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS**

### **11. UMPIRES**

11.1 The appointment of Umpires for all matches shall rest with the Wetherby Association of Cricket Officials (WACO).

11.2 Umpires shall be encouraged to be qualified members of the England & Wales Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials (ECBACO) and encouraged to complete and pass ECBACO courses and examinations.

11.3 Umpires officiating in the League senior or junior Cup competition finals and in senior or junior representative matches on behalf of the League must be graded members of the ECBACO.

11.4 Umpires must be at the ground to which they have been appointed no later than thirty minutes before the start of play.

11.5 In the event of the appointed League Umpires failing to attend, or if no appointments were made, the respective Captains shall each nominate their own Umpire. Should one Umpire fail to attend, a substitute may be nominated with the agreement of both Captains, or the Captains may request the League appointed Umpire to stand at both ends. Umpires nominated by the Captains shall have the full authority of a League Umpire in that particular match.

11.6 Remuneration of WACO appointed Umpires for League Championship and Sunday Cup matches shall be £35.00 each per match, the cost to be shared equally by both clubs. Should an Umpire stand at both ends then their remuneration shall be £50.00, the cost to be shared equally between both clubs.

11.7 Remuneration of WACO appointed Umpires for Evening Cup matches shall be £15.00 each per match, the cost to be shared equally by both clubs. Should an Umpire stand at both ends then their remuneration shall be £20.00, the cost to be shared equally between both clubs.

11.8 WACO appointed Umpires, if they attend, shall be paid £10.00 even though a ball is not bowled.

11.9 Remuneration of WACO appointed Umpires who are required to stand at both ends for junior Under 17 matches or junior Cup finals shall be £16.00, the cost to be shared equally between both clubs. Where two WACO Umpires are appointed to stand in junior Cup finals, remuneration shall be £15.00 each, the cost to be shared equally between both clubs.

11.10 Umpires must be paid no later than the end of the interval.

11.11 Umpires are to apply a strict interpretation in regard to slow play.

11.12 Umpires must report within 3 days to the Head of Discipline any person, whether participating in the match or not, whose language or conduct before, during or after the match shall have been objectionable, ungentlemanly or considered likely to bring the club, the League or the game of cricket into disrepute. The Disciplinary Committee shall ensure that appropriate disciplinary action has been taken by the relevant club and will, where considered necessary, apply its own additional sanctions.

11.13 After a match has been completed the Umpires shall immediately check and compare the totals of the score books and shall sign them certifying that they appear to have recorded the true scores, also stating starting, interval and finishing times of the match.

11.14 There shall be no appeal against a decision given by any Umpire except in regard to the interpretation of the current edition of the Laws of Cricket as issued by the MCC.

## **12. CLUB OFFICIALS**

12.1 Clubs shall enter a list of all their officials for the coming season in the 'Club Details' area of the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December. A fine of £25 will be levied in the event of non-compliance. If necessary, clubs should hold their Annual General Meeting before this date to enable a full list to be submitted.

## **13. FINES**

13.1 All fines shall be payable to the Finance Secretary and are due for settlement within one calendar month of the date of notification.

13.2 Where any fine remains unpaid after expiry of the stipulated settlement date, a further fine of the sum of £25 will automatically be levied without notice, for each settlement period, or part thereof, that the original fine remains outstanding.

13.3 In the event of any club being fined under any rule and it withdrawing from the League without paying such fines, the club's £100 League admission fee and any relevant bond shall be forfeit. The members of such club shall also be suspended from taking part in the League, or with any other club in the League, for such time as the Board may think fit. A player attached to such a club may be reinstated on payment of an agreed portion of such outstanding fines.

## **14. OBJECTIONS OR APPEALS**

*(Note: these provisions apply to both senior and junior cricket and disputes should be sent to the appropriate Cricket Secretary)*

14.1 Objections or appeals by clubs must be made in writing and be signed by the club Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. Prior notification may be made by email but a signed, hard copy of the objection or appeal must be received by the Senior / Junior Cricket Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of £25, no later than seven days from:

- the date of any event giving rise to such objection
- the notification date of any fine/ penalty issued by the Finance Committee
- the notification date of any decision issued by the Senior or Junior Cricket Committees.

Where another club or an individual is the subject of any objection, a copy must also be sent to the Secretary of the club or to the individual at the same time as the Senior / Junior Cricket Secretary.

14.2 Any club lodging an objection or appeal and later wishing to withdraw it may do so on forfeiture of its deposit. Notice of such withdrawal must be made in writing to the Senior / Junior Cricket Secretary and a copy must also be forwarded to the Secretary of the club or the individual involved.

14.3 Objections and appeals shall, as far as possible, be heard within fourteen days of receipt by the Senior / Junior Cricket Secretary. All clubs, individuals or sub-committees involved shall be invited to the hearing and

given at least seven days' notice of the date, time and venue. This notice period may be reduced by the mutual agreement of all parties concerned.

14.4 Objections and appeals shall be heard by an appropriate panel consisting of a minimum of three members, none of whom shall have a personal interest in the matter under investigation or in any person(s) or club(s) connected thereto. This includes any club(s) or individual(s) that might directly gain from the outcome and will exclude anyone connected to the decision under dispute. Outcomes shall be decided by majority vote, with the Chairman of the panel having a casting vote.

14.5 Appeals against decisions issued by the Finance Committee shall be heard by an appropriate panel selected by, and under the authority of, the Senior or Junior Cricket Committee, whichever having jurisdiction. The outcome decision of the Senior or Junior Cricket Committee shall, in these circumstances and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.1, carry a further right of appeal to the Disciplinary Committee.

14.6 Appeals against decisions issued by the Senior and Junior Cricket Committees shall be heard by the Disciplinary Committee. Under these specific circumstances, there shall be no right of appeal against the Disciplinary Committee's decision by any individual, club or sub-committee.

14.7 The Disciplinary Committee shall, in the first instance, always deal with issues connected to disciplinary matters in terms of behaviour alleged to be in breach of the spirit of the game.

14.8 The Management Board has the right to overrule any decision made by any sub-committee as part of an objection or appeal and the Board's decision shall be final.

## **15. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS & TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**

15.1 Individual trophies shall be awarded, in respect of performances in League Championship matches only, for:

- the best batting average in each division
- the best bowling average in each division
- the best all rounder in Divisions 1 & 2 inclusive
- the best all rounder in Divisions 3 – 6 inclusive
- the best first team wicket keeper
- the best reserve team wicket keeper

15.2 Qualifications shall be ten innings and two hundred and fifty runs for batsmen and twenty five wickets for bowlers. Wicket keeper awards shall be determined on the basis of most victims (stumpings and catches).

15.3 The qualifications for the all rounder awards are ten innings and two hundred and fifty runs and twenty five wickets. In the event of no one achieving this, the qualification will be reduced to eight innings and two hundred runs and twenty wickets.

15.4 Club Secretaries shall enter in the '**Team Sportsmanship Award**' area of the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) a Sportsmanship Award nomination for a club in membership of the League, on behalf of each of their senior and reserve teams. Any club failing to supply nominations by 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive shall be fined the sum of £25 for each omission.

## **16. TROPHIES**

16.1 The League trophies are listed in Appendix B. All trophies shall be insured by the Treasurer in the name of the League.

16.2 After presentation of any trophy, the winning club shall immediately forward a receipt for the same to the relevant Cup Secretary. Such receipt shall be considered a guarantee of the safe custody and return of the trophy.

16.3 All senior trophies shall be held by the winning clubs or individuals until 30<sup>th</sup> June, unless required earlier by the League. All junior trophies shall be held by the winning clubs or individuals until 31<sup>st</sup> May, unless required earlier by the League.

16.4 Trophies shall be returned to the relevant Cup Secretary and it is the responsibility of the club Secretary to ensure this, whether they are club trophies or individual trophies won by a player of that club. Any club failing to meet the above dates will be fined £25 per trophy not so returned. Clubs are at liberty to return trophies at an earlier date, by prior arrangement with the relevant Cup Secretary. All trophies are to be returned in a clean and acceptable condition.

16.5 Clubs will be responsible for the engraving and cost thereof of any trophies won by them or by individual members. In the event of non-compliance the League, through the relevant Cup Secretary, shall undertake any necessary engraving and such costs as have been incurred shall be recovered from the defaulting club.

16.6 Clubs will be responsible for the safe keeping of any trophies won by them or by individual members. In the event of damage the League, through the relevant Cup Secretary, shall undertake any necessary repairs and such costs as have been incurred shall be recovered from the defaulting club.

## **17. USE OF CLUB GROUNDS BY THE LEAGUE**

17.1 The League shall have the right to call upon any club to place its ground at the disposal of the League for the purpose of staging Cup Finals or any League representative match, senior or junior.

17.2 Where this requirement entails a clash of fixtures, clubs shall rearrange with the agreement of the Senior Fixture Secretary.

17.3 For senior Cup Finals and League representative matches, the League shall pay the sum of £100 to the club for the preparation and use of the ground and for providing no less than thirty teas for the teams, match officials and League officials. Teas for Umpires and Scorers must be available immediately at the start of the tea interval and, where possible, set aside to avoid delay.

17.4 It shall be the prerogative of the club providing the ground to keep all proceeds from the sales of refreshments.

## **18. ECB REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES RELATING TO JUNIOR PLAYERS**

18.1 The following ECB regulations and guidelines relating to junior players must be applied in all matches played under the auspices of the League. Clubs are responsible for ensuring compliance and failure to do so may render the club, Captain / Manager or Coach liable in the event of an injury and may invalidate insurance cover. Non-compliance with any of the provisions in this Section will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for investigation.

### **ECB Guidelines for Junior Players in Open Age Group Cricket**

18.2 Players who are selected for a County or Area (and, in Yorkshire, a District) Under 12 squad in spring for a summer squad are eligible to play in open age cricket. This is providing they are in an Under 12 age group and are at least 11 years old and in School Year 7 on 1st September in the year preceding the season. Such players must also have written parental consent to play.

18.3 Club players who are not in a county, area or district squad must wait until they reach the Under 13 age group, be in Year 8 and be 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year before being able to play in any open age group cricket. Written parental consent is required for these players.

18.4 In allowing these players to play in open age cricket it is essential clubs and coaches recognise the 'duty of care' obligations they have towards these young players. The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways: a) Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player. b) Not to create a situation that

places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players. In addition, the guidelines note the need for clubs and leagues to recognise the positive experience young players should have in open age cricket. Clubs should provide an opportunity for players to show their talents in an appropriate way.

### **ECB Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players**

18.5 All players up to the age of 18 must wear an approved helmet, fitted with an approved faceguard or grill, when batting and when wicket keeping if standing up to the stumps. This applies in all matches and practice sessions, both in adult cricket and in all junior cricket played with a hard cricket ball. Parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket. The helmet requirement ceases on the player's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

18.6 Captains, Coaches and Umpires have a responsibility to ensure the regulation is enforced in senior cricket. Managers, Coaches and Umpires have a responsibility to ensure the regulation is enforced in junior cricket. Umpires should obtain an assurance from the player and Manager if they have any doubt about the age of the player.

### **ECB Fielding Regulations**

18.7 The fielding regulations apply to all cricket in England and Wales. Captains are required to ensure the fielding restrictions are not infringed. Umpires must stop the game immediately until all junior players are suitably positioned. All ages are as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the preceding year.

- a) Under 13 and younger – even if wearing a helmet, cannot field closer than 11 yards (10 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- b) Under 15 and younger – even if wearing a helmet, cannot field closer than 8 yards (7.3 metres) from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the offside, until the batsman has played at the ball.
- c) Under 16 to Under 18 - Must wear a helmet and, for boys, an abdominal protector, when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the bat, except behind the wicket on the offside.

### **ECB Fast Bowling Directives**

18.8 Captains, Coaches and Umpires are required to ensure that there is no infringement of the current bowling restrictions relating to the number of overs bowled by juniors. The following restrictions relate to a fast bowler, who is defined as a bowler to whom the wicket keeper in the same age group would, in normal circumstances, stand back to take the ball. All ages are as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the preceding year.

- a) Under 13 - Cannot bowl more than 5 overs in a spell or more than 10 overs in a day.
- b) Under 15 - Cannot bowl more than 6 overs in a spell or more than 12 overs in a day.
- c) Under 19 - Cannot bowl more than 7 overs in a spell or more than 18 overs in a day.

18.9 Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end. A bowler can change ends without ending his current spell provided that he bowls the next over that he legally can from the other end. If this does not happen his spell is deemed to be concluded.

18.10 If play is interrupted, for any reason, for less than 40 minutes any spell in progress at the time of the interruption can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end. If the interruption is of 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowler can commence a new spell immediately.

18.11 Once a bowler covered by these Directives has bowled in a match he cannot exceed the maximum number overs per day for his age group even if he subsequently bowls spin. He can exceed the maximum overs per spell if bowling spin, but cannot then revert to bowling fast until an equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end. If he bowls spin without exceeding the maximum number of overs in a spell the maximum will apply as soon as he reverts to bowling fast.

18.12 The Umpires are deemed to be the sole judges of whether a player is regarded as a fast bowler. Their decision within the context of the game shall be final.

## **19. RULES APPLYING TO ALL JUNIOR MATCHES UNDER THE LEAGUE AUSPICES**

19.1 Any club wishing to enter more than one team in a particular age group will require permission from the Junior Cricket Committee.

19.2 Any club wishing to enter a team in any age group and then later withdrawing from that age group before the end of the season shall be fined a sum of up to £50, the amount to be determined at the discretion of the Junior Cricket Committee.

19.3 Clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that all games are played on good and safe pitches. Clubs intending to use non-turf pitches for junior fixtures must advise the Junior Cricket Secretary in writing prior to the start of the season. Where non-turf pitches are used these are to be of good quality and must be suitable to all types of footwear, including spikes and rubber.

19.4 Each team shall provide for its own use a cricket ball, as decreed by the Board at the previous year's Annual General Meeting and purchased through the League or from a supplier nominated by the League.

19.5 At least two responsible adults shall accompany each junior team in all matches. They shall be responsible for the good behaviour of the players and for ensuring that the matches are played in the spirit of the game.

19.6 No club may postpone a match due to weather until the day of the game.

19.7 Any club failing to fulfil a fixture shall be fined the sum of £10 and the match awarded to their opponents, unless a satisfactory explanation meets with the acceptance of the Junior Cricket Committee. Any club forfeiting more than three fixtures, including Cups, in one age group shall be deemed to have forfeited all games played and all points relative to their fixtures shall be expunged from the league tables.

19.8 In the event of an age group consisting of one division only, final league positions shall be determined by the number of points gained in the season. In the event of two or more clubs finishing with an equal number of points then the final positions shall be determined by taking account of the following:

- a) the number of league matches won by the clubs concerned during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) the points gained from the head to head matches between those clubs. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- c) the proportion of average number of runs scored 'for' per wicket, to the average number of runs scored 'against' per wicket.

19.9 In the event of two divisions being in existence in any age group, the top club from each division shall play-off, at a venue to be decided by the Junior Cricket Committee, to determine the title holder for the year. The top club in each division shall be determined by the number of points gained in the season. In the event of two or more clubs finishing with an equal number of points, the top club shall then be determined by taking account of the following:

- a) the number of league matches won by the clubs concerned during the season. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- b) the points gained from the head to head matches between those clubs. If the matter is still unresolved, then
- c) the proportion of average number of runs scored 'for' per wicket, to the average number of runs scored 'against' per wicket.

19.10 Any Cup match in which it is not possible to obtain a result by other means may be determined by a bowl-out. This will initially involve five players from each side who will bowl two over arm deliveries each. The side which bowls down the wicket the most times shall be the winner. Thereafter, if the scores are equal, the same players will bowl one ball each alternately to achieve a result on a 'sudden death' basis.

19.11 Where no specific provision is made in junior rules, senior rules must be followed. Breaches of any rules relating to the junior competitions are liable to penalties at the discretion of the Junior Cricket Committee. Objections and appeals against any decision of the Junior Cricket Committee must be made to the Junior Cricket Secretary, in accordance with the procedures defined in Rule 14.

### **Registrations**

19.12 Registrations shall be required for all juniors playing in the Under 15 and Under 17 age groups only and shall be made directly on to the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) under '**Junior Registrations**'. Clubs are required to provide the full names of all players and to specify the age group appropriate for their date of birth. (For clarity, players need only be registered for their club once, in their correct age group, and any Under 13 and Under 15 players registered for Under 15s are automatically eligible to play for their club in Under 17s. Clubs must note that Under 9s cannot play above Under 13 level and Under 11s cannot play above Under 15 level.) In order to be eligible to play, all players must have been registered on the League website no later than 11.59 p.m. on the day before the player is first required to play. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine and the match points will be awarded to the opposition.

19.13 A junior registered for one club may register for another club in a higher age group but may not then play for his original club in the higher age group.

19.14 Transfer of players between clubs in the League requires the permission of the Junior Registration Secretary and a player cannot play for a new club until such permission has been given. In Cup competitions a player who has played in a previous round cannot play for a new club in a later round.

### **Match Results**

19.15 Match results for all Under 9 to Under 17 league and cup games (completed, abandoned, cancelled) must be entered in to the appropriate '**Initial Junior Match Result**' area of the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) by the home club by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the match. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the designated home team or, in a cup final, the first drawn team to submit the match result. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine.

### **Match Returns**

19.16 Match returns for all Under 15 and Under 17 league and cup games (completed or abandoned) must be entered in to the '**Full Junior U15/ U17 Match Return**' area of the Wetherby League website ([www.wetherbyleague.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyleague.co.uk)) by the home club no later than 11:59 pm on the third day following the match. Therefore, Sunday matches must be entered by 11.59 p.m. on Wednesday; Monday matches by 11.59 p.m. on Thursday, and Thursday matches by 11.59 p.m. on Sunday. If a match is played at a neutral venue then it is the responsibility of the designated home team or, in a cup final, the first drawn team to submit the match return. Failure to do so will result in a £10 fine.

## **20. RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 17 COMPETITION**

20.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 17 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the season of competition.

20.2 All league matches are to be played on the said day only, i.e. Monday. Nicholas Priestley Trophy matches shall be played on dates determined by the Junior Cricket Committee. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

20.3 All league and cup matches up to and including 17 May shall start at 6.00 p.m. All league and cup matches played after this date shall start at 6.30 p.m.

20.4 Matches shall be played on a 22 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 28"x 9".

20.5 Both teams shall use a senior size hard ball, i.e. 5 ½ oz.

20.6 Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of twenty overs or a complete innings, whichever is the less.

20.7 In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could affect the match, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of twelve. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.

20.8 A minimum of five bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs in a twenty overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side is reduced under Rule 20.7, the minimum requirement shall be:

19 overs - 4x4 & 1x3	18 overs - 3x4 & 2x3	17 overs - 2x4 & 3x3	16 overs - 1x4 & 4x3
15 overs - 5x3	14 overs - 4x3 & 1x2	13 overs - 3x3 & 2x2	12 overs - 2x3 & 3x2

20.9 No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.

20.10 Batsmen must retire on fifty runs but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.

20.11 The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie in a completed match, irrespective of the number of wickets taken, and one point for an incomplete match.

20.12 One Umpire will be appointed by the League for each match and will stand at the non-striker's end at all times, and the club batting must provide a competent person to officiate at the striker's end. The remuneration of the appointed umpire shall be £16.00, to be shared equally between both clubs. This must be paid during the interval between innings.

20.13 The full names and age groups of all players taking part in a match must be exchanged between the two managers and the official list handed to the Umpires and Scorers not later than fifteen minutes before the time set for the commencement of the match.

20.14 In the Nicholas Priestley Trophy, to be qualified to play for a club in the semi-final and final, players must be registered to that club and have played at least two Under 17 league matches for that club before the semi-final.

20.15 Coaching from the middle by Umpire/ Manager or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible. The Captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.

20.16 Individual trophies shall be awarded for the best batting average, the best bowling average and the outstanding fielder in the U17 age group. Qualifications, which include junior league matches and Nicholas Priestley Trophy matches, shall be: for the batting, two hundred runs and for the bowling, fifteen wickets. The Junior Cricket Committee shall determine the outstanding fielder, taking into account Umpire fielding points, catches / stumpings / run outs. In the event that no players meet the specified criteria in any discipline, the Junior Cricket Committee shall determine the winners from the information available from the match returns.

## **21. RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 15 COMPETITION**

21.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 15 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years over age.

21.2 All league matches are to be played on the said day only, i.e. Sunday, and shall start at 10.00 a.m.

21.3 Martin Olley Trophy matches shall be played on dates determined by the Junior Cricket Committee. Cup matches played up to and including 17 May shall start at 6.00 p.m. Cup matches played after this date shall start at 6.30 p.m.

21.4 Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

21.5 Matches shall be played on a 22 yard pitch with full size stumps, i.e. 28" x 9".

21.6 Both teams shall use a senior size hard ball, i.e. 5 ½ oz.

21.7 Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of twenty overs or a complete innings, whichever is the less.

21.8 In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could affect the match, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of twelve. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.

21.9 A minimum of five bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs in a twenty overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side is reduced under Rule 21.8, the minimum requirement shall be:

19 overs - 4x4 & 1x3	18 overs - 3x4 & 2x3	17 overs - 2x4 & 3x3	16 overs - 1x4 & 4x3
15 overs - 5x3	14 overs - 4x3 & 1x2	13 overs - 3x3 & 2x2	12 overs - 2x3 & 3x2

21.10 No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.

21.11 Batsmen must retire on forty runs but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.

21.12 The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie in a completed match, irrespective of the number of wickets taken, and one point for an incomplete match.

21.13 In the Martin Olley Trophy, to be qualified to play for a club in the semi-final and final, players must be registered to that club and have played at least three Under 15 league matches for that club before the semi-final and at least four Under 15 league matches for that club before the final.

21.14 Coaching from the middle by Umpire/Manager or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible. The Captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.

## **22. RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 13 COMPETITION**

22.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 13 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years over age.

22.2 All league matches are to be played on the said day only, i.e. Friday. Ronnie Farrar Trophy matches shall be played on dates determined by the Junior Cricket Committee. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

22.3 All league and cup matches up to and including 17 May shall start at 6.00 p.m. All league and cup matches played after this date shall start at 6.30 p.m.

22.4 Matches shall be played on a 21 yard pitch with stumps size 27"x 8".

22.5 Both teams shall use a junior size hard ball, i.e. 4 ¾ oz.

22.6 Each side shall occupy the wicket for a maximum of twenty overs or a complete innings, whichever is the less.

22.7 In a match where bad light or local weather conditions could affect the game, at the discretion of the responsible senior officials supervising the fixture and with regard to the safety of players and officials, it will be allowed to restrict the number of overs played per side to a minimum of twelve. Mutual agreement of this must be decided before the match commences. No further adjustment of the number of overs per side is permitted once the match has started.

22.8 A minimum of five bowlers must be used and no player shall be permitted to bowl more than four overs in a twenty overs a side match. In a match where the number of overs per side is reduced under Rule 22.7, the minimum requirement shall be:

19 overs - 4x4 & 1x3	18 overs - 3x4 & 2x3	17 overs - 2x4 & 3x3	16 overs - 1x4 & 4x3
15 overs - 5x3	14 overs - 4x3 & 1x2	13 overs - 3x3 & 2x2	12 overs - 2x3 & 3x2

22.9 No player of either side arriving after five overs have been bowled can take part in the match except as a fielding substitute.

22.10 Batsmen must retire on thirty runs but may return to the crease if overs remain after dismissal of the last man, subject to there being a full complement of eleven players by the batting side.

22.11 In all overs bar the last two per innings, wides and no balls are to count as two runs plus any additional runs scored, with no extra ball for the wide or no ball. The last two overs in the innings shall be played under normal cricket rules.

22.12 The side scoring the most runs in the allotted period shall be the winners. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie in a completed match, irrespective of the number of wickets taken, and one point for an incomplete match.

22.13 In the Ronnie Farrar Trophy, to be qualified to play for a club in the semi-final and final, players must be registered to that club and have played at least three Under 13 league matches for that club before the semi-final and at least four Under 13 league matches for that club before the final.

22.14 Coaching from the middle by Umpire/Manager or from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible. The Captain is in sole charge of the team on the field of play and should be able to make bowling changes and field placements without requiring instruction from the Umpire/Manager.

### **23. RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 11 COMPETITION**

23.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 11 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years over age.

23.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Monday. John Leadley Trophy matches shall be played on dates determined by the Junior Cricket Committee. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary.

23.3 All league and cup matches up to and including 17 May shall start at 6.00 p.m. All league and cup matches played after this date shall start at 6.30 p.m.

23.4 Matches shall be played on a 20 yard pitch with stumps size 27"x 8".

23.5 Both teams shall use a junior size hard ball, i.e. 4 ¾ oz.

23.6 Each side shall occupy the wicket for sixteen overs for an eight a side game, unless both teams agree to play ten a side, therefore twenty overs.

23.7 No player shall be permitted to bowl more than three overs but each player other than the wicket keeper must bowl at least one over.

23.8 Batsmen shall bat in pairs for four overs and the normal rules of pairs cricket shall apply. Whenever a batsman is out the batsmen shall change ends, except on the last ball of the over, and five runs shall be deducted from the score.

23.9 In the event that a team does not have a full complement of eight players, then their opponents are entitled to select which players shall bat and bowl again.

23.10 The side with the highest net total score shall be the winner. If the net scores are equal the side that has lost the fewer wickets shall be the winner. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie where the net scores and the wickets lost are equal, and one point for an incomplete match.

## **24. RULES APPLYING TO THE UNDER 9 COMPETITION**

24.1 Clubs comprising this section shall be composed of juniors who shall be under the age of 9 at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the season of competition. An unlimited number of girls are allowed to play two years over age.

24.2 All league matches to be played on the said day only, i.e. Sunday, and shall start at 10.00 a.m. Prior to 1 June matches may, with the prior agreement of both team managers and the Junior Fixture Secretary, start at a later time on the appointed Sunday, providing that the match is completed by 5.00 p.m. The prior agreement must be made no later than 6.00 p.m. on the preceding Wednesday.

24.3 Andy Kay Trophy matches shall be played on dates determined by the Junior Cricket Committee. Matches may only be re-arranged in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the Junior Fixture Secretary. Cup matches played up to and including 17 May shall start at 6.00 p.m. Cup matches played after this date shall start at 6.30 p.m.

24.4 Matches shall be played on an 18 yard pitch with stumps size 27"x 8".

24.5 Boundaries shall be between 25 yard minimum and 35 yard maximum parallel to the pitch.

24.6 Both teams shall use a junior size incrediball.

24.7 Each side shall occupy the wicket for sixteen overs for an eight a side game.

24.8 Players shall bowl from one end only and the fielding side shall rotate clockwise after each over.

24.9 Batsmen shall bat in pairs for four overs, and the normal rules of Kwik Cricket shall apply. Wherever possible, each batsman shall face the same number of deliveries per over. Whenever a batsman is out the batsmen shall change ends, except on the last ball of the over, and five runs shall be deducted from the score.

24.10 In the event that a team does not have a full complement of eight players, then their opponents are entitled to select which players shall bat and bowl again.

24.11 The accepted rules of cricket shall apply with the following exception regarding the no ball. A ball that bounces over shoulder height whilst the batter is in the normal batting stance shall be deemed a no ball. In addition to this, any ball that is above waist height on the full shall also be deemed a no ball. A wide ball shall also be called a no ball. A no ball shall result in a free hit from the batting tee which shall be placed on the batting crease in front of the wicket. The free hit must be hit in front of the batting crease on the offside, i.e. the

side in front of the batter whilst in their normal batting stance. No further runs shall be awarded for the no ball and no runs shall count if the ball goes behind the batting crease or onto the onside.

24.12 The side with the highest net total score shall be the winner. If the net scores are equal the side that has lost the fewer wickets shall be the winner. The points awarded for all league matches shall be three points for a win, two points for a tie where the net scores and the wickets lost are equal, and one point for an incomplete match.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Entry fees in respect of the various competitions organised by the League**

1. The annual subscription for clubs in senior membership shall be £100 per senior team (Constitution 12.2).
2. The annual admission fee for clubs who participate in junior cricket only shall be £50 (Constitution 12.3).
3. The annual subscription fee for all clubs entering junior teams in the League shall be £25 per junior team (Constitution 12.3).

## **APPENDIX B**

### **League Trophies**

There are currently 58 Senior & Junior League Trophies, these being:

#### **Senior Trophies:**

1. League Championship Cup - Winners of Division 1
2. J. H. Shaw Memorial Shield - Runners up Division 1
3. Leslie Matthews Trophy - Winners of Division 2
4. Bernard Scoreby Memorial Trophy - Runners up Division 2
5. "Bob" Buckton Memorial Trophy - Winners of Division 3
6. Harbord Cup - Winners of Division 4.
7. Stan Hudson Cup - Winners of Division 5
8. The Bill Daniel Trophy - Winners of Division 6
9. Fred Fleetwood Cup - Winners - Senior Sunday KO
10. Hare Cup - Winners - Reserve Sunday KO
11. Evening Charity Cup - Winners - Senior Evening KO
12. Harry Haw Cup - Winners Reserve Evening KO
13. Nat West Bank Trophy - Winners - Indoor 6 a side KO – not currently contested
14. John Hopps Cup - Batting, Division 1
15. Kenneth Thompson Trophy - Batting, Division 2
16. John Hopps Cup - Batting, Division 3
17. Ken Dixon Cup - Batting, Division 4
18. Tom Shand Cup - Batting, Division 5
19. Michael Brown Trophy - Batting, Division 6
20. John Hopps Trophy - Bowling, Division 1
21. F. Barnitt Cup - Bowling Division 2
22. John Hopps Cup - Bowling, Division 3
23. Peter Scott Cup - Bowling, Division 4
24. J. P. Lakin Cup - Bowling, Division 5
25. The Rollinson Trophy - Bowling, Division 6
26. Keith Howard Trophy - All Rounder - Divisions 1 & 2.
27. Adrian A. W. Dadswell Cup - All Rounder - Divisions 3, 4, 5 & 6.
28. Dr. Lee Trophy - Best Senior Wicket Keeper
29. The Christopher Unwin Memorial Trophy - Best Reserve Wicket Keeper
30. Umpires Association Trophy - Man of the Match - Fred Fleetwood Cup
31. Umpires Association Trophy - Man of the Match - Hare Cup
32. The Team Sportsmanship Award (Senior) - The Andrew Spearman Memorial Trophy
33. The Team Sportsmanship Award (Reserve) - The Garry Birdi Memorial Trophy
34. Betty Chadderton Rosebowl – Winners - League Champions v League Representative XI

## **Junior Trophies:**

- 35.** George Baxter Trophy - Winners - Junior Championship (U17)
- 36.** Nicholas Priestley Trophy - Winners - Evening Knockout (U17)
- 37.** The British Heart Foundation Shield - Man of the Match - Nicholas Priestley Trophy Final (U17)
- 38.** Mick Ranaldo Trophy - Batting (U17)
- 39.** W. J. Harrison Cup - Bowling (U17)
- 40.** W & D Boys League (Tom Ryder) Cup - Slow Bowler (U17)
- 41.** M. J. (Micky) Stewart Trophy - Outstanding U17 Fielder of the Year
- 42.** Bill Leaf Trophy – Winner – Joe Lumb Player of the Year (U17)
- 43.** The C.N.J. Shield - Winners - Triple Crown (U17) – not currently contested
- 44.** J. D. Baker Cup - Winners - Northern Division (U17) – not currently contested
- 45.** D. E. Hudson Cup - Winners - Southern Division (U17) – not currently contested
- 46.** D. W. Carter Trophy - Winners - Central Division (U17) – not currently contested
- 47.** Tom Ryder Cup - Winners - Western Division (U17) – not currently contested
- 48.** The W. H. H. Sutcliffe / H. Todd Bat - Refer to 'History Youth Cricket' for qualification details
- 49.** The Wetherby News Young Player of the Year – Winner – Cricket Performance (U9 - U15)
- 50.** The Sundella Trophy - Winners - League (U15)
- 51.** The Martin Olley Trophy – Winners – Evening Knockout (U15)
- 52.** The Anderson Shield - Winners - League (U13)
- 53.** The Ronnie Farrar Trophy – Winners – Evening Knockout (U13)
- 54.** The Gabriel Shield - Winners - U13 11-a-side League Winners – not currently contested
- 55.** The Leeds Awards Shield - Winners - League (U11)
- 56.** The John Leadley Trophy – Winners – Evening Knockout (U11)
- 57.** The Tony Dadswell Cup – Winners – League (U9)
- 58.** The Andy Kay Trophy – Winners – Evening Knockout (U9)