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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

3.1 To provide cricket for its member clubs in the form of various competitions throughout the year.

3.2 To endeavour at all times to uphold the high traditions, spirit and laws of the game.

3.3 To promote the highest possible standards of cricket and playing facilities.

3.4 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 League will reimburse reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by members of the Board, SCC and JCC in accordance with the Expenses Policy adopted by the Board.

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 30th 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 Any existing WCL club wishing to move to a new ground must seek permission to do so. Conditions outlined in 8.2 will be applied to such a request. The board reserves the right not to allow a club to move to a new ground based on that criteria.

8.4 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.

8.5 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.

9.2a 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.

9.2b It is a League requirement that all clubs have a nominated child welfare officer. These individuals should have an up to date CRB/DBS check and adhere to all E.C.B. Child Protection Policy requirements. The rule includes clubs that do not have a junior team.

9.2c It is a League requirement that all clubs in membership of the League, having submitted details of their Members and Officials, for use on the League's website have done so, with the consent of their members and Officials. It is the responsibility of the Clubs to remove details of ex members from the list of the players.

9.3 Clubs in membership of the League are required to notify the Senior Cricket Secretary, in writing, not later than the 30th 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 31st 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 (by completing a YCB Club Transfer Form) to the League Secretary no later than 30th June 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. This form will effectively remove all teams from that club from WCL.

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 six League Championship fixtures in a season will be removed from that league for that season at that point. All results and fixtures will be expunged from the records (both teams and players). If said team wishes to return to the league the following season the club will have to assure the SCC that they can complete a full set of fixtures for the forthcoming season, if assurances are not met then the SCC has the right to refuse re-entry. On re-entry a £200 bond will be due, 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 31st October.

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

- i. To receive, consider and approve the Financial Statements of the League along with the Accountants' Report.
- ii. To elect members of the Board for the ensuing year.
- iii. To elect the Accountants
- iv. To appoint delegates to such other organisations as may be required
- v. 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 31st 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:

- i. 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.
- ii. To determine League entry fees for the following season.

ii. 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 30th 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 31st 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 31st 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.

<http://www.yorkshirecb.com/page/clubs--leagues/disciplinary-regulations/disciplinary-regs-13969/>

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPIRIT OF CRICKET

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 Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring the play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket (as set out in paragraph 15) as well as within the Laws.

14.4 Players 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 a spectator.

14.5 Players shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another participant or a spectator.

14.6 Players 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 shall not use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's (or that person's perceived) age, race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin. 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 or other criminal activity.

14.9 Participants shall not make any public or media comment which is prejudicial or detrimental to the interests or reputation of other participants or the game of cricket in general. In this instance, media shall include (but not necessarily be limited to) press, radio, television, external websites, club websites, social networking sites and club match programmes. Nothing in this provision shall prevent any comment which constitutes honest opinion in regard to cricketing matters and which is made in a fair and respectful manner.

14.10 Participants shall not publicly disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this Code of Conduct.

14.11 Participants shall not act in any manner which is against the Spirit of Cricket, otherwise improper, or prejudicial or detrimental to the interests or reputation of the League(s) or the game of cricket.

15. THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

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.

15.1 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, criticising by word or action the decision of an umpire, 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 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

15.4 The Spirit of Cricket involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain
- The roles of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

15.5 It is against the Spirit of Cricket:

- 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.

15.6 Violence

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

15.7 Players

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.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the Code of Conduct (paragraphs 14 and 15 above) may lead to disciplinary action, irrespective of a proven breach being related to a match not under the jurisdiction of the League.

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 Club/League/Board in any form of social media (eg Websites, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs etc) or in the general media (eg press, radio, television, general websites, club programmes etc) that is detrimental to the club, league, officials, players or the Game in general by a League/Club Officer, Officials, Players, Club Member or someone acting on their behalf may be viewed as Unsatisfactory Conduct under the Yorkshire Cricket Board Disciplinary Code and Procedures and therefore is a disciplinary offence and may result in due disciplinary procedure against the individual(s) or Club.

16.3 It can be viewed as a secondary offence to re-send or re-circulate any such detrimental comments and as primary offence to ask someone to do this on your behalf and this will be treated as Unsatisfactory Conduct and can be treated as a disciplinary offence in its own right.

17 York & District Senior Cricket League and Wetherby Cricket League

17 Moving to another senior cricket league within the pyramid system without the permission of the Wetherby Cricket League will be considered a breach of the memorandum of understanding and therefore the Wetherby Cricket League rules.

Memorandum Of Understanding

The Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid is a progression pathway to enable cricket clubs to play at the highest level within the county of Yorkshire. The Wetherby Cricket League has aligned itself with the York & District Senior Cricket League (Y&DSCL) with the peak of the pyramid in the North and the East of Yorkshire being the ECB Yorkshire Premier League North.

17.1 (a) The Wetherby Cricket League Division One champions will have the automatic right to move to the Y&DSCL. The team will not be compelled to move should they prefer to remain in the Wetherby Cricket League, in which case the place would be offered to the team that finishes in second place.

(b) Should a club wish to move a team to the Y&DSCL, if it satisfies the above criteria, that club's 2nd and subsequent teams will remain in the Wetherby Cricket League.

17.2 Entry to the Y&DSCL will be no lower than the second division of the region best suited geographically to the team in question.

17.3 No team will be relegated from the Y&DSCL into the Wetherby Cricket League.

17.4 No Wetherby Cricket League team will be relegated into the division below the second division of the YDSCL. Relegated Wetherby Cricket League teams will move back to the Wetherby Cricket League.

17.5 After the completion of week 11 games, clubs with teams in Division One of the League should indicate their intention to move into the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid or stay at the end of the season. responses are required to the Wetherby Cricket League Secretary.

17.6 It is the responsibility of clubs to make themselves aware of the Playing Conditions and ground requirements in the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid (York & District Senior Cricket League)

17.7 Where clubs have 2nd and subsequent teams in the Wetherby Cricket League, players being remunerated for playing in the Y&DSCL shall not be allowed to play in any team in the Wetherby Cricket League.

17.8 When a team moves into the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid, Division One will be reformed by the Wetherby Cricket League Management Committee.

17.9 A team moving into the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid will always remain a Wetherby Cricket League club.

17.10 Only two Wetherby Cricket League clubs will be allowed to be in the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid at any one time. The lowest placed team will play-off against the team

wishing to move each year in order to decide which team will enter the 'pyramid'. The play-off will be a winner takes all result and be played as per Wetherby Cricket League Rules and Constitution. The play off will be scheduled after the last match of the season.

17.11 (a) A team may return to the Wetherby Cricket League at any time however this will be at the conclusion of the season, not part way through it

(b) A team does not need to finish in the relegation places of the of the second division of the Y&DSCL to return to the Wetherby Cricket League

(c) Should a team wish to return, the teams making up Division One will be amended to accommodate them

(d) A team must inform the Wetherby Cricket League Secretary of their wish to return after the completion of week 11 fixtures of the Wetherby Cricket League fixtures in that season

PLAYING 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

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 31st January.

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 the date notified by the SCC each season 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.

3.4 Evening Cup competitions may be regionally zoned

3.5 The SCC holds the right to host a plate competition for the losers of the Evening Cup first round, this will be entered on a voluntary basis. It will run on the same dates as the main competition. The final will not be on a neutral venue.

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. If the overseas player for a Club is injured or unable to play for the rest of the season then the Club may apply to the League to register a replacement overseas player. Any overseas player must be registered in accordance with the League Rules and Home Office Requirements.

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. Pool Players are permitted to bowl a maximum of 7 overs and must retire upon reaching 50 runs when batting. They may return to the crease only if overs remain after the dismissal of the last man. 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. In the interests of transparency, Clubs are asked to use the facility on the website to register players availability to other clubs.

- A maximum of three pool players can be used per club per match weekend.
- No pool players may be used in cup matches.
- No pool player may play against their parent club.
- No player who has played a Saturday fixture shall be allowed to play as a pool player in a League fixture arranged for a Sunday in the same weekend.

4.6 Any player who has played in ten or more League Championship matches for a club's first team in any of the Pyramid Leagues (as defined in the MoU above: 17) shall not be eligible to play in any of the Wetherby League club's last three second team League Championship matches. Any player who has played in ten or more Wetherby League or other Pyramid 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 Wetherby 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 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, playing Saturday league cricket in another county shall be eligible to play on Sundays in the Wetherby Cricket League.

4.8 No player shall be eligible to play in any round of the Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup if they have played in more 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 matches for the second team up to and including the Saturday preceding any Hare Cup or Reserve Evening Cup round. The SCC will consider reasonable requests to allow players to play that do not meet the outlined criteria, submissions should be via email to senior@wetherbyleague.co.uk no later than 24 hours before the fixture is due to take place.

4.9 No player who has represented a club in any Cup competition held under the auspices of the Wetherby League or one of the Pyramid Leagues may represent another club in the same 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 the same Cup competition during the same season. No player who has represented a club's second or third team in the Hare Cup or the Reserve Evening Cup may represent a club's fourth team in the same Cup competition during the same season.

4.10 There will be no dispensation for juniors with regard to the rules contained in this section. A junior is defined in section 5.2.

4.11 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.

4.12 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.

4.13 Any player (Junior or Senior) is barred from entering WCL cup competitions if they have played in a senior YCB affiliated league fixture for a none WCL club. This rule is not relevant if players have completed a transfer form to a WCL club.

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 31st 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 31st 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) 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, in the last 2 cricket seasons, 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 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 30th 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. 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, 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 In all 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 be fined the sum of £25 and the affected matches won by lower teams shall be awarded to the opposition.

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 31st 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 £35 and the match awarded to their opponents. All of this amount shall be paid to their opponents, with a cheque payable to the opposing club sent via the League Finance Secretary, 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. (Leaving a message is not mutual.) 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 have to nominate from their team sheet a person to act in that capacity for the duration of the match and a substitute will not be allowed for that person **OR** the team shall pay a fine of £50 per occurrence. The League will reallocate £25 to the team scoring alone. The umpire (or opposition captain if there are no umpires) will notify the league of the lack of scorer.

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. If not in full whites then the player may not either bat or bowl in the game.

6.20 Umpires shall report to the League Secretary any misconduct on the part of the players on the field of play, or of spectators interfering with the play of the players. The home club shall be responsible for the conduct of its spectators.

In conjunction with the MCC Laws of Cricket. when penalty runs have been awarded in a game and a report is necessary, the official report form, provided by the league, should be completed and signed by both match officials and posted by FIRST CLASS post to the League Secretary within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game.

Guidelines for umpires

Umpires will be able to award five penalty runs where they consider the team and or individual are not abiding by the ECB Code of Conduct. This will form part of the disciplinary procedure. Unsatisfactory conduct shall include, but not be limited to:

- Dissent at an umpire's decision or reaction in a provocative or disapproving manner, whether verbal or written.
- Physical abuse, intimidation, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, official, player or spectator.
- The use of crude, foul or abusive language or the making of offensive gestures or hand signals whether directed at an individual or otherwise.
- Sledging or deliberate distraction of an opponent and persisting appealing in order to put pressure on an umpire or opponent.
- Any form of abuse or discrimination, relating to race, religion, creed, or of any other nature. Wilful damage to property, equipment or playing surface.

- Ungentlemanly conduct or any other action that is likely to bring the League, Club or Game of Cricket into disrepute or prejudice its good name or interests.
- Repeated infringements of the Spirit of Cricket either by an individual or a team, where each Infringement, in itself, does not warrant any disciplinary action. (Such instances will result in a Disciplinary Hearing and the captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his team).

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) One point for a cancelled or abandoned match due to weather conditions.

7.3 All matches shall consist of 90 overs in Divisions 1 and 2 with each team batting 45 overs and bowlers restricted to 12 overs. In Divisions 3 and 4 all matches shall consist of 80 overs with each team batting 40 overs and bowlers restricted to 10 overs. Overs not used in the first innings will NOT be used by the team batting second.

7.3a) In Divisions 1 and 2, a 30 yard fielding circle shall be marked where at all times, 4 fielders (not including the wicket keeper or bowler), must field inside the circle. A no ball shall be called if fielders fall foul of the rule.

7.4 All matches shall start promptly at 1.00 p.m., 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: 2.00 p.m. - 40 overs per side
3.00 p.m. - 30 overs per side
3.30 p.m. - 25 overs per side

This means that no match shall commence more than 2½ hours after the designated start time and the minimum permitted duration of any match shall be 25 overs per side.

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

15 minutes is allowed for stoppages for rain or bad light before any overs are lost. After 15 minutes has elapsed one over is deducted for each side for every 7 minutes lost. If after a maximum of 2½ hours after the designated start time the game has not started then the game shall be declared a 1 point draw.

7.5.2 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions interrupting the first innings, the following shall apply:

15 minutes is allowed for stoppages for rain or bad light in each innings before any overs are lost. After 15 minutes has elapsed in the 1st innings, one over is deducted for each side for every 7 minutes lost. If after 4 hours 30 minutes of the start time, a minimum of 20 overs of the first innings has not being reached (or cannot be reached based on over rate of three and a half minutes per over) then the game will be abandoned as a 1 point draw.

7.5.3 In the event of rain, bad light or other conditions interrupting the second innings, the following shall apply:

15 minutes is allowed for stoppages for rain or bad light in each innings before any overs are lost.

The team batting second will have their innings reduced by one over for every three and a half minutes of suspension, with a minimum innings of 20 overs. If the 21st over of the second innings is not reached the game will be abandoned as a 1 point draw.

The revised target score for the team batting second shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs, by the average number of runs per over scored by the team batting first. The calculation applies only when play is resumed after the suspension. Scores always based on rounding up to the next whole run. The number of wickets lost by any team is not a factor in calculating the run rates.

7.5.4 Bonus points for 75% or 7 wickets still remain available in a rain affected game.

7.5.5 The 15 minutes grace before losing over can only be used once, if one or more interruption happens in a game then at the second occurrence time is lost straight away.

- Scenario 1 – rained off after 25 over of the second innings
- First innings 45 overs scored 210 therefore a run rate of 4.6667
- If after 25 overs of the second innings the team batting second were over a score of 117 the team batting second would win, if it were 116 or under the team batting first would win.

Scenario 2 – rain for only 10 overs (50 minutes) of the second innings

- First innings 45 overs scored 210 therefore a run rate of 4.6667
- If the second innings is interrupted at any point for rain for 10 overs then the revised chase would be 164 from 35 overs

Scenario 3 – rain for 85 minutes in the first innings and again a further 6 overs (21 minutes) in the second innings

- Both teams have their innings reduced to 35 overs each.
- First innings team score 170 from 35 over at a rate of 4.857
- The second innings becomes further reduced to 29 over due to the second rain delay therefore the target is 141 to win the game.

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. From 1.05 p.m. for every 5 minutes lost due to a team having fewer than 6 players ready to start the match, a penalty of 5 runs will be awarded to the opponents.

7.9 No player arriving after 2.30 p.m. for any League Championship match shall be permitted to take part in the match as either bowler or batsmen, but may field. No batting or bowling restriction will apply to any player arriving before 2.30pm.

7.10 Reduced bowling restrictions will only be applied in games affected by rain before the game.

No bowler shall be permitted to bowl more than:

- 12 overs in a 90 over match;
- 11 overs in an 80-89 over match;
- 10 overs in a 70-79 over match;
- 9 overs in a 60-69 over match;
- 8 overs in a 50-59 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. Umpires have the right to penalise a team 5 penalty runs for continually and repetitively slowing the game when batting or fielding.

8. RULES APPLYING TO THE SUNDAY CUP COMPETITIONS

8.1 Matches shall be played on Sundays and shall start promptly at 1.00 p.m for Fred Fleetwood Cup and 2.00 p.m for Hare Cup, 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.

8.2a) A 30 yard fielding circle shall be marked where at all times, 4 fielders (not including the wicket keeper or bowler), must field inside the circle. A no ball shall be called if fielders fall foul of the rule.

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: 2.00 p.m. - 40 overs per side
3.00 p.m. - 30 overs per side
3.30 p.m. - 25 overs per side

This means that no match shall commence more than 2½ hours after the designated start time and the minimum permitted duration of any match shall be 25 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 90 minutes after the start 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;
- 5 overs in a 25 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.

9.2a) A 30 yard fielding circle shall be marked where at all times, 4 fielders (not including the wicket keeper or bowler), must field inside the circle. A no ball shall be called if fielders fall foul of the rule.

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. - 18 overs per side
7.15 p.m. - 15 overs per side
7.45p.m. - 10 overs per side

This means that no match shall commence more than 1¼ 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;
- 4 overs in an 18 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 NOTE - New for 2016 - CLUBS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO TELEPHONE RESULTS IN FOR DIVISION 1 & 2 and FRED FLEETWOOD CUP MATCHES.

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

10.2 Match results for Divisions One, Two, Three, Four and Five, 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) 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, Fred Fleetwood Cup, Hare Cup, Senior Evening Cup and Reserve Evening Cup Matches

10.3i 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) 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.

10.3ii Teams failing to complete the match scorecard accurately will be fined £10 per match return. This will be applied at the discretion of the SCC.

GROUND MARKINGS

NEW FOR 2016 - ALL DIVISIONS – League Championship matches only

10.4(i) After the game, Away captains shall provide a marking on the League website for the Home club's Pitch, Outfield, Facilities and Scoring Facilities, and indicate whether covers and sight-screens were available. When games are played at neutral grounds no ground markings are required.

10.4(ii) After the game, both captains are required to provide a Sportsmanship marking for the opposition team on the match return

10.5 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.

10.6 Any club failing to comply with any part of Rules 10.1 - 10.3 shall be fined the sum of £25 for each individual breach. Any club failing to comply with Rule 10.3(i) shall be fined the sum of £10.00.

10.7 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) no later than 31st 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, or
the notification date of any fine/ penalty issued by the Finance Committee, or
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. Should a club or individual wish to appeal that decision in line with the provisions of Rule 14.1, representatives of the Management Board will hear that appeal.

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 – 5 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 As part of the Match Return Teams can be nominated for the “Team Sportsmanship Award”

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 30th June, unless required earlier by the League. All junior trophies shall be held by the winning clubs or individuals until 31st 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 £50 to the club for the preparation and use of the ground and, where teas are required, £50 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.

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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 18th 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 31st 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 31st 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. The visiting club may withhold its agreement and exercise the right to travel. After the mutual agreement of cancellation has been accepted by the visiting club, no objection can then be considered by the League. In the event of mutual agreement to cancel an U18 fixture, the home club is responsible for informing the appointed League Umpire of the cancellation and shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the Umpire due to late, or no, notice.

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. Any club failing to fulfil an U18 fixture shall be responsible for informing the appointed League Umpire of the cancellation and shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the Umpire due to late, or no, notice.

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 shall 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 18 age groups only and shall be made directly on to the Wetherby League website (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 18s. 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 (and three match points in a league game) 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 18 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) 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.

19.16 Match returns for all Under 15 and Under 18 league and cup games (completed or abandoned) must be entered in to the 'Full Junior U15/ U18 Match Return' area of the Wetherby League website (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 18 at midnight on 31st 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 - 4 x 4 & 1 x 3 18 overs - 3 x 4 & 2 x 3 17 overs - 2 x 4 & 3 x 3 16 overs - 1 x 4 & 4 x 3
15 overs - 5 x 3 14 overs - 4 x 3 & 1 x 2 13 overs - 3 x 3 & 2 x 2 12 overs - 2 x 3 & 3 x 2

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 one Under 18 league match for that club by 31st May of that season.

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 Under 18 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 31st 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 - 4 x 4 & 1 x 3 18 overs - 3 x 4 & 2 x 3 17 overs - 2 x 4 & 3 x 3 16 overs - 1 x 4 & 4 x 3

15 overs - 5 x 3 14 overs - 4 x 3 & 1 x 2 13 overs - 3 x 3 & 2 x 2 12 overs - 2 x 3 & 3 x 2

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 one Under 15 league match for that club by 31st May of that season. Rule 22.13 – To amend Cup qualification criteria

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 31st 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 - 4 x 4 & 1 x 3 18 overs - 3 x 4 & 2 x 3 17 overs - 2 x 4 & 3 x 3 16 overs - 1 x 4 & 4 x 3
15 overs - 5 x 3 14 overs - 4 x 3 & 1 x 2 13 overs - 3 x 3 & 2 x 2 12 overs - 2 x 3 & 3 x 2

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 have played at least one Under 13 league match for that club by 31st May of that season.

22.14 The Captain is in charge of the team on the field of play and is responsible for making bowling changes and field placements. Limited coaching may be provided by the nominated Umpire/ Manager in the middle only; coaching from the boundary by the Manager or others acting upon instruction is not permissible.

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 31st 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 x 6 ball overs for an eight a side game, unless both teams agree to play ten a side, therefore twenty x 6 ball overs. 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.

23.7 Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs. Batsmen shall bat in pairs for four overs and the normal rules of pairs cricket shall apply. Before the start of the game, both managers are encouraged to agree to rotate the strike so that, 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.

23.8 Two runs will be awarded to the batting team for each wide ball and no ball bowled, but no extra ball will be allocated, except in the final over of each innings when, in addition to the two runs, an extra ball will be bowled.

23.9 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. Bowling shall take place from both ends.

23.10 Players on the fielding side are not required to rotate fielding positions after every over.

23.11 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 31st 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

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 x 6 ball overs for an eight a side game. 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.

24.8 Players shall bowl from one end only and the fielding side shall rotate clockwise after each over, with each player bowling a total of two overs.

24.9 Fielders must be no nearer than 11 yards from the batter at the moment of delivery.

24.10 Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs. 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. No batsman shall be given out 'Leg Before Wicket'.

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.

No penalty runs shall be awarded for the no ball and the batsmen may not run for the no ball. (Batsmen shall return to their original crease once no ball has been called and no runs shall be recorded.)

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 runs shall count if the ball goes behind the batting crease or onto the onside.

All free hits off the tee are deemed grounded therefore the maximum for a boundary is 4 runs.

The batter cannot be out bowled, caught, stumped or hit wicket from a free hit but can still be run out.

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