



In accordance with Rule C3(f), Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Cricket League, to be held at Hampstead CC on 25th November 2019 commencing at 7.30pm, when the following business shall be transacted:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Promotions resulting from 2019 Season, adoption of Committee's recommendations as follows:
First XIs Division 3 – South Hampstead CC 1st XI supported by the MCCL Executive
Second XI Division 3 – Stoke Newington CC 2nd XI supported by the MCCL Executive
3. Minutes of 2019 Spring Meeting 10th April 2019
4. Matters arising from 2019 Spring Meeting
 - Overseas Player Rules, the matter of the difference between the Overseas Player rules in the MCCL and the National Ko were discussed by the League Executive, no agreement could be made on a change to the current MCCL Rules on Overseas Players as a result there is no proposal from the Executive for a change.
5. Chairman's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Adoption of accounts
 - ii Election of Hon. Auditor
7. Registration Officer's Report.
8. Umpires' Panel Report
9. Election of Officers: Nominations for Chairman, Secretary, Chair of Playing Committee, Chair of Rules & Regulations Committee, Chair of Finance & Commercial Committee & Chair of Disciplinary Committee
 - All of the current incumbents, Bob Baxter, Nick Brown, John Reeve, Keir Hopley, Laurie Allan have indicated that they intend to stand for re-election, there is a vacancy for the Role of Chair of the Disciplinary Committee
10. Matters proposed by the committee under Rule C2(g)
11. AOB

All clubs playing in the MCCL in the 2019 are required to send one or two representatives who must be bona fide members, failure to do so will result in a fine of £100.

Under (10), the following are proposed by the committee for voting at the meeting;

- **Incentivization for clubs to have qualified umpires in 2nd XI Cricket**

Any club that provides a “Qualified Umpire” (to be defined) for 2nd XI League matches would be awarded 1 point for every 3 matches they officiate, up to a maximum of 4 points in a season

- **Award of Toss in Delayed Start matches (1st XI Only)**

In a 1st XI match, if the start is delayed ONLY due to the condition of the pitch, the toss will be awarded to the Away team.

- **Allowing two teams from the same club to play in the same league (Regionalized Divisions only)**

To allow for the continuing success of the Regionalized Initiative and to allow for flexibility in Regional allocation, it is proposed that in the Regionalised Divisions of the Third Tier of the MCCL (Div 5A,5B,6A,6B), that two teams from the same club are allowed to play in the same league.

- **Use of DLS outside the Premier League (1st XI Only)**

It is proposed that the DLS methodology for calculation of the required winning total in matches where weather or other intervention has reduced the numbers of overs is adopted in all MCCL 1st XI Cricket

The Executive is considering whether a better solution can be found to disallowing losing points in matches where DLS is used. If one is found, a proposed rule change will be put before the Spring meeting.

- **Merger with Middlesex Championship**

It is proposed that the Middlesex Championship League (MCL) merges with the MCCL.

A phased approach, with Division 1 (of 1st and 2nd XIs) joining the MCCL in 2020 (playing as Div 4), with the remainder of the clubs joining in 2021

At the end of the 2020 Season “2 up, 2 down” would apply across the whole tier

In between “now” and the start of the 2021 season, all current MCL clubs (excluding Harrow Town CC) would be visited and assessed/graded, such that the highest level that they could attain (in both 1st and 2nd XI Cricket) in the MCCL would be established. The necessary changes required to improve the grading will also be communicated. Any new clubs joining the MCCL will be subject to the same review process.

- **Reduction of Minimum Penalty for Registration/Ineligible players**

During 2019 there were incidents where the current penalty scheme, which is a standard 5 point deduction per offence, was seen by some as overly punitive in some cases and also insufficiently punitive in others. In particular incidents where ineligible/unregistered players had a “Significant influence” on matches, the penalties were thought to be not “fair”. In an effort to address this matter, notice will be given that for the 2020 season and going forward, that the MCCL Executive will consider in all cases where an ineligible/unregistered player has had a “significant influence” on the result of a match that penalties in excess of the current minimum tariff will be considered, AS WELL as the practice of awarding points to the opposition.

Amended Rule 25

“Contravention on the rules of eligibility of players may result in the deduction of League points as a penalty. The severity [of] penalties for eligibility or registration offences will be determined by the Executive. Playing unregistered or otherwise ineligible players in first eleven matches shall attract a minimum penalty of 5 points per player, though the Executive may reduce this to 2 points per player if they are satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply.”

Guidance notes will be issued before the season regarding what may constitute “Exceptional Circumstances”. As the rule states a minimum penalty, there is no necessity to add wording (in the rule) regarding circumstances that may attract additional penalty.

- Voting Rights in the MCCL

If the proposal to merge with the MCL is approved then the MCCL Executive propose a change to the voting rights for the MCCL , such that each club will be entitled to one vote for every team they have in the MCCL structure.

Under 11, AOB, the following items have been proposed;

- Proposed by Acton CC
 - Proposal is for the use of Coloured Kit in the Limited Overs section of 1st XI Cricket outside of the Premier League and that should this not be accepted wholly, that it is voted on by each League.
- Proposed by Ealing CC
 - Overseas Player Rules are amended to allow for players that have played 1st Class Cricket in the last 12 months to be eligible for the MCCL (Rule F14)
 - Method of deciding league positions – It is proposed to change the basis on which league positions are decided. It is proposed that instead of an aggregate points total basis, that League position is decided on an “Average Points in Completed Matches” basis and that all matches for which there is “no result”, zero points are awarded to each club. Should two or more teams finish the season with the same aggregate, then the league placing is decided by
 - Number of Wins
 - Number of Ties
 - Runs per Over scored
 - That all matches in the Middlesex T20 competition are played with Pink Balls