



In accordance with Rule C3(f), Notice is hereby given of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Cricket League, to be held at Ealing CC on 11th January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm, when the following business shall be transacted:

1. Apologies for absence
2. The results of the 2020 virtual AGM were posted online and are taken as approved
3. No Matters Arising from 2021 Spring Meeting or 2020 AGM
4. Chairman's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Adoption of accounts
 - ii Election of Hon. Auditor - See below (10)
6. Registration Officer's Report.
7. Umpires' Panel Report
8. 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

- With the exception of Laurie Allan & John Reeve, of the current incumbents, Bob Baxter, Nick Brown, Keir Hopley, and Stephanie Reingold have indicated that they intend to stand for re-election, there is a vacancy for the Role of Chair of Finances. As the resignation of the Chair of Finances has been known for some time, applications have been sought previously and Fazly Wahab from Stanmore CC has put himself forward and is supported by the rest of the MCCL Executive. Other applicants are still welcome to put themselves forward for the role prior to the AGM. The MCCL Executive are considering the options with respect to the Role of Chair of Playing Committee and will revert to members with a proposal in due course.
10. Matters proposed by the committee under Rule C2(g)
11. AOB including matters to be voted on proposed by member clubs between the notice of meeting and the AGM, for which the MCCL Executive will distribute to member clubs upon formal receipt of the motion.
 - To include a statement regarding of levels of pay for scorers
 - Governance of Rule D1(c) , Playing of the Strongest team

All clubs playing in the MCCL in the 2022 season are required to send one representatives who must be bona fide members, failure to do so will result in a fine of £100. Whilst the constitution allows for up to two members to attend, size constraints of the venue mean that we are asking for each club to only send one representative.

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

Fines

The AGM needs to approve any increase in fines levied for various administrative transgressions. The only ones specified by monetary amount in the constitution are in respect of reporting. It would make more sense for the figures to be removed and for any increase to be approved along with increases to the other fines levied.

In paragraph C3(a)(iii) delete “and fines under Rule D7” and substitute “fines”.

In paragraph D6(a), delete the words after “fine”.

In paragraph D6(b), delete “of £10 (or such higher amount as the Executive may from time to time specify)”.

Delete paragraph D7(g) and substitute:

“g. Failure to comply with this rule will result in penalties to be specified by the Executive and approved by the Annual General Meeting under paragraph C3 of this constitution.

Modification of the umpire bonus point scheme

The current bonus point scheme was an experiment and introduced with the aim of encouraging clubs to identify members to be trained and developed as accredited umpires. It operated using the below criteria, which it is proposed to retain (in a simplified form). There was also a second limb to the scheme that gave the Executive power to approve others (provided they held an ACO membership and DBS certificate). This was there largely so as not to prevent recognition of those who, in all probability, would have been accredited had the accreditation process not stalled due to Covid-19. As ECBACO expects to have its accreditation processes running smoothly, the second limb of the scheme – which caused a disproportionate amount of work for League officers – is no longer needed and it is therefore proposed to delete it.

In paragraph D4(b), delete all after the first sentence and substitute:

“In this Constitution a “Recognised Club Umpire” is any umpire who (a) has formal ECBACO accreditation and (b) has an ACO membership and a DBS certificate current at the time of the match.”

Minimum number of players required to toss and start the match

We have become aware of instances, particularly at the lower levels of the League, where teams have not had the appropriate number of players present at the scheduled start of a match. The League rules are currently silent on what should happen. This provision is intended to fill the vacuum, and builds on the rule that was in place in the Middlesex Championship.

Insert new paragraph E8 as follows:

E8. Minimum number of players required to toss and start match

- a. In all matches, as per MCC Law, the toss shall take place no earlier than 30 minutes nor later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.
- b. If one of the sides has fewer than seven players present at the latest permitted time for the toss, it shall be deemed to have lost the toss.
- c. A side needs to have a minimum of seven players present on the ground in order to start the match. If, at the scheduled time for starting the match, this is not the case then the match shall be delayed until such time as seven players are present (and overs deducted if applicable).
- d. If a side still does not have seven players present 30 minutes after the scheduled start, then the match shall be awarded to the team not at fault with maximum points. The team at fault shall receive no points and may be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the League Executive.

Registration of players

The ECB has changed its categories for registration of players. Adoption of those categories is required for all Premier Leagues in 2022. The proposals implement these changes and have the benefit of simplifying the current rules.

In paragraph F1, delete all after the first colon and substitute:

Category 1: Players who are deemed ordinarily resident and have been in England and Wales for a minimum of 201 days per year between 1 April and 31 March following their first year of entry and are deemed to be home players in England and Wales.

Category 2: Players who would otherwise be Category 1 but who are currently under contract to a first class county. For these purposes, “under contract” means a full playing contract, a summer contract or a development (scholarship) contract but not an academy contract.

Category 3: Players not deemed ordinarily resident.

Delete paragraphs F2, F3 and F4.

Renumber paragraphs F5, F6 and F7 as F2, F3 and F4 respectively.

Delete paragraphs F8, F9, F10 and F11 and insert the following:

F5. In the event of any dispute as to into which category any player falls the League Executive shall make a determination.

F6. Member Clubs may play any number of Category 1 players in any League match.

F7. Member Clubs may play a maximum of one Category 3 player in a First or Second Eleven match.

F8. Member Clubs may play no more than three Category 3 players in a Third Tier match.

Renumber paragraphs F12 – F26 as F9 – F23 respectively.

Removal of the last hour in time matches

In order to provide clarity on a matter that has been subject to some confusion .

In Schedule 1 – Part A, delete paragraph 1 and substitute the following:

1. Duration

All games shall start at 11.00am and shall finish at 7.10pm or after 120 overs have been bowled, whichever is later, subject to the provisions below.

In Schedule 1 – Part A paragraph 7, delete the sentence “Where play is suspended during the last hour paragraph 10(b) shall apply.”

In Schedule 1 – Part A, paragraph 15, delete the words in parenthesis.

In Schedule 1 – Part A, delete paragraph 10 and renumber paragraphs 11 – 15 as 10 – 14 respectively.

In Schedule 2 – Part A, delete paragraph 1 and substitute the following:

1. Duration

All games shall start at 12.30pm and shall finish at 6.50pm or after 100 overs have been bowled, whichever is later, subject to the provisions below.

In Schedule 2 – Part A paragraph 7, delete the sentence “Where play is suspended during the last hour paragraph 10(b) shall apply.”

In Schedule 2 – Part A paragraph 14, delete the words in parentheses.

In Schedule 2 – Part A, delete paragraph 10 and renumber paragraphs 11 – 14 as 10 – 13 respectively.

In Schedule 3 – Part A, delete paragraph 1 and substitute the following:

1. Duration

All games shall start at 12.30pm and shall finish at 6.50pm or after 100 overs have been bowled, whichever is later, subject to the provisions below.

In Schedule 3 – Part A paragraph 7, delete the sentence “Where play is suspended during the last hour paragraph 8(b) shall apply.”

In Schedule 3 – Part A, delete paragraph 8 and renumber paragraphs 9 – 11 as 8 - 10 respectively.

In Schedule 4 – Part A, delete paragraph 1 and substitute the following:

1. Duration

All games shall start at 12.30pm and shall finish at 6.25pm or after 92 overs have been bowled, whichever is later, subject to the provisions below.

In Schedule 4 – Part A paragraph 5, delete the sentence “Where play is suspended during the last hour paragraph 8(b) shall apply.”

In Schedule 4 – Part A, delete paragraph 8 and renumber paragraphs 9 – 11 as 8 – 10 respectively.

Use of non-turf wickets in MCCL cricket

At the AGM the matter of the use of non-turf pitches in Third Tier cricket below Division 4 was voted on. Whilst the motion received 53.5% of the vote, this was insufficient to pass. This matter has been re-proposed by a member club (who previously voted against) and is supported by the Executive. Consideration is given to the growth of the game in the particularly built up area in which we exist and it is considered that to allow for continued growth more flexibility is required in this specific area.

This vote will require two-thirds of the cast votes to pass and if approved the constitutional wording will be constructed by the Rules & Regulations Committee.

Replacement of the term “audit” and “auditor”

The term “audit” has implications that such an inspection should follow a statutory format, this is suggested to be inappropriate for the MCCL purposes and hence a suggested change to the terminology used. This would not reduce the level of scrutiny of the records and would avoid any issues in the future if someone insisted on an audit.

C3a(ii) Existing wording: election of Honorary Auditor to be replaced by: “election of an Independent Examiner”

C3b. Existing wording: “An Audited Account for the year ended 31st October shall be prepared for consideration at the AGM.”

To be replaced by: “The accounts for the year just ended shall be subject to independent examination by an appropriately qualified person (or persons) who is not an Officer or member of the Management Committee (and has not been an Officer or member of the Management Committee for the previous three years) and shall be presented to members at each Annual General Meeting. The independent person (or persons) shall be approved at each Annual General Meeting.”