Middlesex County Cricket League — Notice of Annual General Meeting 2026

In accordance with Rule C3(f), notice is hereby given of the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Cricket League. It will be held at **Hendon Golf Club, Ashley Walk, Devonshire Road, London NW7 1DG** on **Monday 30 November 2026, commencing at 7.00pm**, when the following business shall be transacted.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of the 2025 AGM and the results of the 2026 Spring Meeting were posted online and are taken as approved.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report:
    a. Adoption of the accounts.
    b. Fines and other charges for 2027: no change proposed. No annual subscription will be levied (Rules C3(a)(iii) and C6(a)).
    c. Election of the Independent Examiner (Rules C3(a)(ii) and C6(b)).
5. Registration Officer's Report.
6. Umpires' Panel Report.
7. Election of Officers under Rule C2: Chairman; Secretary; Registration Officer; Results Secretary; and Chairs of the Finance & Commercial, Playing & Grounds, Registration & Regulation and Disciplinary Sub-Committees.
    - All current Officers, other than the Fixtures Secretary, have indicated that they will offer themselves for re-election.
    - Nominations must be received in writing by the Secretary no later than **Monday 16 November 2026** (Rule C2(b)).
8. Matters proposed by the League Executive under Rule C2(g). The full wording of each proposal, with an explanatory note, is set out in the attached paper *Executive Proposed Rules Changes for the AGM 2026*:
    a. Penalties for playing unregistered or ineligible players (Rule F23).
    b. Eligibility of contracted players, including female contracted players and the definition of "home grown" (Rules F1, F9, F10 and F11).
    c. Players who have played for clubs in other leagues: eligibility after 31 July (Rule F22).
    d. Reporting on Recognised Club Umpires (Rule D4).
    e. Reciprocal payment for tea in Third Tier matches (Rule E8).
    f. Sweeping and remarking of the pitch between innings (Rule E6(c)).
    g. Start times, over rates and time allowances for delays (Schedules 1 to 4).
    h. Coloured clothing and pink balls in 1st XI Divisions 1 and 2 and the 2nd XI Premier Division (Schedules 2 and 3).
    i. Short-pitched bowling: changes following the new Laws of Cricket, and extension of the bouncer limit to all divisions (Schedules 1 to 4).

9. Matters proposed by Member Clubs under Rule C3(a)(v). These must be received in writing by the Secretary no later than **Monday 9 November 2026**. Any proposal received after that date will not be considered at the meeting. Proposals received in time will be circulated to all Member Clubs.
10. Any other business, at the discretion of the Chairman. No matter requiring a vote may be raised under this item.

Voting

Voting will be on the basis of one vote per team entered in the League in the 2026 season. Clubs with more than one vote must cast them as a block (Rule C4(a)).

Proposals to alter the Constitution require the support of at least two thirds of the Member Clubs present and voting. Abstentions do not count as votes (Rule C4(d)). Where a proposal affects the playing conditions of a single division only, the Executive will determine whether it is to be voted on by the clubs in that division under Rule C4(c), and will confirm this at the meeting.

Only proposals set out in this notice and the attached paper, and proposals submitted by Member Clubs under Rule C3(a)(v) and circulated in advance, will be put to a vote. Amendments to proposals will not be taken from the floor. A club wishing to put forward a variation of any proposal must submit it in writing as its own proposal by **Monday 9 November 2026**.

Unless otherwise stated, all changes approved at this meeting will take effect from the start of the 2027 season.

Notice is also provided to clubs that:

1. **Format of General Meetings.** The Executive intends that future AGMs will be held in person and Spring Meetings will be held virtually. All substantive matters will be brought to the AGM, and the Spring Meeting will deal only with matters of detail. Clubs wishing to propose substantive changes should do so for the AGM.
2. **Visa issues.** The Executive's statement on Visa Issues is set out in Appendix A and should be read by all club officers.
3. **2026 trophies.** Trophies for the 2026 season will be available for collection at the meeting. The list of winners is attached.

Attendance

All Member Clubs are required to attend and may send up to two representatives (Rule C3(c)). Non-attendance will be subject to the constitutional fine.

Nick Brown

Hon. Secretary, Middlesex County Cricket League

28 October 2026

Appendix A: Statement of the League Executive on Visa Issues

Under Rule F2 of the Constitution, it is for each Member Club to satisfy itself that every player it selects is eligible to play under the immigration rules in force at the time of the match. Nothing in the League's rules overrides the law. Responsibility for immigration compliance therefore rests with the club and the player.

The League is not an immigration authority, and it is not an investigative branch of the Home Office, the ECB or any other body. It has neither the powers nor the information to determine whether a player is entitled to play under immigration law. Accordingly:

- The League will not investigate or adjudicate on the immigration status of any player. Complaints from one club about the status of another club's player will not be pursued by the League. Clubs with concerns should raise them with the appropriate authorities.
- A player's registration with the League, and any category determination under Rules F1 or F5, is made for League purposes only. It is not confirmation that the player is entitled to play under immigration law.
- The Executive does not intend to impose any sanction in relation to immigration matters unless and until a Member Club, or any player who has played for it in the League, has been found by the relevant authorities to have breached Home Office visa regulations. Under Rule F2, the club is responsible for satisfying itself of every player's eligibility. The League has no means of sanctioning players directly, so where a player is found to have breached the regulations, the consequences under the League's rules will fall on the club. The Executive will determine the appropriate sanction in the circumstances of the case.

Clubs have received guidance from the ECB on this subject. The Executive regards it as helpful background, but it is not the League's rules and does not determine the League's position. Clubs should note in particular the ECB's warning that playing someone who does not meet immigration requirements may expose a club to criminal investigation and prosecution. That risk exists regardless of the League's approach, and each club should take its own advice where needed. Further guidance is available at ecb.co.uk/about/policies/regulations/overseas.

EXECUTIVE PROPOSED RULES CHANGES FOR THE AGM 2026