



## Rules & Regulations

### **1. Title**

- 1.1. The name of the league shall be the South Hampshire Indoor Cricket League (hereinafter called “the League”).

### **2. Officers and Management Committee**

- 2.1. The Officers of the League will be, at a minimum, the Chairperson, General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. All officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and hold office until the next AGM, where they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.
- 2.2. Should further Officers be required; the Management Committee will have the power to create new named roles to assist with a specified workload who shall follow the same election procedure as referred to in [2.1](#). Any roles will be circulated as part of a notice of an AGM and elected at the meeting itself.
- 2.3. The League shall be governed by a Management Committee (hereinafter called “The Committee”) consisting of the Officers of the League and up to six other Committee members duly elected at the AGM. The post of President is an honorary life position and shall be selected at the discretion of the Management Committee and is not subject to election at the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.4. The Committee shall meet as necessary and will be responsible for the government of the League within the framework of this document. It shall have the power to deal with anything not covered by this document and to decide on the interpretation of this document in the event of any disagreement as to their meaning.
- 2.5. Decisions made by the Committee in the management of the League shall be final and binding on all member clubs.

### **3. Management**

- 3.1. All teams who wish to compete in the league must fully complete an ‘[Entry Form](#)’ in the months preceding the upcoming season. This form must be returned to the General Secretary no later the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Any applications received after this date shall only be considered if a team withdraws prior to the season start and the divisional structure for that season means they will provide a suitable replacement for the team withdrawing.
- 3.2. The league shall be open to any bona fide club approved by the Committee. Clubs shall be affiliate members of a recognised County Cricket Board.
  - 3.2.1. Member clubs shall be required to include the contact information of their team captains (or managers for junior teams), secretaries and treasurer as part of the application process so such information can be stored by the League, for the period of one season where it shall be deleted and re-requested if required. In accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the data provided shall only be

used for the purposes of contacting recipients in regard to League related matters and shall not be distributed to any third parties.

- 3.2.2.** As part of the application process, any contacts will be offered the opportunity to have their details included on the website and their mobile numbers (where provided) subscribed to the League WhatsApp group. The ability to consent to one or both of these options will be included on the application form. No details shall be included on the website or subscribed to the WhatsApp group if consent has not been granted.
- 3.3.** The League will model each season on the “base structure” outlined in [Appendix A](#), which will be subject to change on an annual basis based on the availability of playing facilities and membership demand.
- 3.4.** Membership applications will be considered on a “first come, first serve” basis under the following timeframes; subject to the stipulations in [3](#):
  - 3.4.1.** *End of the previous season to 30<sup>th</sup> June:* Applications from teams who participated in the previous season’s fixtures. Should the League “base structure” ([3.3](#)) of a playing category (Ladies, Men’s, Under 14’s or Under 16’s) be reached before the end date, applications for that category will be closed and re-open on the first day of the next application window ([3.4.2](#)), subject to availability.
  - 3.4.2.** *1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July:* Applications held over from [3.4.1](#) and from teams who did not participate in the previous season’s fixtures.
- 3.5.** The submission of an application should not be considered an acceptance of membership and will only be ratified through confirmation of acceptance from the General Secretary.
- 3.6.** Expulsion of membership for any Member Club shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

## **4. Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- 4.1.** The AGM of the League shall take place during the close season, no later than the **end of June**, at a venue, date and time to be decided by the Committee. Notice of each AGM will be circulated to member clubs at least 14 days before the meeting.
- 4.2.** Proposed amendments to this document and other proposals, including nominations for membership of the Committee, will be considered at the AGM. This is subject to such proposals having been received from either the Committee or a member club and seconded by a different member club, in writing, to the General Secretary not later than one month after the end of the previous season.
  - 4.2.1.** No club shall be entitled to propose more than one person as a committee member.
  - 4.2.2.** Each member club shall be entitled to one vote. No member club shall be entitled to a vote at a meeting by proxy. Voting shall be by show of hands unless the Chairperson of the meeting directs otherwise.
  - 4.2.3.** Where a motion affects the Rules of Play in a particular division of the League, only member clubs with teams affected by the proposed change may vote. The decision of the meetings’ Chairperson shall be final in determining the effects of this rule.

- 4.2.4.** No proposal to amend this document shall be deemed to be carried unless it receives a majority of the votes of member clubs. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the casting vote.
- 4.2.5.** Attendance at an AGM is mandatory and a failure to attend by a representative of a member club will be subject to the disciplinary procedures set out in Appendix B [1.3.7](#).

## **5. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

- 5.1.** An EGM may be convened at the discretion of the Committee or on receipt by the General Secretary of a written notice by not less than eight of the member clubs.
- 5.2.** Notice of and proceedings at an EGM shall be the same as those at an AGM.

## **6. Subscriptions & Payments**

### **6.1. Subscription Fees:**

**6.1.1.** The League's annual subscription fees for each team entered will adhere to the following prices:

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| a) | 1st adult team                                 | <b>£40</b> |
| b) | 2nd and further adult teams                    | <b>£20</b> |
| c) | Junior team (without an adult team membership) | <b>£15</b> |
| d) | Junior team (with an adult team membership)    | <b>£10</b> |

**6.1.2.** These fees must be paid to the League by **1<sup>st</sup> August**.

**6.1.3.** These fees will be subject to an annual review by the Committee and if altered, be proposed for approval as part of an AGM.

### **6.2. Match Fees:**

**6.2.1.** The League's fees for each match played will adhere to the following prices:

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| a) | All adult teams  | <b>£30</b> |
| b) | All junior teams | <b>£12</b> |

**6.2.2.** Clubs will be invoiced for a half seasons worth of fees (excluding Knockout Cup matches) on (or as close to) two distinct dates during the season: **1<sup>st</sup> October** and **1<sup>st</sup> January**. Invoices are required to be settled within 30 days of them being distributed by the Honorary Treasurer and any late payments will be subject to the penalties in Appendix B [1.3.6.a](#)).

**6.2.3.** These fees will be subject to a rise in line with any increases to costs imposed by the League's hired playing facilities. A review of these fees shall be performed by the Committee on an annual basis.

- 6.3.** Should a member club fail to fulfil [6.1.2](#) or [6.2.2](#), they will be deemed to have withdrawn from the League until the fees have been paid. They may also be subject to the penalties laid out in Appendix B [1.3.6.a](#)).

- 6.4. Cheques shall be made payable to the “South Hampshire Indoor Cricket League”. The Honorary Treasurer shall deposit subscriptions in an approved bank account and be responsible for keeping all records of the League’s financial transactions.
- 6.5. All payments made by the League by cheque shall bear the signature of any two of the Chairperson, General Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.

## 7. Presentation of Accounts

- 7.1. The accounts of the League shall be maintained by the Honorary Treasurer and audited on an annual basis by the Auditors designated by the Committee.
- 7.2. For the purposes of such an audit, the accounts shall close on **30<sup>th</sup> April** each year.

## 8. Winding Up

- 8.1. In the event of the League being wound up, a financial statement of accounts will be prepared and audited.
- 8.2. If these accounts reveal a deficiency, every member club at the date of winding up and every club that ceased to be a member within the year preceding the date of winding up shall contribute equally to clear such deficiency.
- 8.3. If a surplus is revealed, it shall be given to some other body with objectives similar to those of the League. Should an alternative be necessary, then it shall be given to some charitable body; preferably connected with cricket.

## 9. Venue & Scheduling

- 9.1. All League matches shall be played at Places Leisure Eastleigh, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 9NL.
- 9.2. Matches will be scheduled for Sunday evenings and shall begin no earlier than 15:00 and finish no later than 23:00.
  - 9.2.1. If exceptional circumstances necessitate, the League will be permitted to schedule matches at times different to [9.2](#) with the agreement of the teams affected by any changes.
- 9.3. The frequency of which teams play each other per season in each division will be decided by the Committee as part of the schedule on annual basis.
- 9.4. Fixtures will be issued to clubs at least one month prior to the season start. Any re-arrangement of fixtures will only be authorised with the permission of the Committee and the two teams involved.
- 9.5. Matches will be scheduled at 65-minute increments and will be expected to be completed within that timeframe. Should a preceding match reach a result prior to scheduled finish time, any following match shall start at the earliest opportunity (although not more than 10 minutes).

- 9.5.1.** The umpire(s) will signal when play must be ready to start with the commencement of a three-minute countdown on the on-court scoreboard at the immediate conclusion of the preceding match. In the event of there being no preceding match, this countdown will begin at the umpire(s) discretion.
- a) This countdown will be applied by the umpire(s) prior to the first innings and during the break between the first and second innings.
  - b) No allowance for an extension to this countdown will be granted under any circumstances.
  - c) Should all parties be ready to start play, this countdown may be stopped prior to it reaching its' conclusion.
  - d) This regulation will be subject to it not contravening the earliest possible start time in [9.5](#).
- 9.5.2.** A team shall be deemed ready for the commencement of play if they have two members of their side present when they are the batting side, or four members when they are the fielding side (except in [9.5.3.b](#)). Should a team fail to commence play despite having the required number of players present, they shall be subject to penalties outlined in Appendix B [1.3.5.a](#).
- 9.5.3.** Should, due to avoidable reason and outside of [9.5.2](#), one team not be ready to commence play at the conclusion of the countdown in [9.5.1](#), the following will apply:
- a) **Yet to have batted:** Begin to lose overs available to it during its' batting innings. This will be calculated at a rate of one over per two and a half minutes that elapse without play ready to begin (not including the initial countdown in [9.5.1](#)).
  - b) **Already batted:** Be required to start play with members of the side currently on court.
- 9.5.4.** For every five minute delay that is caused by the batting side or a side yet to bat, a batsman of that side shall be considered to be 'Timed Out' and will not be permitted to bat during their innings. Any occurrences of this shall be considered as a wicket taken by the fielding side and bowling points shall be awarded in line with [11.1.6](#).
- 9.5.5.** If a side causes a delay of more than 20 minutes, they will be deemed to have forfeited the match and will be subject to penalties outlined in Appendix B [1.3.4.b](#).
- 9.5.6.** The fielding side will be expected to complete their allocation of overs (or bowl a side out) within 30 minutes of the call of Play.
- a) Should, at the discretion of the umpire(s), a fielding side fail to achieve this as a result of unnecessary delays, no further bowling points may be gained from the point the time limit was reached until the conclusion of the innings.
  - b) To avoid further delay should the time limit be exceeded, the umpire(s) shall inform the necessary parties ([9.5.7](#)) at the conclusion of the innings/match.
  - c) The offending side will be subject to penalties as outlined in Appendix B [1.3.5.b](#).
- 9.5.7.** Should any of [9.5.3](#), [9.5.4](#), [9.5.5](#) or [9.5.6](#) take place, the umpire(s) will inform the captains/managers and scorers of both sides. At the conclusion of the match, they shall also inform the Committee via the submission of an [Incident Report Form](#).

- 9.5.8. The above applies to all matches except Cup semi-finals and finals, where both sides start the match with their full allocation of overs. Any avoidable delays in this situation will still incur penalties outlined in Appendix B [1.3.5.a](#)).
- 9.5.9. No match shall have overs deducted from it unless it is because of a delay resulting from a team involved in the match and deemed avoidable by the umpire(s).
- 9.5.10. The decision on whether a team is deemed to be causing delay by avoidable reason shall be at the sole discretion of the standing umpire(s) of the match. Any disagreement with a decision made by the umpire(s) that causes further delays shall be subject to further overs deductions.

## 10. Match Procedure

### 10.1. The Toss:

There shall be no official toss between the two teams prior to a match; instead the home team shall always bat first.

- 10.1.1. This rule shall apply to all matches except those played on “Finals Night”, where a toss shall take place at the earliest possible opportunity and no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a match.

### 10.2. Team Sheets:

Each team will be expected to submit a fully completed team sheet for each match. This must be signed on the back and contain the full names of all players for that side. Once completed, the team sheet must be put in the designated box on the paperwork desk by the end of the matches for that day.

- 10.2.1. Upon completion, a team sheet may be given to the scorers to assist them until the end of the match but must be returned to the paperwork desk to be considered as completed.
- 10.2.2. Should a team be considered as having failed to submit a fully completed team sheet, they will be subject to penalties in line with Appendix B [1.3.1](#).
- 10.2.3. The Committee’s decision shall be final as to whether a team sheet has been correctly completed and submitted.

### 10.3. Scoresheets:

Each match will require the submission of two scoresheets as provided by the League. This must be put in the designated box on the paperwork desk by the end of that days matches.

- 10.3.1. A single set of the triplicate sheets provided by the League shall be used per team per match. The white sheet of each triplicate set shall be returned to the paperwork desk as submission of a result. The other sheets may be retained by the teams for their own records.
- 10.3.2. Should a team be considered as having failed to submit a fully completed scoresheet, they will be subject to penalties in line with Appendix B [1.3.2](#).
- 10.3.3. The Committee’s decision shall be final as to whether a scoresheet has been correctly completed and submitted.

## 11. Points

11.1. Points will be allocated for division based competitions as follows:

**11.1.1. Result:**

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| a) Win  | <b>16 points</b> |
| b) Tie  | <b>8 points</b>  |
| c) Loss | <b>0 points</b>  |

**11.1.2. Batting Bonus Points (Adults Matches):**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| a) 70-89 runs scored   | <b>1 point</b>  |
| b) 90-109 runs scored  | <b>2 points</b> |
| c) 110-129 runs scored | <b>3 points</b> |
| d) 130-149 runs scored | <b>4 points</b> |
| e) 150+ runs scored    | <b>5 points</b> |

**11.1.3. Batting Bonus Points (Junior Matches):**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| a) 50-69 runs scored   | <b>1 point</b>  |
| b) 70-89 runs scored   | <b>2 points</b> |
| c) 90-109 runs scored  | <b>3 points</b> |
| d) 110-129 runs scored | <b>4 points</b> |
| e) 130+ runs scored    | <b>5 points</b> |

**11.1.4. Should the team batting second reach their target score with wickets in hand, additional batting bonus points will be issued as follows:**

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| a) 2 wickets left          | <b>1 point</b>  |
| b) 3 wickets left          | <b>2 points</b> |
| c) 4 wickets left          | <b>3 points</b> |
| d) 5 wickets left          | <b>4 points</b> |
| e) 6 (or all) wickets left | <b>5 points</b> |

**11.1.5.** A maximum of 5 batting bonus points may be gained per team per match.

**11.1.6. Bowling Bonus Points:**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| a) 2 wickets taken          | <b>1 point</b>  |
| b) 3 wickets taken          | <b>2 points</b> |
| c) 4 wickets taken          | <b>3 points</b> |
| d) 5 wickets taken          | <b>4 points</b> |
| e) 6 (or all) wickets taken | <b>5 points</b> |

**11.1.7.** A team playing short of a full side shall be considered all out for the purposes of awarding bowling points to the opposition should their last player be dismissed.

- 11.2.** Should a match not be played because of the inability of one side to field an eligible team, they will be subject to penalties as outlined in Appendix B [1.3.4](#).
- 11.2.1.** Should a friendly be played instead of the fixture then both teams accept to pay the court fees in the normal manner (substitute fielders rules will apply).
- 11.2.2.** It shall be at the discretion of the Committee as to whether the match is replayed, or the innocent team is awarded full points by means of walkover.
- 11.3.** League positions will be based on the average number of points obtained by a team in completed matches. In all divisions, no points will be awarded to either team in a match which has been abandoned.
- 11.3.1.** In the event of two or more teams having the same average number of points at the conclusion of the scheduled season, the higher position in the division shall be determined by the following criteria, in order, as necessary:
- a) the team winning the greater number of matches.
  - b) the team with the greater number of ties.
  - c) the team with the greater number of cumulative batting and bowling bonus points.
- 11.3.2.** The average number of points shall be calculated to a precision of three decimal places.

## **12. Awards & Trophies**

- 12.1.** Trophies will be provided by the League to the winners of each competition.
- 12.1.1.** Junior teams will also receive individual medals for members of their side.
- 12.1.2.** In the event of teams having an equal number of points in a division, the result(s) of the match(es) between the respective sides in that division will decide the issue. In the event of this match being tied, Cup rules will apply.
- 12.1.3.** Clubs will hold any trophies they win up to the date of Finals Night the following season, at which time they must be returned in good condition and engraved with the winning club's name and the season they won. Should a trophy fail to be returned at the correct time or engraved correctly, the club shall be subject to the penalty outlined in Appendix B [1.3.8.a](#).
- 12.2.** The winners of the highest Men's division in the League pyramid for that season will qualify for the Hampshire Cricket Board's senior cup competition (provided they meet HCB qualification criteria). In the event of a second team being eligible/required, the runners up of that division will then qualify.

## **13. Promotion & Relegation**

- 13.1.** Promotion and relegation of teams will be decided on an annual basis during the close season. This will be based on the finishing positions of teams in the previous season, the introduction of any new teams for the forthcoming season and the divisional structure of both the season just gone and the season to come.



- 13.1.1. The team who finished first in a division shall be given priority to be promoted (where promotion is available). Should they request not to be promoted or do not re-enter a team for the following season, considerations for promotion shall then be given to the team that finished 2nd, 3rd etc. in that division.
- 13.1.2. The team that finished last in a division shall be considered by the League as first in line to be relegated to the division below (should there be one). Considerations for a further relegation will then be given to the team that finished second last.
- 13.1.3. The Committee shall have the final ruling on the makeup of the League per season.

## 14. Clothing

- 14.1. All players must wear accepted cricket clothing and equipment; this includes wicket-keepers wearing pads and gloves.
- 14.2. All members of a team will play in the same kit. Any contravention of this will be subject to Appendix B [1.3.5.c](#)) at the discretion of the standing umpire(s).
- 14.3. Teams are permitted to wear coloured clothing, provided they conform to [14.2](#).
- 14.4. Junior wicketkeepers must wear gloves, leg guards and a helmet with a face guard; regardless of their position. **Note:** It is recommended that adult players do the same.

## 15. Scoring

- 15.1. Clubs must familiarise themselves with the system of scoring as used in the [ECB National Indoor Competition](#) and as amended by the regulations in point [21](#).

## 16. Knockout Cups

- 16.1. The Committee will be responsible for the organisation and administration of the Knockout Cup competitions, which shall be subject to the [Playing Regulations](#) of this document.
- 16.2. Should there be a secondary knockout competition in a playing classification (e.g. Men's Plate), failure to fulfil any fixture in the primary knockout competition will result in disqualification from the secondary knockout competition as well.

## 17. The Ball

- 17.1. The "Readers Indoor Cricket Ball" shall be used for all Adult matches. One new ball shall be used per court per matchday, and only being replaced if lost or damaged.
- 17.2. The "Tiflex Indoor Cricket Ball" shall be used for all Junior matches. Depending on availability, this may be a new ball or one that has been previously used in Junior matches.
- 17.3. All balls will be provided by the League. Any used balls will be stored by the League for future use until they become surplus to requirements.

## 18. Discipline

- 18.1. All matters of discipline will be handled by the Committee in line with [Appendix B](#).

## 19. Qualification of Players

- 19.1.** Unless agreed in advance by the Committee, no player shall be eligible to play in the competition if they have played First Class cricket during the previous outdoor season.
- 19.1.1.** Such players will only be permitted if they are deemed by the Committee to be bona fide playing members of the club concerned.
- 19.1.2.** Cricketers who played for UCCE First Class Universities, but in no other First Class cricket during the previous outdoor season shall be eligible.
- 19.1.3.** In any case of doubt over the qualification of players, team captains/managers should consult the Chairperson, General Secretary or their nominated deputy prior to the start of a match.
- 19.2.** No player may represent more than one team in a competition except in the case of [19.2.1.](#), whether this be in League or Cup competitions.
- 19.2.1.** Should multiple teams of the same club be present in the same competition, promotion of a player from one team to another shall be permitted, provided they are promoted upwards in the hierarchy of teams.
- a) This shall be permitted once per player; at which point they may return to their original team or continue to play for the team they were promoted to for the remainder of that competition, except in Cup competitions where the player must remain with that team.
- b) No downward or sideways movement of players will be permitted between multiple teams of the same club.
- 19.2.2.** Any eligibility issues shall be subject to penalties in line with Appendix B [1.3.8.b](#)).
- 19.3.** No payments shall be made to players for representing clubs in the League.
- 19.4.** No player may represent a team in the top Men's division of the League if they have, in the current season, played in an affiliated indoor competition in Hampshire or any other competition for which clubs may qualify for the National Indoor Competition in the current indoor season, i.e. from **1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April**.
- 19.5.** Players may be allocated a squad number should teams wish to do so.

## 20. Umpires & Scorers

- 20.1.** Umpires will be appointed by the League to all matches, except matches in Junior divisions which will require a team representative to stand at square leg whilst their side are batting.
- 20.1.1.** League appointed umpires shall be compensated by the League for their services. This fee will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 20.1.2.** Umpires will wear a white shirt (or jacket), black or navy blue trousers and white trainers whilst involved in a match. No "coloured kit" will be permitted.
- 20.2.** Teams will provide a competent scorer for each match they play. This person will not be a member of the playing side for the match they are scoring and should be familiar enough with the League regulations to be able to complete a scoresheet.

- 20.2.1.** Should a team fail to provide a scorer, they may choose to elect a member of their playing side as scorer. However, in doing so, this person will not be permitted to play in the match and their team must play short of a full complement of players.
  - 20.2.2.** Alternatively, they may recruit a scorer from another club not already involved in the match to score for them. This will be at the discretion of the person approached who is entitled to request compensation prior to scoring the match.
  - 20.2.3.** The only exception to the above shall be when two teams of the same club play each other; where they may provide one scorer between them. Any offences outside of this will be subject to the penalties outlined in Appendix B [1.3.3.a](#)).
  - 20.2.4.** It shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee as to whether a team has provided a competent scorer for each match.
- 20.3.** Upon immediate completion of match, scorers will vacate their position to allow the scorers for the following match to be best prepared ahead of their match beginning.
  - 20.4.** If a League appointed umpire is injured during play, a “Team Representative” may take over at square leg, provided no other qualified umpire is available.

## **21. Playing Regulations**

- 21.1.** The [MCC Laws of Cricket](#) shall apply together with the experimental rules and conditions laid down by the England & Wales Cricket Board for the preceding season, with the exception of the following playing regulations:
  - 21.1.1.** Teams shall consist of six players per side.
  - 21.1.2.** Each match shall consist of one innings per team.
  - 21.1.3.** Each Adult innings shall consist of a maximum of 12 six ball overs.
  - 21.1.4.** Each Junior innings shall consist of a maximum of 10 six ball overs.
  - 21.1.5.** No bowler may bowl more than three overs. In the case of a bowler becoming incapacitated, the over shall be completed by a bowler who has not bowled three overs, even if they bowled the previous over. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in as far as each bowler’s limit is concerned.
- 21.2. No Ball:**
  - 21.2.1.** A line shall be marked across the pitch, halfway between the wickets; a “No Ball” will be called if the ball pitches short of this line in all competitions.
  - 21.2.2.** If the ball, having bounced, passes (or would have passed) above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, then the umpire at the bowlers end shall call and signal “No Ball”. This ruling shall apply even if the striker has made contact with the ball with his bat, equipment or person.
  - 21.2.3.** The League shall adopt [Law 41.7](#) in regard to the bowling of unfair and dangerous non-pitching deliveries (the “Beamer”).
  - 21.2.4.** No extra ball shall be bowled if a “No Ball” is called, except in the final allotted over of each innings.

### **21.3. Wide Ball:**

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.

#### **21.3.1. *Men's Competitions:***

- a) Deliveries passing down the leg side behind the body of the striker (not touching the strikers bat or any part of his body or clothing) and wide of the leg stump, whether they move or not, shall be interpreted as negative bowling and "Wide Ball" shall be called by the bowlers end umpire.
- b) Deliveries passing the striker on the off side (not touching the strikers bat or any part of his body or clothing) that are outside of the edge of the mat (when it is laid evenly between the return creases) shall be interpreted as negative bowling and "Wide Ball" shall be called by the bowlers end umpire. This shall be unless the striker brings the ball within reach to be able to hit it by means of a normal cricket stroke through their stance position or in attempting to play a shot.

#### **21.3.2. *Ladies and Junior Competitions:***

- a) Deliveries passing down the leg side behind the body of the striker (not touching the strikers bat or any part of his body or clothing) and wide of where the striker would be expected to take their stance or where the striker has taken their stance (whichever is more towards the leg side) shall be interpreted as negative bowling and "Wide Ball" shall be called by the bowlers end umpire.
- b) Deliveries passing the striker on the off side (not touching the strikers bat or any part of his body or clothing) that are outside of the edge of the mat (when it is laid evenly between the return creases) shall be interpreted as negative bowling and "Wide Ball" shall be called by the bowlers end umpire. This shall be unless the striker brings the ball within reach to be able to hit it by means of a normal cricket stroke through their stance position or in attempting to play a shot.

**21.3.3.** Should the striker attempt a switch hit or reverse sweep, for the purposes of considering a wide ball only, both sides of the wicket shall be considered as the off side.

**21.3.4.** No extra ball shall be bowled if a "Wide Ball" is called, except in the final allotted over of each innings.

### **21.4. Last Man Standing:**

**21.4.1.** Two batsmen shall be on the field of play at all times during an innings. In the event of a team losing their penultimate wicket, the dismissed batsman shall remain at the wicket solely as a runner. The batsman yet to be dismissed will face all remaining deliveries of the innings.

### **21.5. Retired and Retired Hurt:**

**21.5.1.** Provided there are batsmen remaining to come in, a batsman will retire when they have personally scored a multiple of 25 runs (i.e. 25, 50, 75 etc.) at the point the

ball becomes dead. The batsman that replaces them shall take the position at the wicket they vacated.

- 21.5.2. Returning batsmen must return in the same order as they retired.
- 21.5.3. If a batsman sustains an injury during play, or being a permanently disabled player, a runner is allowed, who must be a nominated player (according to Law 1 of the [Laws of Cricket](#)).
- 21.5.4. Any player suffering concussion and requiring medical assistance may be replaced with a “like for like” substitute, should the standing umpires judge it necessary.

## 21.6. **Result:**

- 21.6.1. In all matches, the team that scores the most runs shall be declared the winner.
- 21.6.2. In the event of both teams scoring the same amount of runs at the conclusion of their innings, the following will apply:
  - a) **Division based Matches:** the match shall be declared a Tie and points will be distributed accordingly.
  - b) **Knockout Cup Matches:** the match shall be decided in favour of the team that has lost the least number of wickets. In the event of this being equal, there shall be a bowl-out. Each team shall take it in turns bowling at an unguarded set of stumps, gaining one point for each delivery that breaks the wicket (provided the delivery is legal). Each player shall bowl only once, and the greater scoring team shall be declared the winner. Should the bowl-out be tied, it will go to sudden death in the same order until a result is achieved.

## 21.7. **Scoring:**

For the purpose of clarity, any mention of a ‘wall’ in the following regulations will also include netting, ceiling or appendages thereof.

- 21.7.1. A ball struck to hit the “boundary wall” behind where the bowler begins his run up without touching the floor or any other wall shall count as six runs. If, however, the ball touches the floor but does not touch any of the other walls and hits the boundary wall, then it shall count as four runs. The ball shall be considered dead at the instant the runs are scored.
- 21.7.2. A ball struck by the striker that hits a wall (excluding the boundary wall in [21.7.1](#)) shall count as one run towards their score, even if the ball subsequently hits the boundary wall afterwards. This will be in addition to any runs scored in [21.7.3](#).
- 21.7.3. In addition to [21.7.2](#), a ball struck by the striker that means they successfully complete a run between the wickets shall count as two runs towards their score.
- 21.7.4. One bye shall be scored should the ball hit any wall without the ball making contact with the striker, their bat or their equipment first; provided the ball is not a “Wide Ball”. Should the batsmen also successfully complete a run between the wickets, an additional two byes will be added to the total.
- 21.7.5. One leg bye shall be scored should the ball hit any wall with the ball having only made contact with the strikers person that is not connected to the bat, provided they have attempted to play a shot. Should the batsmen also successfully complete a run between the wickets, an additional two leg byes will be added to the total.

- 21.7.6.** Should a “No Ball” be called, three no balls will be added to the total. Any subsequent runs should be added to the total according to [21.7.1](#) to [21.7.5](#).
- 21.7.7.** Should a “Wide Ball” be called, three wides will be added to the total. Any further runs that are scored from the delivery will also be added to the total as wides.
- 21.7.8.** An overthrow hitting any wall shall count as one run to the striker or the relevant “extras” column as appropriate. One run shall be scored per overthrow; not per number of walls the ball makes contact with from the throw. The batsmen shall not change ends as a result of this.
- 21.7.9.** Should a ball become lodged in any netting, obstacle or passes onto an adjacent court, corridor or balcony, the umpire shall call and signal “Dead Ball” and award one run to the striker or the relevant “extras” column as appropriate. The total will also be credited with two runs per run that the batsmen have completed at the point the ball becomes dead.

**21.8. Methods of Dismissal:**

In addition to the methods of dismissal outlined in the [Laws of Cricket](#), the following variations shall apply:

- 21.8.1.** The striker will be deemed to be out should a fielder catch the ball after it has hit a wall (except in the case of [21.7.1](#)), provided the ball has not touched the floor. Any runs that had been accumulated from that ball via [21.7.2](#) and [21.7.3](#) shall be discounted.
- 21.8.2.** The final batsman shall be given out if the batsman running with them is dismissed.

**21.9. Junior Competitions:**

- 21.9.1.** In the event of a single Junior age bracket being used by the League during a season, the default upper age bracket of all Junior competitions will be “Under 16”, unless the League dictates differently. As such, a player must be under 16 years of age on **1<sup>st</sup> September** of the year that season commences.
- 21.9.2.** In the event of a multiple age brackets (or an alternative to [21.9.1](#)) being used by the League during a season, a player must be under the number of years specified by the competition bracket on **1<sup>st</sup> September** of the year that season commences (i.e. under 14 years of age to participate in an Under 14’s competition).
- 21.9.3.** Girls and disabled players are permitted to be two years older than the specified age bracket of a competition (i.e. Under 18 and Under 16 girls are permitted in an Under 16’s and Under 14’s competition respectively).
- 21.9.4.** All ECB playing regulations targeted at age group cricket will apply:
  - a) [ECB Fast Bowling Match Directives](#)
  - b) [ECB Fielding Regulations](#)
  - c) [ECB Guidelines for Junior Players in Open Age Cricket](#)
  - d) [ECB Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players](#)

**21.10. Bowler's Run Ups:**

**21.10.1.** Bowlers shall be restricted to a maximum run up as denoted by a painted or taped line on the floor of the playing facilities. This will either be white or the same colour as the crease markings.

**21.11. Pitch Length:**

**21.11.1.** Pitches for all matches, regardless of gender or age group, shall be the standard 22 yards as dictated by Law 6 in the [Laws of Cricket](#).

**21.12. Personal Behaviour:**

**21.12.1.** The League encourages all captains/managers and players to read the [Laws of Cricket](#) with regards to player behaviour; specifically, the "[Preamble To The Laws: The Spirit Of Cricket](#)" and [Law 42 \(Players' Conduct\)](#).

## Appendix A.

### Base Structure

1.1.	Ladies Division	<b>8 Teams</b>
	Men's Premier Division	<b>5 Teams</b>
	Men's Division 1, 2 and 3	<b>8 Teams</b>
	Under 14's Division and Under 16's Division	<b>8 Teams</b>

## Appendix B.

### Discipline

- 1.1. All disciplinary matters connected with the League shall be dealt with in accordance with the [England & Wales Cricket Board's Disciplinary Model Rules \(ECB DMR\)](#) which, except as otherwise agreed by a General Meeting of the League shall be deemed to be incorporated within this document and form part of the Rules and Playing Conditions of the League.
- 1.2. The penalties for any infringements listed in [1.3](#) shall be not more than the maximum amount prescribed by the following levels:
- |    |         |                      |
|----|---------|----------------------|
| a) | Level 1 | <b>Final warning</b> |
| b) | Level 2 | <b>£5</b>            |
| c) | Level 3 | <b>£10</b>           |
| d) | Level 4 | <b>£25</b>           |
| e) | Level 5 | <b>£50</b>           |
- 1.2.1. The committee may review these figures on an annual basis.
- 1.2.2. Repeat offences may also be subject to the offending player/team being required to make an appearance at a disciplinary panel hearing (DPH). This (and any penalties as a result of a hearing) shall be at the discretion of the Committee, up to and including the expulsion of a team.
- 1.3. Subject to the provisions of the [ECB DMR](#), the following scale of penalties shall apply:
- 1.3.1. **Team Sheets:**
- a) ***Failure to submit a team sheet:***
- First offence **Level 2**
  - Second offence **Level 3**
  - Subsequent offences **Level 4, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**
- b) ***Failure to submit a complete team sheet:***
- First offence **Level 1**
  - Second offence **Level 2**
  - Subsequent offences **Level 3, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**



### 1.3.2. Scoresheets:

#### a) *Failure to submit a scoresheet:*

- First offence **Level 2**
- Second offence **Level 3**
- Subsequent offences **Level 4, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**

#### b) *Failure to submit a complete scoresheet:*

- Failure to calculate/record the bowling figures in an innings **5 points**
- Failure to satisfactorily record the extras in an innings **2 points**
- Failure to record the result of the match **2 points**
- Failure to record the method of dismissal of a batsman **5 points**
- Failure to record the bowler credited with a dismissal **2 points**
- Failure to record the fielder credited with a dismissal **1 point**
- Failure to record a batsman's name in the batting line-up **2 points**
- Failure to record a bowler's name in the bowling figures **2 points**
- Failure to record the final score of an innings **1 point**
- In the event of one side failing to provide a scorer, the League may give allowances to the side with a scorer with regards to some of the above.
- Points will be accrued per offence; per match.
- The first **20 penalty points** received shall result in a **Level 1** offence. Subsequent levels will be reached with each further set of **20 penalty points** accumulated.

### 1.3.3. Providing a Scorer:

#### a) *Failure to provide a (competent) scorer:*

- First offence **Level 2**
- Second offence **Level 3**
- Subsequent offences **Level 4, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**
- Should a team display effort to recruit a scorer in line with [20.2.2](#), the League may take this into consideration when ruling on a penalty.

### 1.3.4. Fixture Fulfilment:

#### a) *Failure to fulfil a fixture; notification received more than 48 hours before the match:*

- First offence **Level 1, plus all court costs**
- Second offence **Level 2, plus all court costs**
- Subsequent offences **Level 3, plus all court costs and a DPH**
- Any offence of this nature shall be taken into consideration by the League should any offence of [1.3.4](#) be committed within the same season.

- b) ***Failure to fulfil a fixture; no notification received or received less than 48 hours before the match:***
- First offence **Level 3, plus all court costs**
  - Second offence **Level 4, plus all court costs**
  - Subsequent offences **Level 5, plus all court costs and a DPH**
  - Any offence of this nature shall be taken into consideration by the League should any offence of [1.3.4](#) be committed within the same season.

**1.3.5. Match Procedure:**

- a) ***Failure to commence play in a match at the scheduled time:***
- First offence **Level 1**
  - Second offence **Level 2**
  - Subsequent offences **Level 3, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**
- b) ***Failure to complete an innings as the fielding side in the stated time limit:***
- First offence **Level 1**
  - Second offence **Level 2**
  - Third offence **Level 3**
  - Subsequent offences **Level 4, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**
- c) ***Failure of any member of a team to wear the correct kit during a match:***
- First offence **Level 1**
  - Second offence **Level 2**
  - Subsequent offences **Level 3**
- d) ***Player deemed to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs:***
- Any offence **Level 4, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**

**1.3.6. Finances:**

- a) ***Failure to pay subscription or match fees by a specified date:***
- First offence **Level 3**
  - Any subsequent offences **Level 4**
  - Multiple offences over consecutive seasons **Disciplinary panel hearing**
- b) ***Failure to pay fines by a specified date:***
- First offence **Level 3**
  - Any subsequent offences **Level 4**
  - Multiple offences over consecutive seasons **Disciplinary panel hearing**

**1.3.7. General Meeting:**

**a) *Failure to be represented at a General Meeting:***

- Apology for non-attendance received **Level 3**
- No apology received **Level 4**

**1.3.8. Miscellaneous:**

**a) *Failure to return a trophy properly engraved prior to the following seasons Finals Night:***

- Any offence **Level 3, plus the cost of engraving**

**b) *Fielding an ineligible player:***

- First offence **Level 1**
- Second offence **Level 2**
- Subsequent offences **Level 3, plus a disciplinary panel hearing**

**1.4.** All fines will be paid within 14 days (not working days) of an invoice being sent by the Honorary Treasurer. Failure to pay within this timeframe will result in further fines, in line with Appendix B [1.3.6.b](#)).

**1.5.** Suspensions imposed by other organisations affiliated to the Hampshire Cricket Board, neighbouring County Boards or to any other ECB accredited Indoor Leagues shall also apply to the League. Such organisations will also be notified of and invited to apply suspensions imposed by the League.

**1.6.** In line with the [ECB DMR](#), Clause 6.1; a club or player has the right to appeal, which shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary within seven days of the decision of the Committee, together with an administration fee of £25. The administration fee may be returned at the discretion of the Appeal Panel.