

SHICL CONSTITUTION AND RULES

A: TITLE

The name of the league shall be the SOUTH HANTS INDOOR SIX-A-SIDE CRICKET LEAGUE (Hereinafter called "the League").

B: OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The officers of the League shall be the President, Chairman, General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Webmaster and the Fixture Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual Meeting when they shall retire, but be eligible for re-election.

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 Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will be responsible for the management of the League, appoint sub-committees and have power of co-option. It may submit proposals to any General Meeting of the League after due notice has been given to member clubs.

Decisions made by the Committee in the management of the League shall be final and binding on all member clubs.

C: MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the League shall be open to any bone-fide club approved by the Committee.

Member clubs shall be affiliate members of a recognised County Cricket Board.

Member clubs shall advise the General Secretary of their respective team captains, managers, secretaries and treasurer in order that such information may be included in the official Indoor League Handbook.

All teams must FULLY complete an 'Annual Entry Form' before each season commences and return this form with the required payment before the 1st October or the first fixtures, whichever the sooner. The committee may elect to levy a fine of £10 per club team in the event of un-condoned late payment.

Any team failing to return the form by this date may not be accepted into the League for the coming season.

D: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the League shall take place in May or June at a venue, date and time to be decided by the Committee. Notice of every Annual General Meeting will be circulated to member clubs at least 14 days before the meeting.



Proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Playing Conditions of the League and other proposals including nominations for membership of the committee will be considered at the Annual General Meeting 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 the end of the previous season. No club shall be entitled to propose more than one person as a committee member. No proposal to amend the Constitution, Rules or Playing Conditions shall be deemed to be carried unless it receives not less than two-thirds of the votes of member clubs.

At any General Meeting each member club shall have one vote. No member club shall be entitled to a vote at a meeting by proxy. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman or his appointed deputy shall have the casting vote.

Attendance at Annual General Meetings shall be mandatory. Any club failing to send a delegate to such a meeting shall be liable to a fine of £40.

E: SUBSCRIPTIONS & PAYMENTS

The League's annual subscription is £40 for the first team of any kind except colts entered and shall be paid by member clubs to the Hon. Treasurer by 1st AUGUST. Second and further adult team entries subscription £20 each. Colts £15 or with an adult team entered, £10 subscription.

All teams must also pay by the 1st AUGUST the 1st instalment of their playing fees as defined by the management committee.

All teams who have not paid their fees by the 1st AUGUST may be deemed to have withdrawn from the league. This decision will be at the discretion of the committee.

Cheques shall be made payable to the "South Hants Indoor Cricket League". The Hon. Treasurer shall deposit subscriptions in an approved bank account and be responsible for keeping all records of the League's financial transactions.

All payments made by the League by cheque shall bear the signature of any two of the Hon. Treasurer, Chairman, or General Secretary.

F: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the discretion of the committee or on the receipt by the General Secretary of a written notice by not less than eight of the member clubs.

Notice of and proceedings at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be the same as those at an Annual General Meeting.



G: WINDING UP

In the event of the League being wound up, a financial statement of accounts will be prepared and audited. 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.

If a surplus is revealed, it shall be given to some other body with objects similar to those of the League, or if an alternative is necessary, then to some charitable body, preferably connected with cricket.

H: PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts of the League shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer, and such accounts shall be audited annually by the Auditors appointed at the Annual General Meeting. For the purposes of such an audit, the accounts shall close on the 30th APRIL in each year.

I: VENUE AND TIMINGS

All League matches shall be played at Places Leisure Eastleigh, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh, Hampshire. All games must be completed in the ONE HOUR period laid down by the Committee.

Team captains MUST REPORT to the duty committee person or the duty team at the duty table at least 15 MINUTES before the scheduled starting time where the toss will take place. Any captain failing to comply with this ruling shall be deemed to have LOST the toss. The captain must provide the signed and completed team sheet to the duty desk or the team will be deducted 2 points.

The umpires shall allow the first innings to proceed for a period not exceeding 30 minutes and they shall call "Last Over" when in their judgement the completion of that over will coincide with the end of the time limit. In the event of 12 overs not having been bowled, the team batting second shall receive a maximum number of overs equal to that bowled to the side batting first.

In the event of the preceding match being completed in less than the hour allocated the following match can start early (although not more than 15 minutes) as directed by the umpires.

Should one team not be ready to start at the correct allocated time, it will start to lose the overs available to it for batting. This will be calculated at 1 over per every 2 and a half minutes of time they are late starting. The team that is on time will receive its full allocation of 12 overs for batting.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Team B is late and is ready to start at 25 minutes past the hour (say 7.25 pm). The Umpires will deduct from team B 4 overs (10 minutes divided by 2 and a half minutes = 4 overs), giving team B 8 overs for their batting.

The side being on time Side A shall then choose whether to bat or bowl first, knowing they have the full 12 overs available for them to bat.

If a side is more than 20 minutes late, the umpires can decide that they have forfeited the match.

The team that causes a late start shall also be deducted 5 points.

The above applies to all matches with the exception of the CUP semi-finals and the Final, which shall be 12 overs per side.

J: ARRANGEMENT OF MATCHES

Dates and times of matches shall be decided by the Committee and issued to member clubs prior to the commencement of the league season.

Each team in a division will play every other team in the division once during the season. Any re-arrangement of fixtures or adjustments to the programme may only be done with the express permission of the Committee.

All clubs will be required to man the duty desk at least one evening during the season. Any club defaulting on their duty in any way will be fined £30 and will have 8 points deducted from every team they have in the League. Late arrival, deemed to be after start of play, shall incur the fine only.

K: LEAGUE POINTS

Points will be allocated as follows:

- (a) The Winning Team: 16 points
- (b) The Losing Team: 0 points
- (c) A Tied Match: 8 points each
- (d) Bonus Points:

Batting:

- 70 runs: 1 point
- 90 runs: 2 points
- 110 runs: 3 points
- 130 runs: 4 points
- 150 runs: 5 points



For the team batting second and reaching their target with wickets in hand, additional batting bonus points will be allocated as follows:

- 2 wickets left: 1 point
- 3 wickets left: 2 points
- 4 wickets left: 3 points
- 5 wickets left: 4 points
- 6 or all wickets left: 5 points

However, a team may only gain a maximum of 5 batting points.

Bowling:

- 2 wickets: 1 point
- 3 wickets: 2 points
- 4 wickets: 3 points
- 5 wickets: 4 points
- 6 wickets or all out: 5 points

A team playing short of a full complement shall be considered all out for the purposes of awarding bowling points if the last player is out. Should a match not be played because of the inability of one side to field a team, the offending club shall be deducted 26 points and shall be liable for their opponents match fees as well as their own. If fixture forfeitures are notified after noon on the Saturday immediately before the game then the team shall be liable for a further £30 fine. Should a friendly be played instead of the fixture if for example ineligible players are playing then both teams accept to pay the court fees in the normal manner. Substitute fielders rules apply.

Note: The Committee shall have the discretion as to whether the innocent team is awarded the points (twenty-six) or the match be replayed.

L: AWARDS

The clubs with the highest number of points in each division at the completion of the League programme will be awarded trophies and for colts individual medals for members of their side. In the event of teams having an equal number of points (and promotion/relegation issues being involved) the result of the league match between the respective sides will decide the issue. In the event of this match being tied Knock-Out Cup rules will apply.

At the end of the season the Men's League winners will qualify for the Hampshire Cricket Board's senior cup competition. In the event of a second team being eligible the League runners up will then qualify.



M: PROMOTION & RELEGATION

In the Men's Competition the two top teams in Division 2 and 3 will be promoted to Division 1 and 2 respectively. The bottom two teams of Division 1 and 2 will be relegated to Division 2 and 3 respectively. Teams finishing in either of the bottom two places of the lowest Division must apply for re-election at the end of the season. Any team defaulting twice in the same season should apply for re-election to the bottom Division.

Notwithstanding the above the Management Committee shall have the complete jurisdiction on the make-up of the League.

N: CLOTHING

All players must wear accepted cricket clothing and equipment. This includes wicket-keepers wearing pads and gloves. Clubs may play in coloured clothing. ALL members of the team shall play in the same kit. Nails or spikes will not be permitted. Any team may be deducted 2 points for each player contravening these regulations following one warning. (The duty committee person in conjunction with the relevant umpires shall adjudicate as to whether any player has contravened this regulation). Teams contravening this regulation in the Cup Competitions shall also be penalised.

O: SCORING

Clubs must familiarise themselves with the system of scoring as used in the ECB National Indoor Competition and as amended by this constitution.

P: DISPUTES

Disputes of any kind must be reported by the team captain to the Committee, whose adjudication and decision shall be final and binding.

Any party allegedly in breach of Rules shall submit a written report to the Committee and shall be given notice of any subsequent hearing before the Committee. All parties have the right to a personal appearance before the Committee if they so desire.

Q: QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(a) Unless agreed in advance by the committee, no player shall be eligible to play in the competition if he has played First-Class cricket during the previous season. Such players will only be permitted if they are deemed by the committee to be bona fide playing members of the club concerned. Cricketers who played for UCCE First class Universities, but in no other First-Class cricket during the season shall be eligible. In any case of doubt over the qualification of players, team captains should consult the Chairman or General Secretary or their nominated deputy prior to commencement of play.

(b) No player is eligible to play for a club in the League unless he is a fully paid up bone-fide member of the cricket section of the club. No player may represent more than one team in the competition except that promotion to a senior side in a higher division is allowable only once within a club if absolutely necessary. There may be a return to the former junior side unless they represent the senior side a second time. Cup tied player rules will still apply. No payments shall be made to players for representing clubs in the League.



(c) No player may play for a club side in the top division of the League if he has 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 1st September to 30th April.

(d) Players may be allocated a squad number to enable scorers and the committee identify the correct names of players more easily.

R: UMPIRES & SCORERS

Umpires will be appointed by the committee unless clubs are otherwise advised.

Clubs will provide their own scorer who shall not be playing in the match. The top copy of the score-sheet will be returned to the officiating duty club representative or Committee member immediately after the conclusion of the match. One copy will be retained by each club for their records. Either scorer may elect to use the Play Cricket app to score on a device and therefore submission of a paper scoresheet is not required.

In the event of the non-arrival of their scorer, the captain of the offending team shall nominate one of his players to undertake the scorer's duties if only until late arrival. It will be acceptable for the team to use the twitter feed to find a guest scorer before they arrive or ask the duty night team if they brought a scorer. The committee shall deduct 5 points each time a team does not have a scorer. There must be two people at the scoring position on the balcony, even if one is only assisting the scorer keeping the record. The name of the scorer shall be on the team sheet.

S: THE BALL

The "Readers Indoor Cricket Ball" shall be used for all matches in the League and shall be provided by the League.

T: TROPHIES

The clubs shall hold their respective trophies until 1st March of the following year and return them in good order and engraved (with the year and the winning club's name) to the General Secretary by the 28th FEBRUARY. Those not complying shall be liable for the engraving cost and the sum of £10.

U: KNOCKOUT CUP

The Committee will be responsible for the organisation and administration of the Knockout Cup Competitions. Matches in the Knockout Cup Competitions shall be played subject to the Rules and Playing Conditions of the South Hampshire Indoor Cricket League, save Rule V (b): Result. In Knockout Cup matches, the team scoring the most runs in its innings shall be declared the winner. If the scores are level, then the match shall be decided in favour of the team having lost the least number of wickets. In the event of this being equal, there shall be a bowl-out, each nominated player in turn to bowl once and the greater scoring team shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie it will go to sudden death in the same order until a result is achieved.



V: PLAYING REGULATIONS

(a) Laws

The 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:-

1. Teams shall consist of six players per side.
2. Each match shall consist of one innings per team.
3. Each innings shall consist of a maximum 12 six ball overs.
4. 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 he 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).

5. Wide Ball

Law 25-1 "Wide Ball" - Judging a "Wide".

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 or over the batsman's head.

The following criteria should be adopted as a guide to umpires.

(a) If the ball passed either side of the wicket sufficiently to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a "normal cricket stroke" both from where he is standing and from where he would normally be standing at the crease, the umpire shall call and signal "wide".

(b) No extra ball shall be bowled if a "wide" is called, except in the last over of each innings.

Note: The above provisions do not apply if the striker makes contact with the ball, or if it passes between the striker and the wicket.

(c) For Ladies and Colts cricket the MCC law shall be applied in the manner adopted by the Hampshire Cricket League to take account of the stance position and action of the striker.

6. No Ball

A line shall be marked across the pitch, halfway between the wickets; a No Ball shall be called if the ball pitches short of this line.



(a) In addition to Law 42.8:- The Bowling of Short Pitched Balls.

The following shall apply:- If the ball passes or would have passed, above the 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 though the striker has made contact with the ball with his bat, equipment or person.

(b) In addition to Law 42.9:- The Bowling of High Full Pitched Balls (The Beamer); the following shall apply:-

If the ball passes or would have passed above the waist height of the striker when standing UPRIGHT at the popping crease, then the umpire at the bowlers end shall call and signal "No-Ball". This ruling shall apply irrespective of the speed of the delivery and whether the striker has made contact with the ball with his bat, equipment or person.

In the event of a bowler bowling a "Fast" high full-pitched ball or short pitched ball, the umpire at the bowlers end shall adopt the procedures of caution, final warning, action against the bowler and reporting as set out in Law 42.8.

(c) No extra ball shall be bowled if "no ball" is called, except in the last over of each innings.

7. Interval between innings

There shall be an interval of two minutes between innings.

8. Last man standing

Two batsmen shall be at the wicket at all times during an innings. In the event of a team losing five wickets within the permitted 12 overs, the last batsman shall continue batting with the fifth batsman out remaining at the wicket as a runner.

9. Retirement and Retired Hurt

When a batsman reaches a personal total of 25 runs he shall retire, provided there are batsmen remaining to come in, but may return to the crease at the fall of the last wicket or the last retirement. Retired batsmen must return to the crease in order of their retirement and take the place of the retiring or dismissed batsman. The batsman shall retire again if he scores an additional 25 runs on his return to the crease. On the fall of the fifth rather than the sixth wicket those retired hurt shall be given the opportunity to return.



10. Result

The team scoring the most runs is deemed the winner of the game.

11. Scoring

The scoring for Indoor Cricket shall take place as follows:

- A. A ball struck to hit the boundary wall behind the bowler without touching the floor or any other wall, netting or ceiling (or appendages thereof) shall count 6 runs. If, however, the ball touches the floor but does not touch any of the other walls or the ceiling (or appendages thereof) and hits the boundary wall, then it shall count as 4 runs.
- B. A ball struck to hit one or more of the side, back walls or ceiling shall count 1 run, even if the ball subsequently hits the boundary wall. (If the ball is struck to hit a wall and a batsman is run out 1 run will be scored).
- C. 2 runs shall be awarded if the striker plays the ball and the batsmen complete a run. This will be in addition to runs scored in B above.
- D. 1 bye shall be scored if the ball hits a wall; 1 leg bye shall be scored if the ball hits a wall. In each case, if the batsmen complete a run, 2 additional runs shall be scored.
- E. 2 byes or 2 leg-byes shall be scored if the batsmen complete a run without the ball hitting a wall.
- F. If a "no-ball" is called three no-balls are credited to the batting side, in addition to any subsequent runs scored off the bat; if the ball only hits the striker or they miss and run 2 extra leg-byes or byes shall be scored for each completed run, and one more for contact with the wall, but no extra ball will be bowled in that over, except in the last over of each innings.
- G. If a "Wide ball" is called, then 3 runs shall be credited under "extras", and if the ball also hits the wall, 1 additional run will be added to make 4 runs to the extras. If the striker runs, 2 extra runs shall be scored for each completed run, but no extra ball will be bowled in that over, except in the last over of each innings.
- H. An overthrow hitting any wall shall count as 1 run to the striker or "extras" as appropriate. The batsmen shall not change ends.
- I. If a ball becomes lodged in netting, any obstacle or passes into the adjacent court or on to any balcony, the umpire shall call and signal "Dead ball" and award 1 run. The batsman shall not change ends.

12. Method of Dismissal

Apart from the normal methods of dismissal contained in the Laws of Cricket, the following variations shall apply:

- (i) The striker may be caught out by a fieldsman after the ball has hit the netting, ceiling or any wall except the boundary wall direct, provided the ball has not touched the floor.
- (ii) The last not-out batsman shall be given out if the non-striker running with him is dismissed.



13. Ladies and Colts Competitions

All of the rules will also apply to the ladies and colt's competitions.

14. ECB Age-restriction regulations

All ECB playing regulations for under-18's (wearing of helmets, bowling and fielding restrictions etc) will apply.

15. Age limit for Colts Competition

To be eligible to play in the colt's competitions, players must be under 14 or 16 years of age as applicable on September 1st of the year that the season commences. The ECB gives no over-age guide on girls and disabled players in boy's cricket but does allow it. The League allows any number of U18 girls to play together in a boys U16 team or U16s in an U14 team. A disabled player will also be able to play within this guide following league approval.

16. Personal Behaviour

Players' and captain's attention is drawn to the preamble to the Laws of Cricket, "The spirit of cricket" and Law 42.18 Player's conduct. Players on court considered by the committee and or the umpires to be unfit to play through the influence of drink and or drugs shall be liable to be ejected and the team deducted 5 points. A second offence will incur the same plus an appearance before a disciplinary committee at a choice of times arranged by the committee. If in the opinion of the committee the club's internal discipline is deemed sufficient no further action need be necessary. In the event a player does not come this shall be deemed acceptance of the ban imposed in their absence. A ban will follow ECB guidelines; this can be seen in the HCL handbook and will be influenced by the nature of behaviour and any apology. A captain not condoning or not assisting the action of the umpire or committee may be liable to censure. There is a right to an appeal by both parties. This must be lodged with the sum of £10 to the committee within the week and will only be refunded if upheld.