

KENT COUNTY VILLAGE LEAGUE

MAIN RULES COVERING PLAYING CONDITIONS - 2000

Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Rules and Constitution of the Kent Village League describe the playing conditions for the 2000 season. The complete Rules and Constitution can be seen below.

16. LAWS

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- c. One new English produced quarter ball shall be used for each 1st X1 Division match. A new ball of similar quality shall be used in 2nd Division matches. Both captains will approve the ball before play begins. The ball will be provided by the home club. In the event of a lost ball, a replacement quarter ball shall be provided by the home club, the standard to be approved by both captains.
- d. No game shall be cancelled due to bad weather until midday on the day of the match unless prior consent of due representatives from both clubs has been obtained.
- e. If, for any unforeseeable circumstances, the start of play is delayed beyond 14.00, the Captains must agree a reduction in overs before play commences. Overs can be reduced at a rate of 2 (1 per team) for each six minute delay in start time after 14.30, according to the format set out below. A minimum of 50 overs (25 per team) shall be played.

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15.06	34		15.54	26
15.12	33		16.00	25

- f. **Matches not conforming to these guidelines are void.**
- g. **Should a game not be concluded for any reason then it shall be declared unfinished. Points are awarded as in paragraphs 17 (a) and (a) above.**
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35 to 39 overs per innings - maximum of 8

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- j. **A copy of the current rules must be on display in the home team's pavilion on match days.**

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FULL RULES AND CONSTITUTION: 2000

1. TITLE

The Kent County Village Cricket League

2. OBJECTIVES

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- a. The league shall seek to promote organised competition between village clubs in the area of West Kent and its borders with Surrey and Sussex.
- b. For this purpose, a village is defined as a community that is clearly rural in nature, usually being surrounded on all sides by open country.
- c. All clubs should maintain an approach to the game that enables cricket to be played in the best traditions and spirit of the game.

3. COMPETITION

In 2000, the League shall be divided into two divisions, as follows:

(i) a 1st X1 Division in which the 1st X1's of all member clubs shall compete;

(ii) a 2nd X1 Division in which the 2nd X1's of those member clubs which comprise the 1st X1 Division shall compete.

There is no obligation that 2nd X1's of member clubs should compete in the 2nd X1 competition. It is recognised that some member clubs do not field a 2nd X1.

For the most part, the rules of the League refer equally to competition in both divisions. Where differences exist, these are specified.

4. MEMBER CLUBS

- a. The League was formed in November 1989, with competition effective from the 1990 season. In 1990 and 1991, the league consisted of eight founding clubs, whose 1st X1's competed :

Bidborough Hadlow

Cranbrook Leigh

Crockham Hill St Lawrence

Four Elms Sissinghurst

- b. In 1992, the eight founding clubs were joined by the following four new member clubs to form a league of twelve clubs, whose 1st X1's competed:

Flimwell Outwood

Groombridge Plaxtol

- c. In 1993, **Penshurst Park CC** was admitted to the League, bringing the total to thirteen: for the 1994 season, **Eynsford CC** was admitted, bringing the total to fourteen: for the 1995 season, **Limpsfield Chart CC** was admitted, bringing the total to fifteen and, in 1996, **Pembury CC** was admitted, bringing the total to sixteen.
- d. These sixteen member clubs will compete in the 1st X1 Division.
- e. In 1994, a 2nd X1 competition was introduced, which comprised the 2nd X1's of ten member clubs, as follows:

Cranbrook Hadlow

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Crockham Hill Leigh

Eynsford Outwood

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- f. In 1995, **Bidborough CC's 2nd XI** joined the Division, bringing its total to eleven, followed, in 1996, by **Pembury CC's 2nd X1**, bringing the total to twelve. Then, in 1997, the **2nd X1's of Groombridge and Limpsfield Chart** joined to bring the total to fourteen.

5. SPONSORSHIP

1. Between 1990 and 1995, this was provided by the County Construction Group, a construction and development company based in Biggin Hill.
2. The arrangement was terminated after the 1995 season, by mutual agreement.
3. No formal sponsorship will exist during the 2000 season. In the absence of this, the League will take the responsibility to identify and order cricket balls on behalf of member clubs, in a quantity sufficient to enable one to be used in each league match in the 1st X1 Division. In addition, a trophy and medals, or other prizes deemed to be relevant, will be provided for champion clubs in the 1st Division by the League. These honours are to be presented at an agreed function.

6. MANAGEMENT

This shall be on a two tier basis, consisting of:

- (i) A Management Committee, and
- (ii) A League Committee.

The Management Committee will comprise the League Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, plus other individuals by invitation as necessary. Its purpose shall be to effect the day to day organisation and running of the League and to devise and recommend policy, through discussion with the League Committee, to which it is answerable.

The League Committee will comprise one representative from each member club, in addition to members of the Management Committee. Its purpose is to communicate views between member clubs and the Management Committee, concerning the running and organisation of the League, to evaluate and initiate policy proposals and other matters relating to the governing of the League, voting on them when necessary.

7. VOTING POWERS

Each club representative shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. QUORUM

An attendance of ten representatives shall constitute a quorum at a League Committee meeting.

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9. MEETINGS

Both Committees shall meet at such times as the business of the league requires. Either Committee shall have the power to convene a Special General Meeting.

10. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Applications for membership of the League shall be submitted in writing to reach the League's Hon Secretary by the last day of July in the season preceding that for which entry is sought, unless it is judged that extenuating circumstances exist.
- b. Notice of resignation by a member club shall be submitted in the same way. In such cases, the member club is requested to adopt a responsible attitude towards the date at which it proposes to leave the league, so as to give time to identify a replacement club, if this is deemed necessary.
- c. All applicants for membership shall be considered and vetted by the League Committee, whose decision shall be final. For vetting purposes, a sub-committee of League Representatives can be formed.

11. QUALIFICATIONS

- a. All clubs are required to offer and maintain a certain standard of facilities, both on and off the field, as a pre-requisite for entry and continued membership. These cover:
 - o Separate changing facilities for each side;
 - o Running water inside the pavilion;
 - o Shower/bath facilities inside the pavilion;
 - o W/C inside or adjacent to the pavilion with separate facilities for men and women;
 - o Catering facilities sufficient to provide tea and other refreshments for players, visitors and guests;
 - o Sightscreen at both ends of the ground, unless extenuating circumstances exist; (these to be agreed in writing by the Management Committee and individual club prior to each league season);
 - o Pitch preparation under club control;
 - o All pitches to be of a standard acceptable to all member clubs: acceptable standard to be defined by the League Committee;
 - o Clearly defined boundaries;
 - o Regularly mown outfield.
- a. The League Committee reserves the right to cancel the membership of any club, if circumstances are decreed to warrant it.
- b. In particular, persistent failure either to offer pitches or behaviour of an acceptable standard may result in membership being withdrawn. Where such failure can be identified in sufficient time the league will assume a responsibility to constructively assist the club in remedial action.

12. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. Normally, the Annual General Meeting shall be held in October/early November. Notice thereof shall be given to clubs at least one month before the meeting's agreed date.
- b. A Special General Meeting requires ten days minimum notification.

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13. RULE CHANGES

- a. No change in the rules shall take place except at the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting.
- b. A simple majority of member clubs is required to effect the change, either through personal vote of the club's representative at the meeting, or one submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Voting shall be restricted to one vote per club.
- c. Any resolution to change the rules of the League shall be notified in writing to the Hon. Sec. not later than fourteen days before the agreed date of the AGM, unless some exceptional circumstances exist.
- d. Any resolution to change the rules of the League at an SGM shall be notified to the Secretary seven days prior to the date of the meeting.

14. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a. The annual subscription for the forthcoming season shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid by June 1st in the year to which the subscription relates. Failure by any Club to pay by this date shall render it liable to a penalty equal to 50% of the outstanding subscription.
- b. In 2000, the subscription shall be £50 for clubs whose 1st and 2nd X1's compete in the League and £35 for clubs who compete only in the 1st X1 Division.
- c. The financial year shall run from October 1st to September 30th.
- d. Separate from their annual subscriptions, all member Clubs are obliged to purchase a minimum of three tickets for the League's Annual Presentation Dinner. These are to be paid for at the prevailing price and by a date to be specified by the Management Committee that would normally be at least one month prior to the date set for the Dinner.

15. FIXTURES

- a. In the 2000 league programme, each participating X1 in each division shall play each other X1 once. In this way, all 1st X1's shall have 15 league fixtures and all 2nd X1's shall have thirteen.
- b. Fixtures shall be played on Saturdays on dates set by the league.

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19. CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. The side with the highest number of points at the end of the season shall be the champion club of the division in which it competed. In the event of two or more side's having the same number of points, the winner shall be the side with the most wins. Should this be equal, the title shall be shared.
- b. A trophy shall be awarded to the Champion X1 in each division. Awards will be made to a squad of 15 players of the Champion X1 in the 1st division, and likewise to members of the running-up X1. Awards will be made to members of winning sides in the 2nd X1 competition in a manner to be agreed by the League's management.

20. PLAYERS

- a. Players are only eligible to play if they:
 - i. are bona fide members who pay a subscription to the member club during the current season;
 - ii. are not, or have not been, a contracted professional, who has played at County, County 2nd, Minor County (or equivalent overseas) level during the current or two preceding seasons;
 - iii. are not receiving either direct or indirect payment from their club.
- a. Special dispensation must be sought from and confirmed in writing by the League Management Committee in advance if Clubs believe that unique circumstances exist;
- b. Players are restricted to playing for only one club in this league in any one season;
- c. If, in the opinion of the League Management Committee, Rule 20 (or the spirit of Rule 20) is contravened, any team fielding an illegal player will receive no points for the match. Their opponents may be awarded up to a maximum of 14 points if the Management Committee deems them to have been materially disadvantaged.

21. DISPUTES

Any disputes that may arise from the rules will be notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing and will be discussed by all members in committee, and their decision shall be final.

22. MATCH RESULTS

- a. The home side, **in both 1st and 2nd X1 matches**, shall be responsible for advising the Press Officer of match results in the manner prescribed below.
- b. A phone call is required to be made to the Press Officer by a representative of the side playing at home before 12.00 on the Sunday morning following the match so as to provide match scores and highlights.
- c. This is to be followed up by the sending of a completed score-sheet, using either facsimile transmission or EMail. This must be received by the Press Officer by the midday of the Monday following the game. The original of a faxed scoresheet should be posted to the Press Officer as a matter of course.

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- d. Failure to adhere to these requirements shall result in the following penalties being imposed:
- e. should no phone call be received by noon on Sunday then a **£5 penalty** shall apply;
- f. should neither a facsimile transmission or Email be received by noon on Monday, then a **£10 penalty** shall apply;
- g. should the original of the match score sheet not be received by the Friday following the Saturday on which the match was scheduled to take place, a **£5 penalty** shall apply: this also applies to abandoned matches;
- h. should an aggregated **penalty of £30** be reached by an X1, then **5 (five) points** shall be deducted from its total for the season so far: thereafter, points shall be deducted according to the following scale:

£40 10 points

£50 15 points

£60 20 points

£70 25 points

£80 30 points

- i. any fines are to be notified to the offending Club by a representative of the League's Management Committee in writing and are to be received by the League's Treasurer within ten days of the date that the fine was notified. Failure to comply will result in a £20 fine being incurred.
- j. if an aggregated penalty of £80 is exceeded, then disciplinary measures shall be taken by the League's Management Committee against the Club concerned.
- k. the League's Management Committee shall have the ultimate discretion in determining any disputes concerning the quality and timing of match reporting.

The system is similar to last season, with a couple of extra options. It as follows:

(a) phone in the basic scores and match result to Jon Pike's pager: **01426 289010** or mobile – **0795 754 1111**- by Sunday 12.00, latest;

(b) full details of the match result to be provided using one of the official scorecards. A form is to be completed by a representative of the Home Club, for either 1st or 2nd X1 matches, as soon as possible after the match is completed and faxed to me on 0208 289 3243 **by Monday noon**, latest.

(c) The original form is then to be posted to me at the address shown on the form to arrive **by the Tuesday** following the game;

In cases where correspondents are able to fax or Email their results on a Sunday morning, **it will not be necessary to phone in the results**. For those who use Email, a postal version will not be required.

Last season we tested out whether results could be successfully transmitted by EMail. It seemed to work, via **KCVL90@hotmail.com** for those who had entered the brave new world. Now, it seems that 13/14 member clubs are geared up to use this media. I may not have the correct individual within each of these clubs who will be responsible for Emailing the data. However, I am attaching a score-sheet to this Email in the trust that, if you are not the person, then you will pass on the means of communication. For those clubs who wish to stick with the old system, then I will send some score-sheets in the post.

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Finally, there is no change to the penalty system for non or late reporting, as specified in Rule 22(d). It is your duty to communicate the reporting and penalty system to both X1's in your club and ensure that prompt and accurate reporting occurs. My own time and temper gets tighter every year and no leeway can be given, other than for authentic reasons or technical faults.

It is essential that, even if a game is cancelled or abandoned, this fact is communicated, along with any scores.