

# SHROPSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

## RULE CHANGES – 2012

### HANDBOOKS

There will be separate handbooks for league matches and 20/20 matches. The league handbook will include separate sections ;-

- **General Rules – All divisions**
- **Playing Arrangements –Premier Division, Division One and Reserve Division One**
- **Playing Arrangements – Divisions Two, Three, Four, Five and Six and Reserve Divisions Two and Three**
- **Guidance for Umpires and Captains**

### ALL CLUBS

- **Clubs with three or more teams** . must register 14 players before the start of the season who will not play below 2<sup>nd</sup> team level. Players can be changed during the season in the event of permanent injury
- **Overseas players** . Each club allowed one Category 3 overseas player plus 1 Category 3 . exempt overseas player. No replacements permitted.
- **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Teams** . May opt to play home games on Sundays. Clubs must e mail all team selections to the Registrations Secretary by 6pm Friday to prevent switching of players between Saturday and Sunday teams.
- **Late arrival of players** . As Manby Bowdler League last year. If arrival is more than 2 hours late, can only play with permission of opposing captain, and must have been nominated on the team sheet.
- **Teams** . Obligation to field 11 players for all matches. In the event of a shortage of players, must ensure that the highest ranked team is complete in numbers first.
- **Match Balls** . Home team to provide both balls and replacements for each match. If the home team cannot provide a new ball, it shall forfeit the toss and bowl with their used balls. In this situation, away team can use its own new ball and replacement if they have brought them to the ground.
- **Wide Ball** . Any ball outside the 17+offside marking will be called %wide+ unless it is contact with bat or striker's person.
- **No Ball** . Any ball over shoulder height, one per batsman per over
  - Any full pitch over waist height.
  - If ball bounces more than ONCE or rolls along the ground.
- **Ground, Weather and Light** . Play shall not start, restart or proceed until the rain has stopped, unless both captains agree and it is not dangerous to play.
- **Scorers** . Must be provided with sheltered, weatherproof facilities.

- **Teas** . Home team to provide free of charge to players, umpires and scorers.
- **Results** . Via play-cricket within 48 hours, with signed match result sheets posted 1<sup>st</sup> class on Monday to Registrations Secretary and notified to press except Premier Division, where umpires will phone result on Saturday night and post signed match results sheets to the Registrations Secretary.
- **League positional placings** . As for Manby Bowdler League last season.

#### **PREMIER DIVISION (only)**

- **Scorers** . 1 point deduction per match if no competent scorer provided.
- **Over Rate** . Minimum 17 overs per hour per match unless innings is less than 30 overs.. Warning for 1<sup>st</sup> offence, 1 point, 2 points, 3 points, etc deduction for each offence thereafter.

#### **PREMIER DIVISION, DIVISION ONE & RESERVE DIVISION ONE**

- **Limitation on Bowlers** . 30% of available overs in an innings (maximum 16 overs). In a 50 overs innings, the permitted maximum is 15 overs per bowler
- **Umpires** - no bonus points for providing umpires, no points deduction for not providing them.
- **Calculation of overs in interrupted match** – calculations of overs due to side batting second no longer takes into account the time saved when fielding. Calculation of overs is now playing time remaining until close of play divided by 3½ minutes.
- **Points allocation** –same as Marstons League last year.

#### **DIVISIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & RESERVE DIVISIONS 2& 3**

- **Win Points** -24 points (1 point increase) now awarded for win, except for team winning the toss and electing to bat second will gain 20 points.
- **Matches not started or abandoned** – 5 points now awarded ( 1 point increase)