



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Cancellation of games

The early part of the season has thrown up several issues in respect of games not being played due to ground conditions. I have subsequently had informal discussions with several experienced people within our league, and Ian Mather-Brewster at the Grounds Management Association.

Several ideas and suggestions have been put forward – see appendix. Please note that they are all suggestions only at this stage. I would like us to consider these in depth, as well as any further suggestions received, in a small working group, which would then make proposals for the future. The working group will, initially, make proposals for adoption in the Premier Section.

Any proposals made will go initially to the Premier Section committee, copied to the Senior Section committee for consideration about what may be applicable in that section, after which the League's normal governance procedures will be followed.

If you would like to be involved in the sub-group, **please let me know by 26 June**. I would like to get together a group of five or six people with as wide a range of backgrounds and knowledge as possible, for example, captain, club chairman, fixtures manager, groundsman, umpire. The group members may be on one of our league committees, but do not need to be. If you know of anyone who you think would be interested, and would add value, please let me know.

If you have any thoughts or questions, but do not wish to be on the sub-group, please get in touch.

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Suggestions made on cancelling games

Getting the Game On

- Remove incentives not to play, and increase incentives to play, in the points system
- Provide clearer and stronger guidance to clubs about what measures are expected in their efforts to get the game on, including what drying materials and equipment must be available
- Early involvement of umpires where the home team wants to cancel a game, and the away team does not
- Wider clarity about what umpires consider in deciding on whether conditions are fit for play
- Where there is a dispute after a game has been cancelled, a facility for inspection by an experienced groundsman to determine whether all possible action has been taken to get the game on

Matchdays when it is known in advance that no or very few games will be played

- Put aside a date that must be kept free by clubs to transfer a full fixture programme if ground/weather conditions on a particular Saturday appear likely to rule out the majority of play
- Introduce a rule that provides for no points to be awarded in a particular division on a particular matchday if only one or two games are played
- Ensure that if all other games in a division are cancelled, or points are not awarded, on a given date, any game that was scheduled to be played on that date must be dealt as if played on the original scheduled date