



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Premier Section Cricket Committee

8<sup>th</sup> meeting – Monday 20 June 2022 – 7.30pm by Zoom

### Note of Meeting

*Present:* Mark Beardshall (chair), Jason Booth, Chris Cobb, Alex Fletcher, Mick Forrester, Chris Froggett, Andy Harrison, Bryan Lowe, Roger Pugh, Steve Ward, Andrew Tipple

- 1 **Welcome.** MB was slightly delayed by work and the meeting started in his absence. There were no apologies.
- 2 **Equity & Diversity update.** JB provided a short update from the Group:
  - the second E&D player survey had 249 responses, from which the headline results were that:
    - the majority said that clubs were inclusive
    - 66% had not experienced discrimination and most that did, did not report it
    - 65% would welcome education on equity & diversity
  - the group are working on an advert, with input from YCB, to make the group more fully representative of the League
  - there has been dialogue with the Disciplinary Committee to ensure that the group will be represented on hearing panels
  - the Group had written an endorsement of the integration of Roger Pugh into committee work on behalf of the League

RP thanked the Group, and this committee, for the support that he had received, and said that he would continue to work hard on behalf of the committee and the League as a whole.
- 3 **Ground & facilities criteria for distribution of ECB monies.** RP had circulated a draft document for agreement. CF reiterated that just 10% of the overall potential payment to clubs would depend on these criteria being met. RP suggested that members might need a little more time to consider the criteria, and asked for any comments by the end of the week. *Note - no further comments received, final document attached.*
- 4 **Player survey.** RP said that the survey had been live for only two and a half days, but that well over 100 responses had been received. He would continue to remind players of the survey via social media. The survey will be open until 10 July.
- 5 **Scoring update.** SW updated members on current scoring issues:
  - All but two games in the Premier Section have so far been on live scores.
  - SW is very concerned at the standard of some of the scorers – particularly some of the younger and less experienced ones, who do not have the necessary interest and knowledge. Steve believes that they will not know what to do in DLS situations. Some scorers rely on more experienced colleagues, and when two inexperienced scorers are together they will struggle.

- Steve said that scoring was very low priority at some clubs, who were simply not interested. He commented that printers had been simply left in boxes or were not available in the box.
- 6 There followed a discussion, during which the following were agreed:
- **clubs will be told in the bulletin that printers must available and working at all PS games**
  - **the proposal for a minimum rate of payment for scorers will be raised at LEB**
  - **SW will set up a task force to look at scorer training issues**
  - **RP will set up a ‘Scorers page’ on the website, which will include the DLS PowerPoint guidance**
  - **the need for the scorecard to be confirmed when live scores are used to be raised at the LEB** – SW believes that it is unnecessary and is effectively scorers authorising their own work (*subsequently followed up with Kevin Motley, who checks all PS scores on an ongoing basis, for accuracy, and would be more than happy to confirm them*)
  - **the poor service from Play-Cricket is causing problems for clubs and league – this needs to be raised with ECB**
- 7 **Captains’ reports.** There was a discussion about the list of warnings made this season. The committee agrees that reminders should be sent, but believes that there needs to be a minimum of a week allowed for completion, and they do not support the principle of penalties being applied for non/late completion.
- The positive reason for filling in the reports, i.e, to provide information that will help umpiring standards to improve, needs to be emphasised. The issue should not be the timeliness or quantity of the reports, but the quality of the information contained. BL said that umpires do not routinely get feedback from the reports – this needs to be addressed – **to be raised at LEB.**
- Concerns have been raised about the physical capability of two umpires. This is a Health & Safety issue. Umpiring at the highest recreational level requires quick reactions and movement.
- 8 **Players’ clothing issue.** It was suggested that we tweak the rules to allow clubs to promote a charity in an agreed format, covering size, positioning and wording, on the basis that it is common to all the shirts/jerseys worn by the team. **To be raised at LEB.**
- 9 **Umpire recruitment.** RP suggested that this issue be kept on the agenda for the next meeting, so that suggestions made in the survey can be considered. Issues that need to be considered include: one-off payments to newly-qualified umpires; sponsored branded umpires’ clothing (should be ECB-led); more Stage 1 & 2 courses. It was generally felt that the ECB has to do more.
- 10 **Disciplinary committee.** The recent resignation of the Disciplinary Chairman has increased the need to find new members. It was commented that there needs to be a Premier Section representative – ideally three people to include a player, an umpire and a committee member. JB suggested that it would be best to have more people making less contributions. **To be raised at LEB.**
- 11 **Other business**
- MF asked what funding might be available to clubs for pitch improvements – JB said that there may be more funding available in the near future and thought that would be a good idea for the League to be prepared. He suggested an audit of squares in order to provide evidence; to look at the capacity for improvement; and highlight what clubs want to do and what the benefits will be. **CF, JB, AH, SW and RP to take forward.**
  - SW reminded the committee that clubs who will potentially be promoted should be inspected – Aston Hall, Hallam, Houghton Main, Shiregreen and Wickersley for the Premier Division, and Darfield, Sheffield United and Upper Haugh for the Championship. **These should be assessed against the G&F document prepared by CF & RP.**
- 12 **Close.** The main part of the meeting closed at 9.15, and was followed by a discussion on the Appleby Frodingham v Treeton game – see separate note.



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## Minimum League ground & facilities requirements for Premier Section

- 1 Boundaries:** Must be clearly marked with a rope (minimum  $\frac{3}{4}$ in circumference), fence or wall
- 2 Sight Screens:** Must be provided at both ends of the ground  
Must enable both left/right arm and over/round wicket bowling without being moved  
White, clean and in good condition
- 3 Covers:** Adequate size (80' x 12') and well-maintained  
There must be additional covering for run-ups/old pitches
- 4 Scoreboard/scorebox:** Must display minimum required information (runs, wickets, overs remaining, first innings total and DLS par score)
- 5 Equipment:** Roller available during the match  
Light roller – (5 cwt to 10 cwt)  
Heavy roller (min 30 cwt) for ground preparation only
- 6 Practice facilities:** Grass & artificial nets in good condition
- 7 Car parking:** Adequate parking available (minimum 20 cars)
- 8 Surrounds to ground:** Seating: for minimum 30 spectators
- 9 First aid:** Well-stocked box available
- 10 Dressing Rooms:** Separate facilities for visiting teams (away team dressing room should be a single room)  
Need to provide privacy for players and must be lockable (key to be given to the away captain for visiting teams)  
Maintained in good condition, clean & decorated  
Size – minimum 100 ft<sup>2</sup> dry area, ie, excluding toilets and showers  
Dedicated players' toilets  
Sufficient seating, bag storage & clothes hooks  
Adequate lighting
- 11 Showers:** Clean, hygienic & private  
Minimum two per team, with hot & cold water  
Adjacent to dressing rooms
- 12 Umpires room:** Separate & secure room  
Similar standard to players' rooms, clean & decorated  
Sufficient seating, bag storage & clothes hooks  
Private access to hand wash basin with hot & cold water  
Adequate lighting  
Minimum recommended size 20 ft<sup>2</sup>
- 13 Public toilets:** Clean, hygienic with wash hand basin  
Male/female facilities available  
Convenient location  
Toilet rolls, brushes, soap available  
Towels or hand drier  
Accessible toilet facilities
- 14 Viewing:** Separate seating area for players use