

NOTES TO CLUBS

1. LEAGUE SUBSCRIPTION

Clubs annual subscriptions to the League are payable prior to the first league match of the season. Clubs who have not paid by that date will not be credited with any points during the period that the fee remains unpaid.

2. CRICKET BOARD AFFILIATION

All clubs should affiliate to the Cricket Board responsible for the County in which their ground is situated. Clubs who have not paid their affiliation fee to the appropriate Board, prior to the first league match of the season, will not be credited with any points during the period that the fee remains unpaid.

3. ATTENDANCE AT AGM & DIVISIONAL MEETINGS

Non-attendance by any member club at an AGM or Divisional Meeting will result in a £50 penalty. Clubs relegated at the end of a season remain members of the League until the following AGM when they are replaced by clubs promoted from Feeder Leagues.

4. CLUB ACCREDITATION DOCUMENT

Member clubs must comply with the criteria prescribed in the Club Accreditation Document, a copy of which is circulated to all clubs prior to the start of the season. Further copies are available to download from www.birminghamleague.org. Failure to comply with the criteria will lead to a disciplinary sub-committee hearing and may result in relegation or other penalty. **N.B.** County Feeder Leagues will inform their members about these standards as they will apply to clubs seeking confirmation of their promotion to BDPCL.

5. ECB CLUBMARK ACCREDITATION

Clubmark is an important and visible confirmation that clubs with a Junior Section provide a safe and child-friendly environment and all member clubs should obtain and retain Clubmark accreditation.

6. CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

Every club must have a Club Welfare Officer.

7. DAMAGE TO FACILITIES

If damage is caused to any member club's facilities by visiting player(s) or spectator(s), the visiting club shall be held responsible for the repair of any such damage.

8. TROPHIES

All trophies are and shall remain the property of the League. They should be returned to the General Manager, on or before 31st May, each year, in the case of (Twenty20) Challenge Cup and Graham Williamson Trophy competitions, and on or before 31st July, each year, in the case of League Championship competitions. Failure to comply will result in an automatic fine of £25.00 with an increase of £25.00 for every subsequent seven days delay in the return of any trophy. The winners of any trophy shall be responsible for its safe keeping and must report any loss or damage to the General Manager, immediately, by telephone and follow up in writing within 48 hours. Should any club take any action, including failure to report, as above, which invalidates the League's insurance on the trophies, it will be liable for any loss or damage. If any action taken by a club causes a claim to be made on the League's insurance on the trophies, the club concerned shall be liable for any insurance excess.

9. ECB CONDITIONS

Member clubs shall play Cricket in accordance with the ECB Code of Conduct and within the Spirit and Laws of Cricket. In accordance with its accreditation by ECB, the League will meet the following requirements:

- i) Ensure that all member clubs adhere to the ECB fast bowling directives for young fast bowlers.
- ii) Ensure that all players under the age of 18 (on the day of the match) shall wear helmets (mandatory) for batting and keeping wicket standing up to the wicket.
- iii) Ensure that all players under the age of 18 (on the day of the match) wear a helmet and abdominal protector (mandatory) when fielding within 6 yards (5.5 metres) of the batsman.
- iv) Ensure that all member clubs adhere to the ECB guidelines for junior players in open age cricket.
- iv) Ensure that all member clubs adhere to any other ECB directives that are relevant to the current season.
- v) Ensure that all players by virtue of their registration on play-cricket.com abide by the ECB or League Code of Conduct and accept ECB and League disciplinary decisions.

10. PRECEDENCE AND DISPUTES

- 10.1 Where the rules of the Premier Division and the rules of the other Divisions of the League appear to conflict, then the Premier Division rules take precedence for matters concerning the Premier Division.
- 10.2 The Management Board shall be empowered to deal with any query or dispute concerning the organisation of the League, registration issues, playing conditions and all disciplinary matters. In the event of any query or dispute concerning the organisation of the League, registration issues, playing conditions or disciplinary matters or in the event of any breach thereof, the decision of the Management Board shall be final. In addition to the penalties laid out in the Fines Tariff that is printed on **page 193**, the Management Board shall be empowered to take whatever other action and impose whatever other penalties it deems appropriate against the club or any individual member or members of a club found to be in breach.