

# **BiSCL** Bedfordshire Invitation Saturday Cricket League



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## **GENERAL - 2019**

1. The name of the league shall be 'Bedfordshire Invitation Saturday Cricket League'
2. New clubs shall be eligible for membership on a majority vote of all member clubs.
3. Any club wishing to join the Competition shall submit an application in writing by the end of September. The application will be considered by the committee and measured against the membership criteria. The committee shall then forward the application to the AGM with its recommendation.

The criteria for membership will be:

- a. That the club has control over the preparation and maintenance of the square.
  - b. Have changing rooms, toilets and showers near to the playing area.
  - c. Have a room where food can be consumed under hygienic conditions.
  - d. Be affiliated to their County Board
4. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary plus a minimum of 2 representatives from each division. If the places on the committee for division members are not filled by volunteers, then any vacancies will be filled by drawing lots from those clubs in the division not currently represented. The selected clubs will be responsible for providing 1 member for the committee. Selected clubs not providing a member to the main committee meeting in October will be fined £20.
  5. Each eligible club to have one vote at the AGM.
  6. Any club that proposes any motion at an A.G.M. and is not present at that A.G.M. then the motion will not be considered and the meeting will proceed to the next item.
  7. That the A.G.M. shall be open to all.

**7b Clubs not having an attendee at the AGM will be fined £30**

8. Clubs NOT paying their subscriptions, or have any other monies outstanding, will not be eligible for prizes and will not be allowed to vote at the A.G.M. Deadline for payments to be Sept 30th.

9. The League will issue invoices for subscriptions and will give receipts for payments, when requested.
10. Subscriptions will be set at the AGM for the following season.  
Subscriptions for the 2018 season 1 team = £60 plus £20 for each additional side.  
If the subscription is paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> May a £20 discount will be given
11. Two teams shall be promoted and relegated at the end of each season except for Division 1 when one team shall be promoted to and one teams relegated from.
12. The position of a team in the League will be based on:
  - a) the total number of points accrued
  - b) head to head results
  - c) number of played games won (not conceded wins)
  - d) bonus points
13. All averages for the purposes of deciding awards will be taken from the Play–Cricket site only.
14. The season shall consist of 20 weeks commencing from the last Saturday in April.
15. Clubs cancelling a fixture for reasons other than weather shall be fined £20.  
If the away side cancels after 6.00pm on Friday, they shall pay an additional £20 to the league who will then forward it to the home club.  
The non-offending club will be awarded 25 points and the offending side deducted 15 points.  
Cancellation messages must not be left electronically i.e. e-mail, FAX, Text, answer phone, etc. The League Secretary must also be informed immediately by e-mail.
16. The League will compile home and away fixtures for all teams by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Each team will be permitted to ask for 1 blank date but these must be communicated to the Secretary by the 31<sup>st</sup> December.
17. No team shall play more than one fixture on the same day.

18. Players who have competed in the Competition may not play for another club except where a legitimate transfer of a player from one club to another is carried out. This requires written permission from the Committee and the last date this permission will be granted during the season is June 30<sup>th</sup> of that season. Should a club play an illegal player, it will automatically forfeit all points gained and the opposition will be award maximum points, in every occurrence.

**Any exception will be made to any player under 15 or over 50 before the 1st May may play for any club in division 2 and 3 to increase their opportunity to play cricket**

19. Any club playing a player banned by the Committee shall forfeit all points gain in the match. Persistently playing such a player will cause the club to be automatically removed from the Competition.
20. Teams wishing to play regularly on an artificial wicket must obtain permission from the AGM. If granted they must inform their opponents in writing of any conditions concerning footwear etc. before the start of the season. Artificial wickets will only be considered for teams playing in the bottom division.
21. If a club has more than one team in the league and cannot fulfill a fixture then it must honour the fixture of the team in the highest division.  
Failure to comply will result in the match played being treated as a match conceded by that club
22. No two teams from the same club will be allowed to compete in the same division. In the event of a 1<sup>st</sup> XI being relegated into the same division as the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will be relegated into the next lower division.
23. All clubs are to implement the ECB regulations regarding players under 18. The league will provide a parent consent form for those deemed by the ECB needing parental consent. These must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian with a copy sent to the League Secretary before the young player can play. The original shall to be retained by the club. The league will not permit under 12's to play any league match unless authorised by the age group county coach in line with ECB regulations.
24. It is the responsibility of the home side to provide teas of a good standard.  
The maximum cost to the away side will be set at the AGM.  
The maximum cost for the 2018 season £40
25. The visiting team must advise the home team at least 3 days prior to the game of any special dietary requirement for teas otherwise they will be charged the full amount as if they had been offered the standard tea.

26. The Committee shall deal with any matters arising that are not covered by the Rules. The decision of the Committee will be final
27. Discipline will be administered by Bedfordshire Cricket Ltd.  
If a player is found guilty of a level 2 or above offence, then the club will be deducted points as follows:  
Level 2 = 5 points, level 3 = 15 points, level 4 = 30 points.  
These to be doubled for each repeat offence.
28. The home club shall be responsible for the 'free flow' of the game with regard to the General public encroaching onto the playing area.
29. If a team withdraws from the league, all results for that team will be disregarded.
30. New clubs to be put in bottom division except in exceptional circumstance agreed by the committee
31. By 2017 all 1st Division grounds to have as a minimum of - 1 moveable single width sight screen or a fixed double width sight screen. If Promoted clubs are not complying the season after being promoted they will be demoted to the division below
32. **Clubs not providing up to date directory entry by the start of the season will be fined £30**

## PLAYING RULES - 2019

1. All matches will be played under the Laws of Cricket and to the Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket, unless stated otherwise in the rules.
2. All matches shall be played on a Saturday.
3. The home team shall provide new ball for each innings  
The ball is to be specified and agreed by the Committee in conjunction with the clubs.  
The Committee will purchase the balls in bulk and sell, at cost price, to the clubs.
4. Matches cannot be re-arranged and only matches on the official Fixture Card will count in the Competition.
5. Matches will start by 1.30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. in September. If both teams agree the start time can be rescheduled.
6. Team sheets will be exchanged before the 'toss'. The home club must retain these sheets until September 30<sup>th</sup>.
7. Matches will be 40 overs per side.  
If the batting captain declares any untouched overs are then added to the opponents' batting period.
8. In the event of a delayed start, the captains may, if they agree, reduce the number of overs for each side as per the formula in rule 14. [This may NOT happen once the match is started].
9. Each clubs shall appoint an umpire (not being a player in the match). If only one club appoints an umpire or one of the appointed umpires is changed, the replacement umpire shall act only as the striker's end umpire.  
In Division 1 teams providing a qualified umpire (not being a player in the match and stands the entire match) shall be award 1 extra bonus point. The Umpires names to be entered on the Team Sheet and on the Play-Cricket site. Qualified is defined as a current ECB ACO umpire or an umpire that has qualified in the last 5 years.  
Outside Division1 sides providing an umpire (not being a player in the match and stands the entire match) shall be award 1 extra bonus point.
10. If a team is not ready to toss up 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time they will be deemed to have lost the toss.

11. No person may bowl more than 8 overs.
12. In the event of a bowler not being able to finish an over, a substitute bowler must bowl the remaining balls and complete the over at that time. [With reference to the 10 overs restriction rules each bowler is deemed to have bowled one over - even if he bowls one ball.] The substitute bowler may not have bowled the preceding over and may NOT bowl the next.
13. In a match where the number of overs per innings has been reduced from 40 overs, the maximum overs per individual bowler shall be reduced at the rate of one over for every five overs by which the innings has been reduced, i.e.

No. of overs per innings	40-36	35-31	30-26	25-21	20
Max. overs per bowler	8	7	6	5	4

14. Matches interrupted by rain or the start delayed

a .Interruption of play during the 1<sup>st</sup> Innings or delayed start

The length of the match will be reduced at the rate of two overs for each full seven minutes of play lost (i.e. one over off each innings). Once the amount of time lost means that the side batting first cannot receive 20 overs, the game will be abandoned.

The 20-minute tea interval can be taken during a 1<sup>st</sup> innings interruption if available.

b. Interruption in play during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings

(i) Any stoppage will result in the loss of one over for every 3<sup>1/2</sup> minutes lost. On resumption, the required total will be recalculated by taking the average run rate of the team which batted first and multiplying it by the new number of overs available to the side batting second. If, after this recalculation, the side batting second has already exceeded this target, no further play is necessary. Once the side batting second cannot receive 20 overs the game will be abandoned.

(ii) If there are further stoppages during the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings, the required total will then recalculated as stated in rule B.

If there is no further play possible in the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings and the team batting second has received 20 overs or more, the winners of the game will be decided by working out the average run rate of the team batting second (as at the last completed over prior to the game being interrupted) and comparing it with the average run rate of the team batting first. The team with the higher run rate will be the winner.

Note. The captains shall be responsible for appointing timekeepers. These may be in order of preference: umpires, scorers or players.

Calculating the new 2<sup>nd</sup> innings total:

The run rate for the first innings will be calculated using the number of over available to the team batting first unless they declared then it's the number of overs batted.

The average run rate shall be calculated to 2 decimal points with 5 and > being rounded up and < 5 rounded down. i.e. a rate of 3.222 = 3.22  
3.555 = 3.56 3.666 = 3.67

When calculating the run rates for an unfinished game, calculate the average run rate to sufficient decimal points to get a winner.

To qualify for the Competition the side must agree to play a minimum of 20 overs per side.

#### 15. Points to be awarded:

20 points shall be awarded for a win.

10 Bonus points will be available.

If the winning margin is :-

- a. 10 Wickets or > 90 runs the winning teams get 10 bonus points
- 9 wickets or 81 - 90 runs the winning teams get 9 bonus points
- 8 wickets or 71 - 80 runs the winning teams get 8 bonus points
- 7 wickets or 61 - 70 runs the winning teams get 7 bonus points
- 6 wickets or 51 - 60 runs the winning teams get 6 bonus points
- 5 wickets or 41 - 50 runs the winning teams get 5 bonus points
- 4 wickets or 31 - 40 runs the winning teams get 4 bonus points
- 3 wickets or 21 - 30 runs the winning teams get 3 bonus points
- 2 wickets or 11 - 20 runs the winning teams get 2 bonus points
- 1 wicket or 1 - 10 runs the winning teams get 1 bonus point

The balance of the bonus points go to the losing side.

For matches abandoned before the minimum 20 overs per side can be completed or cancelled for bad weather or unfit ground *or the match* is tied, each side shall receive 15 points.

For matches cancelled for any other reason, the side cancelling shall be deducted 15 points and the innocent side awarded 25 points.

When a team has been dismissed, it will be presumed that 10 wickets have fallen.

16. Tea should be taken between innings. If, due to weather or unusual circumstances, this is not practicable, then the side batting must have a minimum period of 40 minutes before the tea interval is taken. Max time for tea 30minutes.
17. The HOME club must enter the result of the match on the Play-Cricket site by 8.00 pm Sunday. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £10.

The HOME club must enter the score card details on the Play-Cricket site by 8.00 pm Monday. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £10. Clubs should now enter start and end time for each innings.

The AWAY club is responsible for checking the score card and entering any missing names from their team.

The score card will be 'locked' the following Sunday.

#### 18. Competition Special Regulations

- a. Players arriving after the scheduled start time are able to bowl immediately.
- b. The pitch may be covered at any time.
- c. Only current qualified umpires being current members of ECB ACO and standing for the whole match shall award penalties under Law 42.

#### 19. Double Header Weekend Games

The toss' will be deemed to have been won by the away team.

If the away side are not available to give their decision to bat or bowl 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time then the home team will have deemed to have won the toss.

**Changes agreed at the this years AGM are highlighted**