

## Notes from 2018 Cricket Forums

### Regional Structure for Div. 7 – 10

- Would need a full fixture list with no gaps
- For the bottom 4 divisions, with 7a & b + 8 a & b
- Maybe shorter games 40/40. Although there was a poll 6 against 4 for
- Reason for regionalisation was due to excessive travel times
- Use an average points structure to determine league table
- Maybe the possibility of having a bank holiday break although we didn't have evidence that there are more cancellations during these weekends
- 14 game season, only playing home or away
- **Consensus was whilst there could be some merit in Regionalisation, generally not for it. Concerns about mismatch of teams although it was agreed it would level out over a couple of seasons. It was also noted that the Clubs present at the Forum were used to travelling anyway.**

### Points structure for 50/50 games

- A game should be considered completed at 20% of the overs have been bowled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings in line with ECB (50/50 game would mean 10 overs instead of currently 20 overs) - **agreed**
- 7pts for batting and 7 pts for bowling available in 50/50, George Sandbach sent NH an email regarding his thoughts on this proposal, NH to circulate.
- Can we revisit the rain rules pts, discussion was around the current 50/50 bonus where a team bowling first could get 10 pts and the batting side could only achieve 5 pts even though the contest could be sorely in the favour of the batting side i.e. 400-10?
- Div. 7 – 10 split season structures with DLS calculations made from a predetermined sheet or average run rate to aid captains, we had a poll, 7 for, 4 against - **Horley poll all agreed**
- **Continue to use DLS on laptop or the app.**
- **Not in favour of average run rates.**
- **Need to re-visit the points structure on rain rules etc as they were not fair and favoured in many occasions one team over the other**
- **Both formats of the game need equal basis – to be the same points structure.**
- **Everything a team does should count towards their end of game points total.**
- **Very much in favour of Paul White's suggestion which was outlined to the meeting and discussed at length as follows....**

Win – 15 points

Tie – 10 points

Loss – 0 points

Abandonment – 5 points

All these results would also have the addition of bonus points, along the lines of:

#### Batting:

- At a run rate of 2 rpo – 1 point
- At a run rate of 3 rpo – 2 points
- At a run rate of 4 rpo – 3 points
- At a run rate of 5 rpo – 4 points
- At a run rate of 6 rpo – 5 points

#### Bowling:

- After taking 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket – 1 point
- After taking 4<sup>th</sup> wicket – 2 points
- After taking 6<sup>th</sup> wicket – 3 points
- After taking 8<sup>th</sup> wicket – 4 points
- After taking 10<sup>th</sup> wicket / All out – 5 points

This would give a side batting second an extra element when chasing – can they get to another bonus point by upping the run rate. An example:

Team A scores 199ao – Team A pick up 2 batting bonus points (run rate of 3.98); Team B pick up 5 bowling bonus points for bowling the side out

In the second innings: Team B would have to chase 200 in 33.2 overs or less to pick up 5 batting bonus points, under 40 overs to pick up 4 points, etc.

This would even out the points in the win/lose games.

Consideration of going back to minimum 100 games in the timed format i.e. if you bowl your overs quickly, you get more overs to bat.

#### Balls

- Could we get a quote from Reader for their sovereign balls?
- General feedback is that the current Tiflex is Ok, although there is a feeling that they quality had diminished over the past 5 years while the price has remained the same
- Some appetite for a better quality of waxed finished ball, would need to know costs before agreeing to a change.
- There was some negativity around having a different ball for Div. 1 & 2 – **felt not necessary**
- Could we team up with the HCPL to get a deal with them on the Dukes they use? Volume discount agreement maybe over 5 years?
- **Trial Ball not good.**
- **Tiflex kept shine better this last season.**
- **Agreed about Readers Sovereign balls.**
- **Banbury to send DMB what they pay for HCPL balls**

## Registrations

- Extend the registration deadline from week 12 for under 18's Cat 1 players
- Can we look at the week 17/18 player restrictions currently in place and apply them to the HCPL second teams? **Agreed, although the consensus was that the current system seemed to work ok.**
- **Extend deadline for u-15's only. Concerns that Clubs could bring in very talented young players from teams in other (possibly higher) leagues. Proviso that the U-15 cannot have played for another Club (certainly not higher standard) in the same season.**

## Website

- Can we integrate Play Cricket scoring into our website/scoring apps?
- Can we export of fixture lists automatically into play cricket?
- **Can Clubs have access to their OWN grounds marks through the season.?**

## Umpires

- Need to be DBS certified
- A match card needs to be completed before every game in every division
- We discussed panel/club umpires to Div. 8, this was mixed, however there seemed to be more of an appetite for club umpires in the lower divisions against neutral umpires.
- **Concerns expressed where a Club's nominated umpire is on both HCPCL and CCL Panels. Clubs could be penalised if their umpire does a HCPCL game and not replaced.**
- **Number of reported incidents discussed. New Laws/Rules had an influence. Agreed Captains/Players/Umpires all had responsibilities to improve this.**
- **Umpires courses and CCL offer of payment of fees discussed. If there were sufficient numbers other 'local' courses could be arranged.**

## Start times

- The 12:30 start was not universally liked; however, it was explained that with the extra time for 50/50 games it was a necessity. We polled this discussion point, with 7 for a 12:30 start and 2 against moving back to 13:00. **It was felt it was not possible to please everyone. Some players worked in the mornings, some worked in the evening or wanted to be away earlier (family reasons etc). After discussion it was agreed to leave the 12.30pm start but to have it for all weeks 1-18.**
- **Could we start at 12:30 in weeks 17 & 18? - Agreed**

### **Time Length of Innings**

- Rushing to get overs in is not conducive to good cricket. EG Wanting to bring a quick bowler on towards the end to take the last couple of wickets, but because of time he has to bowl off a shorter run up.
- HCPCL have a time allowance for each wicket taken. Admitted they start earlier.
- Extend the innings to 3 hours 15 minutes. Admittedly that means a '7 hour' day and therefore 7.30pm finish which goes somewhat against earlier finishes and consistency in weeks 17 and 18.

### **Reduced overs Divs 8,9,10.**

- Felt it should be 40 overs per game for these divisions as tended to be younger and more 'senior' players.
- Extended the debate – 100 overs Divs 1-4, 90 overs 5,6,7, 80 overs 8,9,10. Poll taken 4 for 1 against.

### **Wides**

- The stats were reported to much shock and dismay.!!. Discussion on whether leg side wides should only apply 50/50 games in Divisions 1-4. Should re-consider after another season of stats.

### **AOB**

- Can we publish the minutes from each forum and provide dialogue on our thoughts and proposals for change before the AGM so that the clubs can discuss internally and provide feedback? There seems some frustration that ideas were presented, although good ideas could not move forward due to issues with the details.
- CLMC present, Brain Standish, David Warner, Ian Murdoch & Neilson Hinks, in all 22 people present 9 of which were umpires including Neilson, with 15 different clubs represented
- CLMC present – David Beck, Brian Standish, Jim Howe. In all 10 present, 3 of which were umpires (including David B.) and one scorer/Club Official. 5 different Clubs were represented. (Special thanks to Lee Beesley of Long Marston for travelling long distance to attend.)