

From the Secretary's Desk 21st May 21

Morning All,

Some feedback from last night's Management Committee Meeting.

The weather has played havoc with the cup matches scheduled for last Sunday and we have had a lot of questions about reserve days. The rules allow for the game to be moved by one week, however with the forecast not looking too optimistic for this Sunday either, we are extending this as follows.

All first round ties should be completed no later than the end of May, or two weeks before the next scheduled round, whichever is the LATER. Ties which are postponed remain as drawn regarding home advantage, unless the home club agrees to cede it. As regards result reporting, the ties are not date locked and clearly in a cup match, a result is required, hence there is no option for abandoned. If you postpone, leave the result reporting until you play.

If you get to the last possible day and play is not possible under the rules, the committee will accept an alternative method of deciding the tie, e.g., a super over, a bowl out etc. If this is also not possible or agreement cannot be reached on a method, you should inform the committee and we will draw a winner.

Can we also suggest please that you make contact with your opposition to confirm the game at least a week beforehand, rather than assuming that they will turn up?

On the subject of rules, it has become clear that an unhealthy proportion of captains, vice captains and even club umpires have gone into games assuming they knew the rules without having read them. There are three formats of the game in play this season; League win/lose, League win/lose/draw and Cup, and in the case of League games, further separated by game length. Each set of rules are different in places and teams are not **advised** to read them, they are **required** to.

Rules and regulations take us a lot longer to write than it will take your team officials to read, and I can now confirm that the committee has entirely exhausted its patience with regard to "I didn't know that". If you require a clarification before a match, we will do our best to provide it, but post (or in) game debates/complaints will be looked on entirely unsympathetically henceforth.

A couple of other admin points

The League regulations require that games should not be called off before the day of the game. In the current weather conditions however, it is entirely possible that a club may not be able to prepare a wicket, and in these circumstances, we are prepared to consider an early call off as common sense. We remain hopeful that all clubs will make every effort to get the game on and not cancel games unnecessarily, but where it is clearly not possible, then please inform all parties as appropriate.



Do not forget the umpires in this scenario. If a panel umpire travels to your ground for a game that has been called off, but they have not been informed, the home team is liable for paying their fee!

Registration payments are now due for any new registrations and you should click the paypal link on the registration page to complete payment. A player is not registered until they have been paid for.

Captain's reports on umpires and grounds (away captains only for grounds) need to be completed for any match that starts. Go to the website, click on submit forms and they are in the drop down menu. You do not need to log in to do this.

Just a reminder also, according to ECB guidelines, it is now possible to use changing rooms, however the guidance is specific in saying that this is each club's choice, and they should only do so if they feel safe to and can comply with the guidance. The only comment on this from the committee is that you might want to check with your hosts what their policy is rather than turn up expecting a dressing room. Until further notice, the provision of teas also remains suspended.

The weather forecast for the weekend is gradually improving (very slightly) and whilst I doubt there will be much need for sun screen, I hope as many as possible get some kind of game in.

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