

From the Secretary's Desk 1st March 21

Good Morning All,

Here's your fortnightly update on what is happening and what needs doing. I'm bringing the New Stuff to the top of the page this week because these bits are important.

NEW STUFF

County Board Affiliation

Please see attached letter regarding County Board Affiliation. This is a condition of your membership of the Cherwell League and is neither an onerous nor expensive task, but one that must be completed. If you are affiliating to OCB, we would like this done by the 31st March please. If you are affiliating to Bucks, we are a little more flexible as BCB haven't issued their affiliation pack yet. If you need help, contact us, but do not ignore this, it won't go away.

Ground Facilities

Thanks to those that have filled in all the details on the website. Can you please check that you have answered all the points on the attached Grounds Facilities doc. If not, please fill in and return to this address by 31/3/21. If you filled in the CCL ground survey in 2019 and there are no changes in your status, no need to do anything.

Please fill in for ALL grounds you are using regularly.

UPDATES

Covid 19

The latest statement from the government regarding the relaxing of lockdown restrictions left a little room for conjecture with the phrase 'football, tennis etc'. Are we in the etc? Well, the ECB certainly seem to think so;

"The ECB welcomes the Government's decision to permit outdoor grassroots cricket to return in time for the start of the 2021 season from 29th March." ECB Weekly Update for Clubs and Leagues (26/02/21)

We are not however, out of the woods yet and this does not mean a free for all from 29/3. There will be further updates from the ECB along the lines of the pathway to return to cricket that was in place last year. Please pay particular attention to what we are and are not allowed to do with regard to nets, training and pre-season matches. You don't want to be the club that's quoted as the reason why things are being tightened again.

Cups

The cup draws have been made and are published on the website. Click on the fixtures tab and the first item on the list is Cups. Whilst the committee fully understands the reasons some clubs were

unable to enter, we are enormously encouraged by the support you have shown for the competitions and we will have some 60+ teams competing this year.

For those unused to playing in these, make sure that you make contact with your opposition in advance. The cups regs and playing rules can be downloaded from the same page as the draw.

Captain's Meetings and Ball Collection

It looks likely that the Captains' Meetings will have to be held by zoom and we will contact you nearer the time regarding this. Normally we would distribute balls at this meeting, however that seems an unlikely situation so our plan is to get balls to 6 or 7 distribution hubs from which you can collect them. This will happen in mid to late April. In the meantime, if you are returning Hamptons and have not yet done so, please get them to a committee member as soon as possible.

Teas

We did promise more discussion and guidance on this issue (and it has been raised with me a few times in the last few weeks), however it would seem to make sense to wait until we have further information on what, if any, restrictions we are subject to come May. I will update further next time.

REMINDERS

Player Registrations

These are gradually coming in, but still a fair few to come. If you send the xls to this address, we will load it for you but don't worry if you don't see the names on the website for now. We are mid refresh on the website and your data will appear on the new version. If you have input directly to the website, your data will be automatically transferred across.

Remember that all pre-season registrations are FOC, but after the 30th April, they will cost you £2 per player. You've got 2 months!

Photos for the website

If you would like a photo of your club on your profile on the website, please forward to this address and we will upload for you. When the new website is launched, you will be able to do this yourselves.

Umpires Nominations

Keep them coming please!



That's it for now. As always, I will publish this update on the CCL website so feel free to point your club members there. Hope your preparations are going well.

Ian Murdoch
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Cherwell Cricket League