



# General Meeting 2024

The General Meeting of the League will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

By zoom video conference, commencing at 7.30pm

## Agenda

- Minutes of the 2023 AGM
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Confirmation of Officers and Management Committee. There being less candidates than available positions, an election is not required, and the committee is appointed as written in Appendix 1
- Proposed changes to the playing rules and or constitution (see Appendix 2)
- Election of clubs to the League (see Appendix 3)
- AOB if received and at the Chairman's discretion

## Appendix 1

### Committee Nominations for 2025

Candidate	Position	Nominating club	Seconding club
David Warner	Chairman	Freeland	Shipton u Wychwood
Lesley Pykett	Treasurer	Gt & Little Tew	Stokenchurch
Ian Murdoch	Secretary	Bledlow Ridge	Waddesdon
Neilson Hinks	Vice Chair	Bledlow Village	Ox & Bl Nondescripts
David Grashoff	Member	Brackley	Westbury
Tom Gubbins	Member	Kingston Bagpuize	Stonesfield
David Hall	Member	Didcot	Gt & Little Tew
Jim Howe	Member	Sandford St Martin	Oxford Downs
Owen Lewis	Member	Watlington	Chesterton
Simon Morse	Member	Chalgrove	Dorchester
Gary Murton	Member	Stokenchurch	Westcott
Ian Royle	Member	Steventon	Harwell International
Alex Westbury	Member	Charlbury	Bledlow Ridge

## Appendix 2

There are three proposed changes to the General rules.

Proposal 1 regarding weeks 17 & 18 eligibility.

The committee proposes all reference to weeks 17 & 18 be removed from the Registration Rules and that clauses 5.6 – 5.8 inclusive be removed from the General Rules and replaced by the following.

*5.6) Weeks 17 and 18 eligibility. In weeks 17 and 18 a player is not permitted to play in any division lower than that in which he has played the most games in weeks 1 to 16 inclusive, except that he will be eligible to play in such a lower division so long as he has played in that same division for 4 or more weeks in that time.*

### Clarifications

- i) Games which are abandoned without a ball being bowled, or forfeited before the start of play **are not counted as games played** and cannot be included in the calculation of 'most games' or as one of the required 4 appearances. For a player to be considered as having played in a game, their name must appear on a normally submitted scorecard.*
- ii) If a player has played an equal number of games in two divisions, the higher division will be deemed the most.*
- iii) A player who is eligible to drop down, can only drop one club XI from that in which he has played the most games.*

- iv) *If a player has transferred into the club from another CCL club during the season, games from his previous club will count. In determining eligibility, it is the level that the games were played at rather than the designation of the club XI that is relevant.*
- v) *For the purposes of this rule, any matches played in the HCPCL (for any club, including TVCL clubs), will be deemed to have been played in a division higher than CCL1.*

*Note: The object of rule 5.6 is to prevent clubs in weeks 17 and 18 from using players from higher divisions to unduly influence promotion and relegation issues of lower divisions in which they would not normally play and to continue to promote The Spirit of Cricket.*

*It is recognised however that there may be occasions where exceptional circumstances (e.g. a significant absence through injury) may impact on a player's eligibility. In such cases, an exemption to the rule may be requested by application to the Registration Secretary, League Secretary or their nominated deputy, stating clearly why the club is requesting it. Any such request must be received by 12.30pm on the Thursday before the match and you must have confirmation from one of the aforementioned before the player can be deemed eligible. Exemptions will not be granted 'after the fact'. NB. Poor form is not considered an exceptional circumstance.*

*If a team is deemed to have played a player who is ineligible under the provisions of this rule for any reason, the match will be awarded to the opposition who will be awarded 25 points (26 where an umpire's point is available) and the offending team will receive 0 points.*

#### Proposal 2 regarding the supply of umpires

The committee proposes that all clubs with a team in the Home Counties Premier Cricket League are required to supply a panel umpire to the CCL for their HCPCL team each week in addition to those they are required to provide for teams in Tiers 1-4. The nominated umpire(s) must meet the expectations set out in 6.2.

if the panel umpire provided for the HCPCL team is appointed to the HCPCL panel this fulfils the club's requirements outlined above.

If a club fails to provide the required number of umpires, they will be subject to a 5 match-point penalty for each umpire not provided, with the lowest ranked team requiring an umpire penalised first.

The changes required to enact this policy are to pts 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5 and are shown in red below.

6.2) Panel Umpires. **ALL Cherwell Cricket League teams in HCPCL or CCL Tiers 1-4** must nominate, for each week of the season, an umpire who has full DBS clearance, has taken part in a recognised ECB ACO training course to stage 2 (or equivalent) and be at least capable of umpiring at this level.

6.4) Failure to Nominate to the Panel. Failure to nominate an umpire for any week of the season will result in a 5-point deduction on each occasion. **Any such penalty will be applied to the club's lowest ranked team required to provide an umpire first.**

If an umpire subsequently drops out of a date that he has been nominated for, it is the nominating club's responsibility to name a replacement, regardless of whether he has an actual appointment or is on "Stand by".

6.5) CCL panel umpires appointed to the HCPCL panel shall count as if they were standing on the CCL panel for the purpose of determining the number of umpires provided by the club in a given week

#### Proposal 3 regarding payments for single umpires

The committee proposes that where a single umpire stands, he shall stand at both ends and receive a total payment of £70 (seventy pounds), which will be made up of £55 from the team that did not supply an umpire (or nominate one to the panel) and £15 from the team that did.

#### Appendix 3

Seven clubs have applied to be elected to the Cherwell League for 2025. The League Management Committee has performed the due diligence of ground inspections, financial audits and examination of club constitutions and deems the applications to be competent to proceed. The clubs are nominated and seconded as follows and the committee is supportive of these applications.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Aylesbury Town	Haddenham	Waddesdon
Bradenham	Bledlow Village	Thame Town
Frieth	Stokenchurch	East Oxford
Garsington Cricket & Social Club	E & W Hendred	Tiddington
Gawcott & Hillesden	Twyford	Buckingham
Ivinghoe & Pitstone	Waddesdon	Leighton Buzzard
Silverstone	Brackley	Marston St Lawrence