

VILLAGE CRICKET LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES 2009

FRAMEWORK:

A League match will consist of **40 OVERS** for each side.

BATTING:

One point will be awarded for 75 runs scored and one further point for every 25 runs scored thereafter up to 175 runs. (**MAXIMUM BATTING POINTS - FIVE**). A team batting second may however accrue batting points using an agreed sliding scale, if their opponents fail to score 175 runs.

BOWLING:

No bowler may bowl more than **EIGHT OVERS** in an innings. One point will be awarded for every two wickets taken in the innings (**MAXIMUM BOWLING POINTS - FIVE**).

RESULT:

TEN POINTS will be awarded to the winning team (i.e the team who has scored the most runs).

TIED MATCHES:

If a match is tied (the scores are the same), **FIVE POINTS** will be awarded to each team plus the appropriate **BATTING** and **BOWLING** points.

MATCH RESULTS:

HOME TEAMS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND RESULTS BY E-MAIL, TEXT OR TELEPHONE WITH APPROPRIATE DETAILS (BATTING - 40 runs plus and BOWLING - 4 wickets plus or any other relevant information) BY 8-30 PM ON SUNDAY EVENING. THIS WILL ENABLE THE CHAIR TO INFORM NEWSPAPER COPY OF MATCH RESULTS IN TIME FOR BOTH MONDAY MORNING AND WEEKLY EDITIONS. MOBILE: 07971174120 - CALL/MESSAGE/TEXT or E-MAIL: keith@baggypoint.plus.com

ABANDONED MATCHES:

If a match is abandoned due to inclement weather, no points will be awarded. Every match must consist of **FORTY OVERS**.

CANCELLED MATCHES:

When notifying opponents that a match is to be 'called off', a message left on an answering machine is **not** acceptable.

If a fixture is threatened because of inclement weather, contact must be made by **NOON** of the match day. It is the responsibility of the **HOME** team to contact the visitors to indicate the prospects of play.

WHEN A MATCH IS TO BE CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN INCLEMENT WEATHER (E. G. SHORTAGE OF PLAYERS ETC), SUCH NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN NOT LATER THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS BEFORE THE MATCH IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE. IF A TEAM CANCELS A FIXTURE IN THIS RESPECT, THE OPPOSING TEAM WILL BE AWARDED FIVE BONUS POINTS.

MATCH VENUE:

When a fixture is to be cancelled because of inclement weather or an unsuitable ground, the fixture may be transferred to the ground of the opposition if the respective captains agree to this arrangement.

AVERAGE SYSTEM:

THE NUMBER OF POINTS GAINED FROM THE MATCHES PLAYED WILL BE DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF GAMES ACTUALLY PLAYED TO GIVE AN AVERAGE SCORE. A team failing to field a team for a game will be counted as having played the match and their opponents as not having played the match.

FIXTURES:

Each team will play a 'home' and 'away' match with each of the other teams in the division. The 'home' team will provide a new match ball.

PLAYER REGISTRATION:

A player will be allowed to play for only one team in the league during the season.

REGISTRATION FEE:

The Annual Registration Fee is £30 and is to be paid before the end of May. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Village Cricket League'.

SPIRIT OF THE GAME:

THE VILLAGE CRICKET LEAGUE ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBERS TO PLAY MATCHES COMPETITIVELY WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF VILLAGE CRICKET AND WITH A PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP THE TALENT OF YOUNG CRICKETERS. THE LEAGUE ALSO BELIEVES CRICKET SHOULD BE PLAYED NOT ONLY WITHIN ITS LAWS BUT ALSO WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME. THIS INVOLVES RESPECT FOR OPPONENTS AND UMPIRES AND PLACES A RESPONSIBILITY ON TEAM CAPTAINS TO PROMOTE FAIR PLAY.

START OF MATCHES:

MATCHES WILL START AT 2 P.M THROUGHOUT THE SEASON EXCEPT IN SEPTEMBER WHEN THE START WILL BE AT 1-30 P.M.
The toss for the match will take place 15 minutes before the scheduled start, and a team failing to adhere to this rule, will forfeit the toss.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION:-

TWO CLUBS TO BE PROMOTED AND RELEGATED FROM EACH DIVISION.

If there is anything further you wish to have clarified, please let me know (07971174120 / e-mail).

Take care.

Keith Davis (Chair).