

BARNSTAPLE.
APRIL 2009

Dear League Member,

I wish to share two issues with you: _

- **'SENIOR' PLAYERS**

Last season some concern was expressed about the involvement of 'senior' players in some teams (only a few), in the Village Cricket League.

In line with views widely expressed at the Annual General Meeting of the Village Cricket League, I feel that our league is NOT an appropriate arena for established WEST OF ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE players or PLAYERS OF A SIMILAR STANDARD unless they meet the young cricketers / development ethos of the Village Cricket League i.e are under 19 years of age.

I REQUEST THAT LEAGUE MEMBERS ADHERE TO THIS RULE.

It has been further agreed that overseas players (non UK passport holders) should not participate in the league.

I REQUEST THAT THE 'RULE' REGARDING OVERSEAS PLAYERS BE RESPECTED.

- **SPIRIT OF THE GAME**

The Village Cricket League has traditionally encouraged its members to play matches in the 'spirit of village cricket' with a particular responsibility to develop the talent of young cricketers. Throughout its history, the league has maintained that cricket should be played competitively not only within its laws but also within the spirit of the game.

I REQUEST THAT TEAM CAPTAINS / MANAGERS ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER.

Many thanks.

KMD