

**Leicestershire & Rutland ACO
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Held at Electricity Sports, Leicester**

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm on 27th August 2014

Present

Gordon Hubbard (GH) in the chair, Dick Spiers (DS), Keith Towers (KT), Colin Samuels (CS), Dick Whateley-Knight (RWK), Chris Day (CD), Ian Armitage (IA), Simon Clark (SC) Bob Sizer (BS), Graham Pickering (GP) and Chris Johnson (CJ)

Apologies

Phil Palfreyman (PP), Alan Pearce (AP), and John Edmonds (JE)

Minutes of last meeting

Approved, then signed by GH

Matters Arising

Oakham Cricket Club is the venue for the ECB ACO East Midlands Officers meeting which will be held on 9th November 2014.

GH reminded the meeting that the ECB ACO Midland Regional Forum would be held on 1st November, at the National College Nottingham.

L&RCL Playing Regulations – suggested alterations

A discussion took place where the suggested alterations to L&RCL playing regulations, made by the L&RCL Umpires Committee, were reviewed. A copy of these suggested alterations are at Annex A. The committee agreed with the suggested alterations, and mandated GH to present them to the L&RCL Management Committee meeting on 22nd September.

Education program for 2014-2015

CJ presented the education program for the up-coming winter season. A copy of which is at Annex B.

Winter monthly meetings

GH requested that the meeting thought about subjects for the winter monthly meetings.

One idea was for Paul Rodgers to inform us on the Duckworth/Lewis system

CJ suggested that part of the meeting could be put over to Law/Regulation refresher courses.

Expenses

The committee agreed that Assessor Expenses should be £45.

Mileage payments for officers attending meetings should be £0.40 per mile.

Mileage payments for tutors attending courses should be £0.40 per mile.

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GH informed the meeting that the L&R Cricket Limited had merged with LCCC, and he was arranging a meeting with Ged McDougall to ascertain how that may affect L&R ACO.

SC told the meeting that he did not intend to stand for re-election as Scorers Officer, at the AGM, but Scott Fraser, a qualified scorer, was willing to undertake this arduous role. The meeting agreed to invite Scott to any further committee meeting which may take place before the AGM. SC further informed the meeting that both Scott and Kev Gerrard were trying to take the scorers tutors course.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9:50 PM

Signed as a true and accurate record



G Hubbard

Chairman

6th October 2014

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ANNEX A

Proposed Amendments to L&RCL Playing Conditions

Recommended by L&RCL Umpires Panel Committee – September 2014

17. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- i) Notwithstanding the above, any player reported by ~~a neutral~~ the officially appointed match Umpire(s) ~~of from~~ the League's ~~official~~ Umpire's Panel for using abusive language or for general bad behaviour will receive an automatic suspension of ~~three~~ five league matches starting the following week with no right of appeal. Longer suspensions can be imposed for very serious incidents through the League's disciplinary procedures.
- j) In any circumstance where a player has been reported by the match Umpire(s) for any offence and duly informed on the day, and who does not wish to challenge the situation, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee of the League will have the power to enforce the appropriate punishment subject to ECB guidelines without holding a formal hearing.
- k) Copies of disciplinary reports must be sent to both the L&RCL Secretary and Discipline Secretary. Any match umpire intending to submit a disciplinary report must inform the Captains of ~~the both~~ teams ~~concerned~~ before leaving the ground. ~~Copies of umpires' reports must also be sent to the Secretary and Discipline Secretary.~~
- l) Teams who re-offend may have umpires allocated to their matches at their cost (and not of their opposition).

21. UMPIRES

- a) All ~~neutral~~ Umpires on the ~~League's official~~ L&RCL Umpires panel will be members of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials and ~~new~~ any additional entrants will have passed the Level 1 examination of that Association (or its equivalent). ~~Whenever possible, neutral~~ Only Umpires drawn from the League's official Umpires Panel shall be appointed to officiate in all matches.
- b) Each Umpire shall be entitled to an expenses payment of £35.00 [£5 extra for Premier Division games] (or the sum determined by the League Management Committee) for each game at which he/she officiates, such expenses to be borne equally by the two clubs concerned and to be paid to the Umpires ~~within 15 minutes after the end of the match~~ by the end of the tea interval at the latest.
- c) In the event of there being only one appointed ~~neutral~~ L&RCL Umpire present, he/she shall officiate at the bowler's end throughout and a player from the batting side, or such other person as shall be agreed by both Captains, shall carry out the duties of the ~~square leg~~ striker's end

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Umpire. The expenses due to the appointed neutral Umpire shall be £52 one and a half the amount of the expenses stated in (b) above, to be borne equally by both clubs.

d) If a match is abandoned after play has commenced, the full expenses due to the officially appointed match Umpire(s) present shall be paid.

e) In the event of a match being cancelled or abandoned after the Umpire(s) have arrived at the ground, half of the due expenses shall be paid to the Umpire(s) present, to be borne equally by the two clubs.

f) In the event of a match being re-arranged or cancelled and the L&RCL appointed umpire(s) are not informed and they travel to the ground, half of the due expenses shall be paid to the Umpire(s) present, to be borne by the home club.

f) g) In the event of neutral L&RCL Panel Umpires not being available in matches, each team shall provide a competent individual to umpire, subject to clause (i) below. If only one team provides an Umpire, he/she shall stand throughout the match (if available) and may, with the agreement of both Captains, stand at the bowler's end throughout. If Captains disagree then the player provided by the batting side shall be entitled to officiate at the bowler's end for alternate overs. On such occasions when neither side provides an Umpire, players from the batting side shall carry out the full duties of Umpires.

g) h) The Umpires-L&RACO appointed Appointments Secretary(ies) shall be responsible for arranging all umpiring duties- appointments and for giving member clubs adequate notice of umpiring appointments.

h) i) For all matches where a panel on L&RCL-Umpire has been appointed, clubs must submit Umpire marks no later than 7 days after the match has been played, otherwise a fine of £10.00 will be levied. These Umpire marks shall be input online onto the League website **www.landrl.net**.

i) j) All Umpires must be 16- 18 years of age or older. This applies even if the person stands at the striker's end for every over.

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22. SCORERS

a) Each team in Division 1 shall provide a competent scorer for all league matches. Any default will be reported by the [Match Umpire\(s\)](#) to ~~the opposing Captain~~ [League Secretary](#) and result in a deduction

of 3 points. Each team in all other divisions shall provide a competent scorer wherever possible. If a team cannot provide a competent scorer, their Captain will provide a team list to the opposition scorer before play commences, and assist as much as possible with a batting order and notification of bowling changes.

b) Scorers shall compare records at the end of each innings to ensure accuracy.

c) Any discrepancy discovered after ~~stumps have been drawn~~ [the match umpires have called time](#) and materially affecting the result shall be reported to the Committee through the Tier Representative.

25. HOURS OF PLAY

a) All matches, weather permitting, will begin at:

1:30pm - From the start of the season up to and including 16th August,

1:00pm - For the last two games in August,

12:30pm - For matches in September

b) The toss shall be made by the Captains, or their representatives, [in the presence of the Match Umpire\(s\)](#) not later than 15

minutes before the official starting time. A team shall lose the right to toss if the Captain, or his representative, together with six other players are not available by the designated time.

The [Match Umpire\(s\)](#) shall be notified accordingly and the offending side shall be deemed to have lost the toss.

c) Teams responsible for failure to achieve a prompt start shall be reported to the Secretary by the [Match Umpires](#) and/or opposing Captain, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £30.00, after consideration by the Management Committee.

d) In a game not affected by inclement weather the tea interval shall be of ~~20-30~~ minutes duration and shall be taken between innings, except when an innings closes in 35 overs or less. In these circumstances, an interval of 10 minutes shall be taken between innings and a ~~20-30~~ minute tea interval shall be taken after 45 overs. In a game affected by inclement weather, the tea interval may be taken at any time to maximise potential playing time (subject to agreement between [the Match Umpires](#) and both Captains).

e) Teams are required to bowl their 45 overs in 2 hours ~~50-45~~ minutes or less. If this limit is exceeded in any innings (except rain affected innings) one point shall be deducted from the bowling side for each over commenced after the 2 hours ~~50-45~~ minutes has elapsed. If an

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innings exceeds 45 overs, or in the case of a rain affected match of less than 45 overs, the time ~~allowed~~ calculated shall be ~~extended by at~~ 3½ minutes for every ~~additional~~ available over. The Umpires shall make allowances for all delays including injury, illness, lost balls and drinks breaks. Any innings exceeding the time limit ~~(except for rain affected innings)~~ shall be reported by the Match Umpire(s) to the offending Captain, stating the number of overs late, at the end of the innings. The matter shall then be reported within 3 days to the Umpires Appointments L&RCL Secretary by the Match Umpire(s) stating the starting and finishing time of each innings and how many overs were late

26. DURATION OF PLAY

- a) Each game shall be of 90 six-ball overs.
- b) The first batting side shall not bat for more than 45 overs.
- c) If the first batting side is dismissed or declares in less than 45 overs the second innings will consist of the remaining number of complete overs unless a win is achieved first.
- d) A game shall not start unless both teams are able to receive a minimum of 20 overs each and in such circumstances the game will be abandoned without play.
- e) In matches where the start is delayed or play is interrupted (typically due to adverse weather conditions), the object shall always be to re-arrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. For every 7 minutes lost through delay, either at the beginning of the match or during the first innings, 1 over shall be deducted from the 45 overs available for each team's innings. For every 3 ½ minutes lost during the second innings, one over shall be deducted from the total allocated to the team batting second. Each delay will be treated separately and breaks will not be accumulated.
- f) In the second innings of an interrupted game, when an interruption in play is in progress, but the scheduled finish time has not been reached, should the playing conditions improve and the match umpire(s) say it is fit to resume play, even if the minimum number of overs to constitute a game cannot now be achieved, play will resume unless both captains agree to abandon the game at that point.

31. BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

- a) No bowler shall deliver the ball underarm.
- b) Any delivery, regardless of its pace, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height on the striker standing upright at the crease shall be called and signalled as a No Ball by the Umpire at the bowler's end, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.

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c) No bowler shall bowl more than 25% (rounded up) of the total overs. Therefore a maximum of 12 overs per bowler is allowed for a standard 45 over innings ~~and a maximum of 10 overs per bowler is allowed if an innings is reduced to 39 overs due to, say, weather interruptions.~~ If an innings is interrupted by, say the weather and upon the restart a bowler is then found to have already exceeded his/her allocation, he/she shall be permitted to complete any over that was in progress at the break in play.

In the event of the second innings being affected by weather interruptions and thus fewer overs being bowled than in the first innings, the maximum number of overs per bowler in the second innings shall be the same as the maximum number of overs allowed per bowler in the first innings.

d) Where the team batting first declares or is bowled out before their full allocation of overs has been completed this may lead to the second innings exceeding 45 overs. In these circumstances the 25% allocation will be based upon the total number of overs due to be bowled in the second innings, however, no bowler shall exceed the standard limit (ie. 12 overs for an uninterrupted 45 over game ~~or 10 overs for a 39 over game~~) until the standard number of overs have been bowled. Once 45 overs have been bowled any bowler who has completed his 12 overs (or maximum allowed if this has been reduced because of a rain affected game) may bowl a further over(s) but not to exceed 25% of the total overs to be bowled in this innings. (nb. in rain affected games the standard number of overs may be less than 45 if time has been lost in the first innings).

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ANNEX B

Proposed Educational Programme for Winter 2014 -15

Level 1A Course 6 weeks from 5th November to 10th December cost £35

Level 1 Course 13 weeks Wednesday evenings from 7th January to 1st April cost £80
ACO membership at £20 – Total cost £100

Level 1 Course 4 Saturdays 10am to 4pm from 7th to 28th February cost £80
ACO membership at £20 – Total cost £100

Venue for all courses – Illingworth Suite at LCCC Grace Road