

**L & RCL Umpires  
Minutes of Meeting  
Held at Electricity Sports, Leicester**

**Meeting** commenced at 7.30 pm on 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Present:**

**Chairman:** Gordon Hubbard (GH)

**Members:** Lawrie Anthony, Reza Armer, Michael Bailey, David Barnett, Philip Barston, Peter Bates, Paul Bearpark, John Bleby, Phil Bowley, John Bown, Alan Brightwell, Peter Brotherhood, Julian Cartwright, Michael Challands, Virsen Chauhan, Kirankumar Chavda, Simon Clark, Trevor Colver, Brian Cornes, William Cousins, Anthony Cox, Terry Crockett, Ivor Davies, Christopher Day, Maurice Deacon, Graham Dexter, Melvyn Dines, John Edmonds, Geoffrey Farmer, Geoffrey Foldys, Alan Gates, Kevin Giles, David Goodacre, Robert Gunn, Shashikant Guray, Carl Gurney, Andy Hall, Peter Hammond, Eric Hanson, John Harrop, Michael Hawes, Michael Hextall, Stephen Horner, Paul Illingworth, Bob Inchley, Christopher Johnson, Ray Jones, Alan Jordan, Derek Jordan, David Mackey, David Marsh, Lloyd Miller, Peter Mustin, Atul Patel, Mahendra Patel, Kishor Patel, Alan Pearce, Derek Pearson, Dan Pedley, David Perry, Peter Pickard, Graham Pickering, Greg Polkey, Graham Pratt, John Punchard, Mohammad Rahaman, John Redwood, Amer Reza, Brian Riddle, SM SAifuddin, Colin Samuels, Andrew Sarratt, Genya Savin, Muhammad Sayf-Al-Deen, Michael Shipman, Robert Sizer, Melvyn Smith, Andrew Smith, Kevin Smyth, Balkrishna Solanki, Alan Sommer, Richard Storer, Hugh Stubbs, Julian Sutherley, Melvyn Swingler, Kevin Talbott, Keith Towers, Colin Trevis, Tony Upton, Rodney Watts, Robin Whait, Paul Whiteman and Dave Whittles

**Apologies**

Ian Armitage, Adrian Cave, Rameez Chenia, Richard Fowkes, Ralph Howe, Chris Lawman, Alex Mofford, Howard Owen, Philip Palfreyman, Neil Palmer and Nick Robinson

**Did not attend**

Derrick Bailey, Narash Parmar and Mahomed Valimahomed

**Welcome and Introduction**

GH opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first pre-season meeting of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League (L&RCL) Umpires Panel. He especially welcomed the 12 new umpires who had just completed their Level 1 course, and wished them well in their new venture. The following persons were introduced to the meeting:  
Colin Samuels (CS) . Secretary L&R ACO  
Kevin Smyth (KS) - Appointments Secretary Tier 1&2  
Mike Challands (MC) - Appointments Secretary Tier 3  
Robin Whait (RW) - Appointments Secretary Tier 4

**League information**

GH then went on to give the meeting an overview of the L&RCL and how umpires would be allocated. He gave a brief description of the ECB ACO banding system and how this had been applied to the league divisions. GH stated that some umpires were not members of ECB ACO, by the start of season 2015 this would change and all appointed umpires would have joined the association. It is hoped that all umpires would have attended a Level 1 course eventually.

GH said that the old Everards league umpire marking system would be employed in the L&RCL and it would be these marks which would be used to assess which band an umpire would be officiating in 2015.

Umpires Expenses, which should not be referred to as fees, were set at £35 per umpire if there are two umpires or £52 (£26 per team) if the umpire was on his/her own)

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All appointments are to be made on the league website (the URL of which is on the front cover of the handbook) and no umpire is to swap an appointment without the Appointment Secretary's approval.

GH stated that the handbook contained all the rules, but highlighted some of them. He also mentioned the 30/30 rule regarding actions to take when lightning is threatening.

GH then handed over to KS who informed the meeting about the following:

There are no major changes to playing conditions other than the 25% bowling restriction is now from Division 1 through to Division 11.

**Umpire Registration/Website**

If you are not registered on the L&RCL website, then go to the website and register as a league official, and send an email to your appointment secretary. If you think that there is an error on the website, then in the first instance contact your appointment secretary who will try to resolve the issue. Only at the very last resort should you contact the web manager (Mark Ward).

**Hours of Play**

Teams are required to complete their innings in 2 hours 50 Minutes (Premier League 3 Hours 5 Minutes), should this be exceeded then this must be reported to the Umpires Appointment Secretary within 3 days (and in the case of the Premier League to the Premier Division Administrator) Please make allowances for all delays such as injury, illness, lost balls and drinks.

**Discipline**

Should you have justifiable cause to submit a report you must use the ECB Discipline Report Form which can be found and downloaded from the L&R ACO website. Please describe the incident as briefly as possible and follow the correct procedures before submitting. (This means that you should inform the player, his captain, the opposing captain and anyone else you feel should be notified before you leave the ground) Put it past your Umpires Appointment Secretary before you submit to the League Discipline Secretary, as last season there were far too many %thrown out+which did not conform.

**Match Balls**

Playing Rule 23 states that the home side will provide all new and spare balls for the 2014 season, however under the Premier Division Playing Conditions both sides will provide the new ball and spares. This has been omitted from the Premier Rules.

**Pitch marks**

All panel umpires are required to submit pitch markings in all divisions within 5 days of the game (and not just Premier Division as written on page 5 of the handbook) and this can be undertaken using the league website. For those umpires who do not have access to the web, then completed forms should be set to their appointment secretaries.

**AOB**

**Umpires Expenses**

KS brought up the matter of Umpires Expenses and stated the following:

In January of this year discussions took place between the ECB and tax accountants from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs regarding umpires/scorers expenses. The advice

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from Lords is that all umpires and scorers should from this season keep records of all payments received for services.

It was stressed that HMRC have neither the manpower or resource's to pursue every ACO officials income but they are pursuing the "givers" not the "takers"

I have a further meeting at Lords tomorrow to discuss a follow up discussion which took place in February. I will keep you all informed on the outcome of this meeting. I do not wish to take questions on this topic until after this meeting.

On the LRCL website there is an article on this Tax subject with reference to Clubs and Coaches.

It was mentioned that some clubs may require umpires to sign saying that they had received their expenses. Under no circumstances are you to sign if it mentions fees, but you should point out to the club that you receive expenses.

**Premier League Appointments**

KS pointed out to the meeting that there were a few games in the premier league where only one umpire had been appointed. This was caused by several umpires from last year's premiership panel resigning from the umpiresqlist. He stated that these would be populated nearer the time.

**Appointments to Leicestershire Young Cricketers**

Keith Towers told the meeting that all expense claims from umpires who had officiated in Leicestershire Young Cricketers matches must be submitted using the correct form.

**Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) (the old CRB)**

CS, acting in his capacity as L&R ACO Membership Services Officer, informed the meeting that under no circumstances were members to accept appointments if they did not have a current DBS certificate. He further stated that it was incumbent upon the appointment secretaries to ensure that all the members they appointed did have a current DBS certificate.

Simon Clark, the L&R ACO Scorers Officer, added that scorers should also have a current DBS and they should make sure that if they were partnered with a minor, then another adult was present at all times, or they placed themselves in a public place versus a distant score box.

**Appointments to Leicestershire Youth League**

Dan Pedley requested that if anyone present wished to umpire in the Leicester Youth League, could they please contact him.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9-00 pm

Signed as a true and accurate record



G Hubbard  
Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014