

## **CRITERIA FOR APPLYING TO JOIN THE CHERWELL CRICKET LEAGUE**

Set out below are the criteria that any club who wishes to apply for membership of the Cherwell Cricket League (CCL) must meet before their application can be considered by the League Management Committee (LMC). Any applications meeting the criteria will be put before the member clubs at a General Meeting for acceptance. At a GM the club applying must receive support from more than 66% of clubs voting.

Note: These criteria apply to clubs joining the Cherwell League as constituted after the amalgamation with the OCA. Clubs joining as part of the amalgamation are subject to the terms of the Agreement between the Leagues.

CJ.1 Ground. Where a club is applying to have a team placed in Tiers 1-5 (top 80 teams) the Club must have its own ground or have a secure long term lease on a ground which will allow fixtures to be played on any Saturday designated by the League during the months of May, June, July, August and September\*.

CJ.2 Clubs with teams entering below Tier 5 must satisfy the LMC that they have the ability to secure a consistent home venue that satisfies the CCL ground standards for the tier in which they play for all (or the vast majority) of the season. Ideally this will be the same ground for all fixtures.

Note: In the lower tiers, the League Management Committee accepts that there may be occasional difficulties with obtaining facilities on specific weeks. If requests are made to the LMC in a timely fashion, they will be accommodated as far as is possible. If for any reason the LMC is unable to accommodate the request, the responsibility for finding a ground lies with the home club.

CJ.3 Facilities. The Club's facilities and ground must comply with the standards that are applicable to their level of entry, as laid out in the ground standards template/below. The applicant Club should be aware that if their facilities and ground standards do not meet the requirements of the tier above them, they may, at the LMC's sole discretion, be denied promotion until such time as they can satisfy the LMC that the required standards will be met.

CJ.4 Performance. The Club applying must satisfy the LMC that they are capable of playing to the required standard for the tier at which they would be entered into the League. The prevailing factor in this decision will be the Club's performance in the League in which they were previously playing. The decision for the level of entry lies solely with the LMC and there is no right of appeal against this decision. This applies equally to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or other teams in the Club.

CJ.5 Accounts. The Club must supply the League with approved accounts for the two seasons prior to it applying for membership a copy of their club constitution and a copy of in place insurance.

CJ.6 Application. The Club's application must be supported by two current CCL clubs.

CJ.7 Umpires. Any club that is elected to join the Cherwell Cricket League must be capable of supplying an umpire who meets the standards required by the League to officiate on the League Umpires' Panel if they are placed in a division where this is a league rule.

CJ.8 Communication. The club must provide an active and monitored email address which will be the main method the League uses for general communications.

CJ.9 Applicant clubs must be affiliated to the ECB via their relevant County Board.

\* The CCL season typically runs from the second Saturday in May to the first Saturday in September inclusive.