



## General Meeting 2022

The General Meeting of the League will be held on Thursday 24th November 2022

By Zoom video conference, commencing at 7.30pm

Note: To ensure accurate measurement of clubs' voting, the votes (items marked WV) will be conducted on the website. The platform will open at the same time as the meeting and will close at 7.30pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Clubs will be informed of the results as soon after as possible. To cast their votes, clubs will need to log on to their club page and they will be guided from there.

### Agenda

- Minutes of 2021 AGM.
- Chairman's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Confirmation of Officers and Management Committee. There being less candidates than available positions, an election is not required, and the committee is appointed as written in Appendix 1.
- Election of clubs to the League.

The following two clubs are required to be re-elected to the League under the terms of Rule 3.4 (Failure to fulfil fixtures). The League Management Committee supports their re-election. (WV)

Chadlington CC                      Proposed by    **Stonesfield**                      Seconded by    **Charlbury**

Marcham CC                        Proposed by    **Ox Downs**                        Seconded by    **Sunningwell**

Haddenham CC have applied to be elected to the CCL for 2023. The League Management Committee has performed the 'due diligence' of ground inspection, financial audit and examination of club constitution and deems the application to be competent to proceed. Haddenham CC are nominated by **Thame CC** and seconded by **Tiddington CC**. The League Management Committee supports this nomination. (WV)

- Proposed changes to playing rules or Constitution see Appendix 2. (WV)
- AOB if received and at Chairman's Discretion.

#### Appendix 1.

#### Nominations for the League Management Committee

Candidate	Position	Nominating Club	Seconding Club
Brian Standish	Chair	Banbury	Witney Swifts
Ian Murdoch	Secretary	Bledlow Ridge	Dinton
Lesley Pykett	Treasurer	Tiddington	Shipton u Wych
David Warner	Vice Chair	Kingston Bagpuize	Freeland
David Beck	Member	Cropredy	Horspath
David Grashoff	Member	Brackley	Westbury
Neilson Hinks	Member	Bledlow Village	Gt Brickhill
Jim Howe	Member	Sandford St Martin	Oxford Downs
Owen Lewis	Member	Tiddington	Bledlow Ridge
Michael Lowe	Member	Brackley	Kingston Bagpuize
Gary Murton	Member	Stokenchurch	Westcott
Ian Royle	Member	Steventon	E & W Hendred
David Quinn	Member	Wolvercote	Risinghurst
Alex Westbury	Member	Charlbury	Bledlow Ridge
Vacant			
Rosie Tubb	Safeguarding Officer	Appointed member	

There is 1 vacancy on committee. Any person interested in filling this role should in the first instance, contact the League Secretary.

#### Appendix 2.

#### There is one proposed change to the Constitution.

The committee proposes that the League's financial year end be moved from the 31<sup>st</sup> October to the 30<sup>th</sup> September in order to ensure that there is sufficient time to prepare draft accounts for the General Meeting. This will require point 6.a(ii) to be amended to read.

(ii) To receive details of and approve The League's accounts for the year ending **30<sup>th</sup> September**.  
*[Emphasis added for clarity]*

The following amendments to the general and playing rules are proposed by the committee for the meeting's consideration:

Proposal 1.

The committee proposes that Rule 3.1 of the General Rules be amended to read

3.1 Forfeits. Teams forfeiting before ***5pm on the Friday*** preceding the fixture will be fined £50 and deducted five points. Both the opposing captain and the League Secretary must be informed by email and/or a telephone call before the deadline time. In the event of a team forfeiting a match after 5pm on the Friday preceding the fixture, the club will be fined **£50** and the team deducted ten points. Fines will be paid to the League and passed on to the opponents of the teams who forfeited the fixture. The forfeited match must always be the match in the division in which the club's lowest ranked team plays (i.e., the team designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> XI). *[emphasis added for clarity]*

Consequence and Rationale.

The deadline for a 5 point forfeit is extended an extra day to give teams more time to raise a side. The fine for forfeit will be £50 regardless of when the game is forfeited.

Proposal 2.

The committee proposes that Rule 3.3 of the General Rules be amended to read

3.3 Fewer than 11 Players. The minimum number of players in a club's lowest ranked team will be ***eight***; any team fielding fewer than ***eight*** players will be deemed to have forfeited the match. The match will be awarded to their opponents and the subsequent penalties as shown in 3.1 may be imposed. With the agreement of their opponents the match can be played as a friendly. Should both teams have fewer than ***eight*** players neither team will receive any points and the match will be cancelled and the penalties as shown in 3.1 above may be imposed upon both teams.

3.3a Late arrival of Players. Should a team have less than eight players at the scheduled start time but believe that they have player(s) en route, no play will take place until they have eight players in attendance (with the consequent loss of overs from the offending side's batting allocation) OR, and at the sole discretion of the opposing captain, the opposing side can claim the toss (even if the toss has already taken place and the offending side had won it) and begin the match. In this case, there is no reduction to the offending side's overs. The late arriving players will be subject to penalty time in accordance with Law 24.2. If the offending side do not have eight players one hour after the scheduled start time, the game is deemed forfeit but can continue as a friendly.

3.3b Players arriving late to a match that has started. A player arriving late to a match (in any division) can take part in the match providing they arrive and are ready to enter the field of play within one hour of the scheduled start of the match. Once on the field of play, they will be required to serve penalty time in accordance with Law 24.2. Players arriving after this, will not be allowed to participate in the match in any capacity other than as substitute fielder, and only then if a fielder who started the match is removed from the field. The late arriving player's team will be deemed to

have played with the number of players who were on the pitch or in attendance at the match one hour after the scheduled start time and may be subject to the penalties described in 3.2. Starting a game with a substitute fielder is not permitted in the Cherwell League. If a team starts with 11, those are the 11 players in the match and any players arriving after the scheduled start time are not eligible to play. *[emphasis added for clarity. 3.3a and 3.3b are additional]*

Consequence and Rationale

Allowing teams to play with 8 rather than 9 will enable more games to go ahead. 3a and 3b add clarification to the rules around less than 11 players.

Proposal 3.

The committee proposes that Rule 6.2 of the General Rules be amended to read

6.2 Panel Umpires. ALL teams in ***Tiers 1-4*** must nominate, for each week of the season, an umpire who has full DBS clearance, has taken part in a recognised ECB ACO training course to stage 2 (or equivalent) and be at least capable of umpiring at this level. *[emphasis added for clarity]*

Consequence and Rationale.

Panel umpires would now be required in all divisions from tiers 1 to 4. This is in response to comments made on reports and at the forums.

Proposal 4.

The committee proposes that in the event that Proposal 3 is passed by the meeting, clause 6.7a be amended to read as below and will replace the current clause 6.7

6.7 Teams in Tiers 5 - 8 may nominate an umpire to the panel or a 'Club Umpire' and will receive 1 bonus point for doing so. A Club Umpire is defined as a non-playing umpire who stands for the entirety of the match. They must be qualified to at least Stage 1 (or equivalent), DBS cleared and capable of umpiring at the level of the match. Teams can only receive 1 bonus point per week irrespective of how many umpires they nominate. If a club nominates or provides fewer umpires than it has teams in Tiers 5 - 8, the point(s) will go automatically to the highest ranked team(s).

If a team receives two or more adverse reports regarding their Club Umpire(s) (it need not be the same individual), the League Management Committee reserves the right to appoint a panel umpire to officiate future matches for the team, to whom the team will be required to pay the standard umpires' fee. In such a case, the club will only receive the bonus point if they nominate an umpire to the panel.

Consequence and Rationale.

This proposal clarifies the definition of a club umpire and gives the LMC powers of redress should clubs be providing umpires not suitable for the level of the match.

#### Proposal 5.

The committee proposes that Rule 6.8 of the General Rules be amended to read

6.8 Only One Umpire. If only one umpire is provided, whether panel or club, then that umpire shall stand at the bowler's end throughout the match. A panel umpire should be paid a match fee of £60 (£30 from each club). Club Umpires will make their own arrangement with their own club but be entitled to a match fee ***contribution of £30*** from the other club. If a club provides a Club Umpire to stand in a match, with a panel umpire or with another Club Umpire, the other club cannot object to this umpire on the day of the match. This rule applies in all divisions. *[emphasis added for clarity]*

Consequence and Rationale.

Teams failing to provide an umpire, either at club level or to the panel will all now be required to pay the same contribution to a single umpire in all divisions, whatever the status of the umpire.

#### Proposal 6.

The committee proposes that Rule 6.11 in the General Rules be amended to read

6.11 ***Scorers in Tiers 1-4. In Tiers 1-4*** it is the responsibility of each club to provide a competent scorer who is not otherwise participating in the match and is available throughout. Umpires will be asked to inform the League on the official League Report Form that this rule has been complied with. Failure to comply will result in the offending Club(s) being deducted ***two*** points. *[emphasis added for clarity]*

Consequence and Rationale.

The scorer requirements for Tier 4 are now harmonised with Tiers 1-3 and the penalty for not producing a scorer reduced from 5 points to 2 points. If passed, this will require the removal of the current 6.12, to be replaced by the current 6.13.