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SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Constitution, Rules and Regulations

THE CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be called "The South Wales Cricket Association".
2. Membership of the Association shall imply agreement by every Club and its Players, officials and Members to abide by the Association's Constitution and Rules and to accept the jurisdiction of the Management Committee and its Sub Committees.
3. Officers
 - a. The Officers of the Association shall be the President, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Solicitor, and the Honorary Assistant Secretary.
 - b. The election of the Officers shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Management Committee
 - a. The entire management of the Association shall be vested in a Management Committee consisting of
 - i. the Officers.
 - ii. the Umpires' Administrator.
 - iii. the Team Manager.
 - iv. the League Safeguarding Officer.
 - v. the Social Media Officer
 - vi. Life Members.
 - vii. Eight representatives elected by the Clubs, provided that no more than one such representative may be a member of the same club.
 - viii. One representative from the Association's South Wales Premier Cricket League (SWPCL) clubs.
 - ix. The Management Committee shall have power to co-opt a member or members to the Management Committee and any such co-opted member shall be entitled to vote in any meeting.
 - b. The Management Committee shall meet on such occasions as a meeting may be called by the Chairman or the Honorary Secretary and six shall be a quorum.
 - c. The affairs of the Association in all matters not by this constitution reserved for the Association in General Meeting shall be managed by the Management Committee or by such Sub-Committees as it may appoint.
 - d. All Officers of the Association are ex-officio members of all Sub- Committees.
 - e. The Management Committee shall nominate two of its members to represent the Association on the Management Committee of the SWPCL, one of whom shall be the SWPCL representative referred to in clause 4 (a) (viii).
 - f. The Management Committee shall have the power
 - i. to appoint the Umpires' Administrator, the Team Manager, the League Safeguarding Officer and the Social Media Officer.
 - ii. to co-opt a member from any member Club to fill a vacancy on the Management Committee.
 - g. The Chairman and the Honorary Secretary, plus any three members of the Management Committee, may act as an Emergency Committee when necessary.
 - h. Day to day operation of the Association shall be the responsibility of the Chairman and the Honorary Secretary whose decisions shall be subject to ratification at the next Management Committee Meeting.

5. Finances
 - a. The monies and funds of the Association shall be dealt with by and through an account or accounts with HSBC Bank plc or such other Bank as the Management Committee may from time to time approve.
 - b. The accounts shall be in the names of the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer for the time being, and all cheques shall be signed by at least two of them.
 - c. The Association's financial year shall end on 31st October in each year.
 - d. All monies which have become due to the Association may be sued for in the name of the Honorary Secretary.
6. Subscriptions
 - a. Clubs elected to membership of the Association shall pay an Annual subscription of such sum as is determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
 - b. Each member Club shall purchase no fewer than two tickets for the annual dinner, which will be held on the first Friday in October of each year (when possible).
 - c. The Association shall have the power to raise an annual levy on all member Clubs and the amount of any such levy shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
 - d. All dues must be paid not later than 31st May in each year. Failure to do so will result in the Club being fined £10.
7. General Meetings
 - a. The Annual General Meeting for any year shall be held not later than the second week in January of the following year.
 - b. The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.
 - i. The accounts, which shall have been professionally examined, for the financial year ending on 31st October immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted. A copy of the accounts shall be sent to each member Club at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.
 - ii. Any alteration or revision of this Constitution or the Rules, notice of which must have been sent to the Hon. Secretary at least twenty-eight days before a General Meeting and to Clubs at least fourteen days before a General Meeting. No alteration or revision of this Constitution or the Rules shall be made without a clear majority of those present and voting except in respect of Paragraphs 8 and 13 of the Constitution for which a three quarters majority is required for any alteration or revision.
 - iii. Election of new Clubs to membership - Applications for membership in any season must be received at least 28 days prior to a General Meeting and before 1st March. No application for membership of the Association shall be accepted unless, before the General Meeting at which it is scheduled to be considered, the Grounds Sub-Committee has inspected the facilities proposed to be used and confirmed that they meet the standard required to play in Division 3.
 - iv. Election of Officers and Representatives on the Management Committee. Nominations, which may be made by any member club or by the management committee, must be sent to the Honorary Secretary twenty-eight days before the Annual General Meeting, or in the case of a vacancy arising during the year, twenty eight days before any General Meeting. Existing Officers and Representatives shall be automatically nominated for re-election.

- v. Election of New Life Members following a recommendation from the Management Committee.
 - c. Each Club in full membership of the Association will be entitled to one vote at Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings. Life Members, Members and Officers of Management Committee will not be eligible to vote at the said meetings, unless they are the sole representative of a club in attendance.
 - d. In the event of a tied ballot, the Chairman shall exercise a casting vote.
 - e. A Special General Meeting shall be called on receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a written request signed by the Secretaries of no less than 25% of member Clubs, or by the Management Committee. No resolution concerning changes to Match Rules shall be considered at a Special General Meeting, unless proposed by the Management Committee. Each request shall state clearly the nature of the business to be discussed and shall be accompanied by a payment of £60 to cover expenses of such a meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be sent to all member Clubs by the Hon. Secretary at least fourteen days in advance. The rules for the conduct of such a meeting shall be the same as the rules of the Annual General Meeting.
 - f. Any Club failing to send a representative to a properly constituted General Meeting of the Association must send an acceptable written explanation to the Hon. Secretary within 7 days, otherwise the Management Committee shall impose a £60 fine.
 - g. A pre-season distribution meeting shall be held in April in each year. Any Club failing to send a representative to that meeting must send an acceptable written explanation to the Hon. Secretary within 7 days, otherwise the Management Committee shall impose a fine of £60.
 - h. In exceptional circumstances General Meetings of the Association may be held by such remote means as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine and in that event, suitable arrangements shall be made for member clubs to cast their votes remotely.
8. Expulsion from Membership
- a. Subject to paragraph 8(b), a Club may be expelled from membership of the Association for any reason sufficient to a majority of three-fourths of those present and voting at a General or Special General Meeting summoned by a circular issued not less than seven days before such meeting, such circular to state the name of the Club against which the motion of expulsion is desired. Any Club so expelled shall be held to have forfeited all rights to participate in the assets of the Association.
 - b. No Club shall be expelled from membership of the Association only by reason of it participating in the South Wales Premier Cricket League (SWPCL) as a Club nominated by the Association to play in the SWPCL.
9. Clubs to send Names and Addresses of Secretary etc.
- a. Each Club must send to the Honorary Secretary, the names, and telephone numbers of its Secretary and of such other officers, officials and club contacts as the Management Committee may from time to time require. All such club information will be published on the Association's website at www.swca2.com. Clubs must ensure that such information is kept up to date, as the Association and member clubs will rely on it.

10. Complaints/Protests/Appeals etc
 - a. The Management Committee shall make rules from time to time for the management of complaints, protests and appeals and publish such rules to the Clubs prior to each season.
 - b. No amendment to any such rules shall be permitted during the season.
11. Penalties
 - a. The Management Committee shall have power to inflict such penalties as they may determine for violation of the Constitution or the Rules, including increase in fines, doubling fines, and/or points deducted if considered appropriate with regard to late payment of monies due to the Association. The Management Committee may also refer serious or persistent violations for disciplinary action to be dealt with in accordance with the ECB General Conduct Regulations.
 - b. Except where otherwise provided, all fines imposed under the Constitution or the Rules, are payable to the Honorary Treasurer by the date of the next Management Committee meeting after they have been imposed. Any fines not so paid may be doubled at the discretion of the Management Committee.
12. Rescinding Previous Resolutions
 - a. No resolution of the Management Committee shall be rescinded at any subsequent meeting without ten days' notice having been given to the Hon. Secretary and the proposal circulated amongst the Management Committee at least seven clear days before such meeting.
13. Premier League Participation
 - a. The Association will nominate Clubs to participate in the SWPCL subject to them paying the Association's annual subscription and any other fees levied on all members.
 - b. Clubs so nominated will remain full members of the Association and by playing in the SWPCL shall be deemed to comply with this Constitution in relation to participating in the Association's Championship.
 - c. These rules shall apply to Clubs participating in the SWPCL to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the rules of the SWPCL.
 - d. For each season only one Club will be nominated by the Association to play in the SWPCL. The Club nominated will be the most successful Club in the Championship or if that club is ineligible for, or declines promotion, the runner-up in the Championship.
 - e. The 1st XIs of clubs relegated from the SWPCL shall in the following season play in Division 1 of the Championship.
 - f. In the event of the SWPCL disbanding, then those Clubs returning to the South Wales Cricket Association would enter in the First Division and corresponding movements to try to maintain ten clubs in each division, would be made by the Management Committee. Should any former SWCA Club be withdrawn from the SWPCL for whatever reason, then they would be allowed to return to the First Division of the SWCA with the League Management Committee of the SWCA making appropriate arrangements to fit them in.
 - g. Notwithstanding paragraph 7 (b)(ii) the provisions of this paragraph 13 may only be changed by a majority of three fourths of those present and voting at a General Meeting.

14. All Member Clubs must be affiliated to Cricket Wales.
15. All Member Clubs must have Public Liability Insurance Cover of at least £5 million and must provide evidence of the same to the Management Committee when required.
16. Club Safeguarding Officers
 - a. All member clubs must appoint and maintain in post a Club Safeguarding Officer, who shall be at all times accredited in accordance with the ECB "Safe Hands" Policy and the Cricket Wales Safeguarding Standards from time to time in force.
 - b. Each member club shall notify the League Safeguarding Officer of the name and contact details of its Club Safeguarding Officer and of any change of appointee within fourteen days of such change.
 - c. Each member Club is responsible for ensuring that all its members who have roles in cricket that require an ECB DBS (Vetting) Check, or any other certifications, are the holders of all such certifications and each Club Safeguarding Officer must supply details of those members and their certifications to the League Safeguarding Officer on demand.
 - d. In the event of any failure by a member Club to comply with sub-paragraph iii within 28 days of receiving a notice of non-compliance from the Association, each of its teams in the Association shall have 40 points deducted from their points for the season in progress or, if the season is not in progress, from their points in the following season.
 - e. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph 16, will also result in the offending club being reported to Cricket Wales.
17. Each Club shall supply the Honorary Secretary with an E-mail address for correspondence Purposes. All Correspondence from the League to Clubs will be sent by E-mail to the last notified address. All correspondence from Clubs to the League may be sent to the Honorary Secretary at the E-mail address notified by them.
18. Matters Not Provided For
 - a. Should any matters arise affecting the Association not provided for in the Constitution or the Rules, the Management Committee shall have the power to deal with these.
 - b. In particular, in the event of exceptional circumstances the Management Committee shall have power to suspend or amend all or any part of the Rules including the Match Rules, but not the Constitution, as it shall in its absolute discretion think fit.

THE RULES

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND DISCIPLINE

Subject to the player loan provisions contained in paragraph 2, the following rules apply.

1. Players eligible to play in the League will be categorised as follows.
 - a. Category 1:
 - i. Qualification
 - (1) are either (i) a British or Irish citizen; or (ii) an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, with settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme;
 - OR
 - (2) have been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 210 days between 1 April and 31 March in the year preceding their participation in the League;
 - ii. Restriction
 - (1) have not played cricket as a local/domestic player in any ICC Full Member Country (except England & Wales) in the 12-month period up to and including 31 March before the season in question, or at any time-after being registered as a Category 1 Player.
 - iii. All women and girls who comply with Paragraph 1ai above, irrespective of their playing history and any other provision of these rules, are categorised as Category 1 players.
 - iv. Junior Players may only play if they comply with the ECB Guidelines for Junior Players in Open Age Cricket
 - b. Category 2: COUNTY STAFF CRICKETER
 - i. Staff Cricketers under any form of PCA recognised contract for first class counties are not eligible to play.
 - c. Category 3: OTHERS
 - i. Players not eligible to be registered as Category 1 must be registered as Category 3 if they wish to take part in Association matches.
 - d. Applications for permission for dual registration from a player registered with another league may be made to the Management Committee and must be submitted prior to the start of the season. Such applications will be considered on a case by case basis. Short term 'holiday' transfers will not be allowed unless the player is a student or member of H.M. Forces returning home.
 - e. In Divisions 5 and below only, players may, without being transferred under Paragraph 2, be loaned to other clubs on a match by match basis as follows:
 - i. The player must normally play for their club's lowest ranked team in the Association.
 - ii. The player may only be loaned to another club's lowest ranked team in the Association.
 - iii. No player who has played 5 or more league matches for any other of their club's teams in the current season is eligible to be loaned.

- iv. Both clubs must agree the loan in advance of the match in question and notify the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the loan via e-mail by midday on the day following the match.
 - v. The player is to be recorded as “Unsure” on the Play-Cricket scorecard.
 - vi. The player is to be named, using batting position and bowler number as appropriate and which club the loan is from in the “Highlights” section of the Play-Cricket scorecard for the particular match.
- 2. No player shall play in any match to which the Association’s Rules apply if they are currently in dispute with any previous Club or Association until such dispute has been resolved e.g. a suspension has been lifted or monies owed paid.
- 3. Registration and Transfers
 - a. Players are not eligible to play for any club in a league or Cup match unless first registered via Play-Cricket.com in accordance with the procedure set out in these rules.
 - b. Players remain registered with a club as a player for that club until the player is formally transferred to a different club within the league or they play for another club outside the league in a Saturday competition. If a player has not played for three years the player can freely register with another club.
 - c. Players transferring will need to obtain permission from their old club within the Play-Cricket system. If permission is not forthcoming in a timely manner the Secretary may approve the transfer if no objections have been raised.
 - d. Players transferring after 30th June in any year may not play for their new club’s highest placed team in the Association for the rest of that season.
- 4. Disciplinary Procedures
 - a. The Management Committee shall appoint a disciplinary Sub Committee comprising a Disciplinary Sub Committee Chairman and four Members of the Management Committee.
 - b. The League adopts the ECB’s General Conduct Regulations from time to time in force subject to such amendments as the Management Committee think fit.
 - c. The regulations to be applied to the Association in any season will be sent to clubs prior to the start of the season.
- 5. Ineligible Players

Any Club playing an ineligible player in any Association Match shall: -

 - a. In the case of a League Match be subject to a deduction of
 - i. Maximum available points.
 - ii. Any points earned in the match in question.
 - iii. A fine of £60.
 - b. In the case of a League Match, the non-offending team will be awarded maximum available points inclusive of the points actually earned in the match in question.
 - c. In the case of a Cup Match be expelled from the competition and fined £60.
 - d. In the case of a Cup match, the non-offending team will be deemed to have won.

ASSOCIATION UMPIRES

1. Umpires
 - a. The selection and control of umpires shall be through a Sub-Committee elected by and from the Management Committee.
 - b. They may receive nominations of suitable umpires from all clubs in the Association and may also appoint other suitable umpires not connected with Clubs in the Association. The Committee must satisfy themselves of the ability of the nominees to officiate as umpires.
 - c. Match appointments shall be made by the Umpires' Administrator subject to the supervision of the Sub-Committee.
 - d. All Umpires must give a telephone number to which late cancellation messages may be sent. The Umpire must make arrangements to call for such messages.
 - e. An Umpire unable to fulfil a league appointment must notify the Umpires' Administrator at least seven days before the date on which the match is to be played.
 - f. Nominated Umpires must be at the ground at least 45 minutes before the agreed time for play to commence. If only a single Nominated Umpire is present, they shall stand at the bowler's end throughout the match. The Captains shall agree on a substitute who will stand only at the striker's end. If no suitable person to act as umpire is available, the duties shall be shared by the Players in turn.

In matches where the Association has not appointed an umpire, each batting side shall umpire its own innings, unless otherwise agreed by the captains prior to the start of the match.
 - g. The Umpires shall be the sole judges of the fitness of the ground, weather and light. When assessing the fitness of the ground the umpires must inspect the conditions without the interference or involvement of any other persons.
 - h. Umpires must report any team which fails to follow the mode of play detailed in League Match Rule 14 (Appendix A) and Cup Match Rule 16 (Appendix C) regarding the number of overs to be bowled.
 - i. No officially appointed League Umpire shall play for a club in the League without the permission of the Management Committee.
 - j. Umpires must send their reports on misdemeanours to the Hon. Secretary within seven days of the match.
 - k. At the conclusion of each innings, the Umpires must check the scores and at the end of the match, confirm the result with the scorers. The Umpires are also required to comply with League Match Rule 6(d).
 - l. Umpires must bring to the attention of both Captains any reports which they are going to make, e.g. failure to bowl overs, late start, no scorer, etc.
 - m. Umpires will be paid a match fee as determined from time to time by the Management Committee. Subject to League Match Rule 18 (Appendix A) and Cup Match Rule 13 (Appendix C), the fee shall be shared equally between the two clubs.
 - n. All umpires must have Public Liability Insurance cover. Non-members of the ECB ACO must send a copy of their current certificate to the Hon. Secretary before the start of each season.
2. Clubs who nominate any of their members to stand as league umpires may be allocated additional points. One point will be awarded to the Club's highest placed XI in the Association on each match day on which a nominated member is appointed by the Umpires' Administrator provided that no point shall be awarded if the match is cancelled without the attendance of the

nominated member. No more than one point per club per week will be awarded. The conditions of appointment of any such nominees including training and insurance requirements shall be prescribed from time to time by the Management Committee. No person who has stood as a league appointed umpire in the Association's matches before 1st April 2025 shall be eligible to be nominated under this rule. No person may be nominated under this rule for more than three seasons.

3. Complaints Regarding Umpires
 - a. Complaints against Umpires will only be considered when made in writing by any Captain, or on behalf of the Committee of a Club, and must be sent to the Hon. Secretary. Such complaints must state full particulars. They will then be dealt with by the Committee concerned and will be treated as strictly confidential, except when accumulated complaints against an Umpire render action necessary.
 - b. The Umpires Sub-Committee shall have power to deal with and suspend any Umpire found to be guilty of inefficiency, persistent late arrival or non-attendance at any matches during the cricket season. Umpires are allowed the right of appeal to the Management Committee.
4. Umpires will enforce the "Code of Conduct".

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL CLUBS

1. This Code of Conduct applies to all matches played under the control of the Association and is intended to assist in maintaining HIGH STANDARDS.
2. Clubs shall be responsible for the behaviour of their Officials, Members and Players. The role of the Captain is ensuring that high standards are established and maintained is emphasised. The Captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws.
3. Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distraction of opponents are unacceptable, Examples of misconduct include but are not limited to:
 - a. Any show of dissent.
 - b. Any unacceptable comment or gesture.
 - c. Swearing, Spitting or Sledging.
 - d. Any action which could be construed as unfair play.
 - e. Any violent conduct.
4. The Umpires' decisions are final - any aggressive questioning, show of dissent, or failure to comply with Umpires' instructions are unacceptable. Attention of all Clubs and Umpires is drawn to Disciplinary Rule 5 and Umpires Rule 3.
5. Each player has a duty to observe the Laws of Cricket and behave in a manner which complies with the spirit of the game, however, the ultimate responsibility lies with the Captain, who should deal promptly and effectively with any misconduct, or indeed with any circumstance which may lead to misconduct. The Captain's responsibility in this area relates to the periods prior to, during and after the game.

6. Clubs are encouraged to take action against members for failing to comply with this Code, but this will not prevent the Management Committee, in accordance with Disciplinary Rule 5 and Umpires Rule 3, taking whatever steps, it considers necessary.

Memo for All Umpires and Captains in the Association

In an effort to improve relationships and to get a more uniform approach, all Umpires are being asked to pay more attention to the following Laws of Cricket. The end result of this is that Captains of Teams whose Players fail to behave in an appropriate manner will also themselves be reported to the Disciplinary Procedure.

Any apologies made will be taken into consideration by the Disciplinary Committee but will not prevent the Report from going forward.

The Laws of Cricket - The Preamble - The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse the spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the Captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the Captain

Responsibility of Captains

The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Players' Conduct

In the event of any player failing to comply with instructions by an Umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an Umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other Umpire and to the player's Captain and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and Unfair Play
According to the Laws the Umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The Umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the Captain to take action where required.
3. The Umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:
Time Wasting; Damaging the Pitch; Dangerous or Unfair Bowling; Tampering with the Ball; Any other action that they consider to be Unfair.
4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:
Your opponents; your own Captain and Team; The Role of the Umpires; the game's traditional values.
5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:
To dispute an Umpire's decision by word, action or gesture. To direct abusive language towards an opponent or Umpire. To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - (a) to Appeal knowing that the batter is not out.
 - (b) to advance towards an Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

- (c) to seek or distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.
- 6. Violence
There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.
- 7. Players Captains and Umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a Cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

Law 1.4 - Responsibility of Captains

The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit and Tradition of the game as well as within the Laws. See The Preamble - The Spirit of Cricket and Law 41.1 (Fair and Unfair play - Responsibility of Captains).

Safeguarding

The Association adopts as part of its Rules and will comply with, apply and enforce the ECB "Safe Hands" Policy for the time being in force and the Cricket Wales Safeguarding Standards from time to time in force.

Equity

To strive to the best of its ability to ensure that equitable treatment is given to all with whom it has contact irrespective of age, gender, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

Chwarae Teg

To promote Good Behaviour in Junior Cricket Teams in accordance with the Sports Council for Wales Chwarae Teg Initiative 2001, and any amendments made to these guidelines from time to time either by that Body or any of its approved successors.

GENERAL MATCH RULES

1. All matches must be played under the Laws of the M.C.C. with the exceptions listed below and the mode of play as set out in the League Match and Cup Match Rules.
2. The Association will implement fully all ECB Playing Guidelines.
3. If, for any reason, a bowler bowls only part of an over, that part shall count as a complete over of their allocation.
4. The award of penalty runs under Laws 41 and 42 and the application of the suspension and removal provisions of Law 42 shall not be permitted except in matches in which two league appointed umpires are officiating.
For Level 1 and Level 2 offences committed by the batting side, the batters at the wicket may deputise for their Captain.
5. Players may wear coloured clothing in League and Cup matches provided that every player, including substitutes, must be similarly attired.
6. Responsibility for determining the fitness of the ground and conditions shall pass to League appointed umpires immediately upon the arrival of either of them, if more than one, at the ground.
7. Match Cancellations
 - a. In matches with no appointed umpires, either team believing that a cancellation is unreasonable may:
 - i. On match day inform the other team's secretary and the league secretary that the decision is challenged.
 - ii. At its own expense, request a league umpire to visit the ground to compile a report on its fitness and submit it to the Hon Secretary within 3 days of the match in question.
 - b. The Management Committee, after hearing from both clubs, shall determine what, if any, action is appropriate.

LEAGUE MATCH RULES

1. The Management Committee will specify the balls to be used in each Division. The Home side shall provide two new approved balls, one for each innings, in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the league. In Divisions 5 and below, if new balls are not used, the Home team must provide two SWCA approved balls in good condition. In all matches, the visiting Captain shall choose which ball their team shall use to bowl.
2. Only official SWCA stamped balls as approved by the Management Committee are to be used.
3. Championship Structure
 - a. The Management Committee shall determine the structure of divisions for playing the Championship during each season. The structure will be a ladder system and will take into account the number of Clubs in membership of the Association not playing in the SWPCL and will be based as far as reasonably possible on the principle that each division should comprise ten Clubs.
 - b. Subject to 3(c) below there shall be promotion and relegation between the various divisions in accordance with the table annexed to these rules and the following provisions.
 - i. Should any team eligible for promotion belong to a Club which already has a team in the Division immediately above, that team shall not be promoted.
 - ii. In the case of the lowest division, only one team from a club may be promoted to the division above in any year and sub-paragraph (i) above shall thereafter apply.
 - iii. Except in the case of the lowest two divisions should any team liable to relegation belong to a Club which already has a team in the Division immediately below, both teams shall be relegated.
 - iv. Relegation of a team to the lowest division shall not be prevented by the presence of another team or teams from the same club in that division. The Management Committee may on giving not less than 6 months' notice expiring at the date of the Annual General Meeting from time to time impose or suspend a requirement that clubs hold and maintain a current ECB Clubmark Accreditation or its successor equivalent as a condition of being eligible to play in Division One in the following season.
 - v. In case of any dispute as to promotion and relegation, the Management Committee's decision shall be final.
 - c. Ground criteria
 - i. The Management Committee will from time to time set ground inspection standards, which will be managed by the Grounds sub-committee. No Club may be promoted to a higher division unless it meets the standard required for that higher division as determined by the Grounds sub-Committee in its routine assessments of all Clubs undertaken from time to time. Once promoted every Club must continue to meet the assessment standards appropriate to the relevant division.
 - ii. The Grounds sub-committee will respond to adverse reports from umpires and any requests from the Management Committee.
 - iii. In the event of any non-compliance with the relevant standards and upon the recommendation of the Grounds sub-committee, the Management Committee may issue a Notice of Improvement requiring a club to rectify any defect(s) within a specified period of time. A club may by notice to Hon Secretary request an extension of time, and may appeal against the issue of a Notice, in either case within 21 days of service of such Notice.

- iv. In the event of non-compliance with a Notice of Improvement by the specified time, a Club will be liable to be sanctioned by way of demotion at the end of the season, such demotion to be in place of the highest placed club which would otherwise be demoted.
- d. In addition to the routine assessments undertaken as in (c) above a Club may in any particular season require the Grounds Sub-Committee to undertake a further assessment of its ground provided the request is made before the 31st July in that year.
- e. The Management Committee will issue a fixture list for every season to reflect the structure determined under 3(a) above. The venue specified in the fixture list may not be changed without the prior consent of the Management Committee.
- f. Subject to Appendix B Rule 5, all matches must be played on Saturdays unless in exceptional circumstances the Management Committee directs otherwise but in any event before 1st September in that year.
- g. The champion Club in each division each season will be the Club that scores the highest number of points in that season after deducting points as a consequence of penalties imposed on the Club during that season, provided that in any Division where the number of matches played is unequal either because of the number of teams in the Division at the start of the season or because of withdrawals during the season, average points will determine the final order. In that event, cancelled and abandoned matches and points awarded for them (including bonus points) will be ignored. The tie break provisions in rule 3h shall not apply except for net run rate.
- h. When more than one Club in a division scores the same number of points the following, in order, shall determine which Club has the higher position: the Club winning the greater number of matches; or, if they are still equal, the Club losing the fewer number of matches; or, if they are still equal, the Club winning the greater number of bonus points; or, if they are still equal, the Club with the higher Net Run Rate, or, if they are still equal they shall be considered to have finished in an equal position in their division unless an issue of promotion or relegation arises, in which event the Management Committee will arrange a play off, such play offs being the only matches that may be played after 31st August in any year.
- i. Any Club may upon giving notice before the Annual General Meeting request the Management Committee to admit further teams from that Club to the league in the following season. Any such team or teams shall be placed in the lowest division of the league. Clubs newly admitted to the league will have their team, or teams if more than one, placed in the lowest Division of the league.
Clubs may, upon giving notice before 31st December, withdraw any of their teams from the League for the season next following.
There shall be promotion and relegation in accordance with rule 3(b).
- j. The champion Club in each division will be presented with the trophy for the relevant division together with a sum of money to assist in the purchase of mementoes for the Club's players. Other trophies may be presented for individual performances by players.
 - i. All trophies presented as above may be retained by the relevant Club provided that the Club (in writing and signed by an appropriate official of the Club) accepts full responsibility for the trophies whilst in its possession, or in the possession of its players and indemnifies the Association against any loss or damage and undertakes to return it or them to the Secretary on or before 31st July of the following season.
 - ii. Failure to return a trophy in accordance with the undertaking referred to in the previous paragraph will be dealt with as the Management Committee thinks fit.

- iii. Winning clubs who fail to send a representative to the Annual Dinner will not be entitled to receive a sum of money for the purchase of mementoes. A player who has won a divisional award will not be entitled to receive it if they or a representative of their club does not attend the Annual Dinner to receive it.
- 4. Matches in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be played in accordance with the rules set out in Appendix A.
Matches in Divisions 5 and below shall be played in accordance with the rules set out in Appendix B.
Matches in the Cup and the Intermediate Cup shall be played in accordance with the rules set out in Appendix C.
- 5. No player who has played in any of their club's league teams on a Saturday is eligible to play in any other of their club's league teams on the Sunday immediately following. This rule does not apply to players who were U17 on the preceding 1st September.
- 6. Results
 - a. The Management Committee will prescribe from time to time the manner in which results and other match information must be reported to the Association and the deadline for submitting such reports. Failure to submit any report in the prescribed manner and by the deadline will incur:
 - i. On the first two occasions in any season, a £5 fine
 - ii. On the next two occasions, a £10 fine
 - iii. On the next two occasions, a £10 fine and a deduction of one point for the offending team.
 - iv. On the next two occasions, a £10 fine and a deduction of two points for the offending team, and so on.
 - v. These penalties are cumulative across all of a clubs teams in the Association.
 - b. Each team shall appoint its own scorer.
 - c. In any match in which league umpires officiate, each Captain must submit an umpires marking report.
 - d. It is the duty of both umpires to agree the respective scores at the end of each innings with the scorers. The umpires must submit reports on the two teams and their captains and the pitch and any disciplinary reports and are responsible for checking the result reported by the home club.
 - e. For each match the home club shall enter the scorecard on the Play-Cricket website by 6.00pm on the Monday following the match and the away club shall check it by 6.00pm on the Wednesday following the match.
- 7. Captains of Clubs failing to bowl their overs by the prescribed time must, if there are considered to be extenuating circumstances, submit a report to the Association in the manner and by the deadline from time to time prescribed by the management committee. Reports not submitted by the deadline will be disregarded.
- 8. In the event of a Club, without reasons acceptable to the Management Committee, failing to bowl their overs within the appropriate time points shall be deducted as follows:
 - a. First & Second overs - one point each.
 - b. Third & Fourth overs - two points each
 - c. Fifth & Sixth overs - three points each and so on.

9. Any team failing to fulfil a League engagement in any Division shall have points deducted equivalent to the maximum points for a win and be fined £60 to be paid to the Association Treasurer by the date of the next Management Committee meeting after the fine has been imposed. If the offending team is the away side, the Treasurer will forward the £60 to the home club. If the offending team is the home side, the Treasurer will reimburse travelling costs to the away club, upon appeal to the Management Committee. In either case the non-offending team will be awarded the maximum number of points available. If a club has more than one team in the Association and is unable to fulfil all its fixtures on a particular day, the lowest placed teams must default first. A team repeatedly failing to fulfil fixtures shall be liable to expulsion from the Association at the discretion of the Management Committee.
10. In the event of any Club disbanding or being disqualified from taking part in the competition, all matches such Club has played, no matter what the result has been, shall be considered void, and all matches such Club is engaged in shall be considered void, as League matches.

Reduced overs table								
Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs each side	Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs - each innings	Mins left of play	HH:MM	Overs - each innings
350	05:50	50	175	02:55	50	87	01:27	25
343	05:43	49	171	02:51	49	84	01:24	24
336	05:36	48	168	02:48	48	80	01:20	23
329	05:29	47	164	02:44	47	77	01:17	22
322	05:22	46	161	02:41	46	73	01:13	21
315	05:15	45	157	02:37	45	70	01:10	20
308	05:08	44	154	02:34	44	66	01:06	19
301	05:01	43	150	02:30	43	63	01:03	18
294	04:54	42	147	02:27	42	59	00:59	17
287	04:47	41	143	02:23	41	56	00:56	16
280	04:40	40	140	02:20	40	52	00:52	15
273	04:33	39	136	02:16	39	49	00:49	14
266	04:26	38	133	02:13	38	45	00:45	13
259	04:19	37	129	02:09	37	42	00:42	12
252	04:12	36	126	02:06	36	38	00:38	11
245	04:05	35	122	02:02	35	35	00:35	10
238	03:58	34	119	01:59	34	31	00:31	9
231	03:51	33	115	01:55	33	28	00:28	8
224	03:44	32	112	01:52	32	24	00:24	7
217	03:37	31	108	01:48	31	21	00:21	6
210	03:30	30	105	01:45	30	17	00:17	5
203	03:23	29	101	01:41	29	14	00:14	4
196	03:16	28	98	01:38	28	10	00:10	3
189	03:09	27	94	01:34	27	7	00:07	2
182	03:02	26	91	01:31	26	4	00:04	1
175	02:55	25						
168	02:48	24						
161	02:41	23						
154	02:34	22						
147	02:27	21						
140	02:20	20						

NB: These times do not include time for tea or the interval between innings and appropriate allowances must be made

APPENDIX A
MATCH RULES DIVISIONS 1 – 4

1. Starting Times.
 - a. Unless both teams agree otherwise, the scheduled hours of play
 - i. In Divisions 1 and 2 shall be 1.00pm until 7.20pm.
 - ii. In Divisions 3 & 4 shall be 1.00pm until 6.45pm
 - b. There shall be one interval of thirty minutes duration between innings, during which tea may be taken. If, because of interruption, tea has already been taken, the interval shall be ten minutes.
 - c. Matches may start at any time between 12.30pm and 1.30pm by agreement between the respective clubs provided that in the absence of agreement otherwise by 6.00pm on the Thursday preceding the match, the default start time of 1.00 pm shall apply. Such agreement shall be notified to the Honorary Assistant Secretary by e-mail by 6.00pm on the Thursday preceding the relevant match day and shall not thereafter be varied. In default of such agreement and notification, the hours of play shall be those specified in paragraph (a) above. Failure to comply with all the requirements of this rule will render the match null and void and no points will be awarded to either side.
 - d. The scheduled finishing time for a match
 - i. in Divisions 1 and 2 shall be 6 hours 20 minutes after the agreed starting time.
 - ii. in Divisions 3 and 4 shall be 5 hours 45 minutes after the agreed starting time.
2. A match shall not start until both sides have seven or more players present and ready to play. A team not having 7 or more players present 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match shall be deemed to have lost the toss.
3. If either club is not ready to commence at the time appointed in Rule 1, such club or clubs shall be liable to a fine of not less than £10.
4. A player (even if nominated on the Team Sheet) who fails to appear until after the first innings has been completed (whatever the duration of that innings) shall not be permitted to take part in the match other than to field.
5. The following restriction relating to the placement of fielders shall apply.
 - a. **In Division One only**
 - i. There will be a fielding 'circle' defined by two semi-circles of 30 yards radius centred on each middle stump and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. The fielding 'circle' should be marked by white discs at a minimum of 5 yard intervals.
 - ii. Fielders must be in a position according to the limitations imposed below at the instant of delivery. In the event of an infringement the umpire shall call 'no ball' at the instant of delivery.
 - iii. In the first 10 overs of an innings only two fielders may be positioned outside the fielding 'circle'.
 - iv. In the last 10 overs of an innings only five fielders may be positioned outside the fielding 'circle'.
 - v. Otherwise only four fielders may be positioned outside the fielding 'circle'.
 - b. In Divisions 2, 3 and 4
 - i. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders (plus the bowler and the wicketkeeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump, each with a radius of 30 yards, and joined by a parallel line

on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'.

The table below gives the Powerplay fielding limitations in reduced overs matches.

Innings Duration (Overs)	First Powerplay (iii)	Middle Section (v)	End Powerplay (iv)	Innings Duration (Overs)	First Powerplay (iii)	Middle Section (v)	End Powerplay (iv)
49	10	29	10	34	7	20	7
48	10	29	9	33	7	20	6
47	10	28	9	32	7	19	6
46	9	28	9	31	6	19	6
45	9	27	9	30	6	18	6
44	9	26	9	29	6	17	6
43	9	26	8	28	6	17	5
42	9	25	8	27	6	16	5
41	8	25	8	26	5	16	5
40	8	24	8	25	5	15	5
39	8	23	8	24	5	14	5
38	8	23	7	23	5	14	4
37	8	22	7	22	5	13	4
36	7	22	7	21	4	13	4
35	7	21	7	20	4	12	4

6. Format

- a. Except as otherwise provided,
 - i. In Divisions 1 and 2, each match shall comprise 50 overs per side with no transfer of unused overs.
 - ii. In Divisions 3 and 4, each match shall comprise 45 overs per side with no transfer of unused overs
- b. The team batting first is Team A and the Team batting second is Team B. Team A may declare its innings closed at any time and if it does so will be deemed to be all out for the purposes of bonus points. For the purposes of DLS, Team A will be considered to have used the full allocation of overs available to it at the time of declaration. A freak declaration with the deliberate intention of losing a match and/or limiting the number of points which can be won by Team B, will be dealt with by the Management Committee as it sees fit.
- c. If any match is interrupted after it has started such that the number of overs available to be faced by either side is reduced from that determined when the match started, the revised target shall be computed using the Duckworth-Lewis- Stern method (DLS) in accordance with instructions issued from time to time by the Management Committee.

7. In Divisions 1 and 2, no bowler may bowl more than 10 overs. In Divisions 3 and 4, no bowler may bowl more than 9 overs. In a delayed start, or interrupted match where the overs are reduced no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance.
8. **In Division One only – No Ball and Free Hit**
 - a. The delivery following a No Ball shall be a 'free hit'.
 - b. A batter shall not be dismissed by a 'free hit' unless they would have been dismissed by a 'no ball'.
 - c. Runs scored off a 'free hit' are scored as if off a normal delivery.
 - d. If the delivery of a 'free hit' is not a legitimate delivery (e.g., no ball or wide) then the next delivery shall become the 'free hit' for whichever batter is facing.
 - e. Field changes are not permitted unless there is a change of striker or it is to correct a field restriction breach.
 - f. Fielders who were within 15 yards of the striker for the 'no ball' delivery may move back along the same line to be no more than 15 yards from the striker.
9. **Wides**
 - a. **Leg side Wides** - In Divisions 1 and 2 in addition to applying Law 22, umpires shall call a ball wide if it passes both outside the batter and outside the line of leg stump.
 - b. **Off side Wides** – In Divisions 1 and 2 an additional line parallel to the return crease and running between the bowling crease and the popping crease shall be marked with its inside edge 17 inches from the return crease. Any ball passing outside the offside wide line not having previously been in contact with the batter, their bat, or their clothing shall be called wide if, in the opinion of the umpire, the batter is unable to play a normal cricket stroke.
 - c. In Divisions 3 and 4 additional lines parallel to the return creases and running between the bowling crease and the popping crease shall be marked with their inside edges 17 inches from the return creases. Any ball passing outside these lines, not having previously been in contact with the batter, their bat or their clothing shall be called wide if, in the opinion of the umpire, the batter is unable to play a normal cricket stroke.
10. The team scoring the highest number of runs, whether actual or determined by the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method, will be the winners and awarded 10 points.
11. If Team B score the same number of runs as Team A whether actual or determined by the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method, both teams will be awarded 5 points.
12. If no play is possible due to weather or ground conditions, then both teams shall be awarded 4 points.

13. Bonus Points will be awarded throughout the innings thus:

Batting										
Overs Available	Runs Scored									
45 to 50 Overs	50	90	130	170	200					
40 to 44 Overs	45	80	120	150	180					
35 to 39 Overs	40	70	110	135	160					
30 to 34 Overs	35	65	90	120	140					
25 to 30 Overs	30	55	80	100	120					
20 to 24 Overs	25	45	65	85	100					
Up to 19 Overs	20	35	50	65	80					
	Points Awarded									
	1	2	3	4	5					
Bowling										
	Wickets Taken									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overs Available	Points Awarded									
45 to 50 Overs	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
40 to 44 Overs	0	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
35 to 39 Overs	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5
30 to 34 Overs	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5
25 to 30 Overs	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
20 – 24 Overs	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Up to 19 Overs	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5

- Bonus points gained in any match shall stand regardless of the result. This also applies in the case of abandoned games.
- If at the fall of a wicket no further batter is available to come in, the innings of a team shall be deemed to be complete and their opponents will be awarded 5 bowling points.
- If Team B win the match they shall be awarded 1 additional batting point for every two wickets in hand, provided that the maximum total award of batting points shall be 5.

14. Unless an innings closes earlier, Team A and Team B must bowl their allocation of fifty overs within a period of two hours fifty-five minutes, or the appropriate number of overs in the stipulated time in a match of fewer than fifty overs. If they fail to do so, the umpires must note the number of overs which they are short and allow the innings to proceed to its conclusion. In Division One only, all sides are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last of their allocated overs within the stipulated time. In the event of their failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed but one fewer fielder shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area than would normally be the case in the over(s) in progress at the time. All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes dead after the scheduled or rescheduled cessation time for the innings.
- In computing the time taken, umpires will take into account interruptions caused by injury, lost balls, frequent movement of sightscreens and other unavoidable delays.
- Under Law 11 of the Laws of Cricket, drinks breaks are now official intervals and do not count as playing time.
15. In the event of a delayed start or an interruption in play, the number of overs shall be re-arranged by reference to the scheduled finishing time. The timing and duration of all suspensions of play (including all intervals) or delays during the match will be taken into account when calculating the length of time available for either innings.
- a. If the amount of time lost before the start of play results in the match being reduced to one of fewer than 20 overs per side, then the match shall not be allowed to commence.
 - b. The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that, if possible, both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on a rate of one over every 3½ minutes in the total time available for play up to the scheduled finishing time. (See Reduced Overs Table).
 - c. If a reduction in the number of overs is required, any recalculation must not cause the match to be rescheduled to finish earlier than the scheduled finishing time.
 - d. If owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings, there is insufficient time for Team B to receive at least 20 overs, the match shall be abandoned. If a match is abandoned before it had been played to a conclusion and before the team batting second has received its allocated number of overs then, providing that it has received not less than 20 overs, the result shall be decided using DLS as the Management Committee shall from time to time direct.
 - e. If a match is abandoned, each team will be awarded 4 points plus bonus points by reference to the number of overs actually received or bowled, as the case may be.
 - f. If Team A fail to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled finishing time, the hours of play shall be extended until the overs have been bowled or a result achieved.
 - g. Team B shall not bat for a greater number of overs than Team A unless the latter have been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.
 - h. Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations regarding the number of overs.
16. In the case of bad weather, the umpires shall decide as to the fitness of the ground before commencement of a league match. They shall also be the sole arbiters on all aspects of play

throughout the duration of the match and of bad light. If a substitute umpire has to be used umpires rule 1(f) is to be implemented.

17. Complete covering of the pitch shall be allowed during every league match, should bad weather so demand.
18. Should the unfit state of the ground preclude any chance of play, the match may be abandoned by mutual consent provided that it is not before 9.00am or after 10.30am on the day of the match and that consent has been obtained from the appointed match day contact or other club officer named on the league web site at www.swca2.com. Only after such consent has been given should the home team inform the umpires. An away club who insist on travelling when a home club wishes to call off a match due to bad weather must pay ALL the umpire costs if no play is possible. In matches where no umpires have been appointed, a home side which fails to notify the away side appointed match day contact 2 hours before the agreed start time of issues with the fitness of the ground, shall be liable to pay the visiting team the sum of £50.

APPENDIX B
MATCH RULES DIVISION 5 AND BELOW

1. Unless both teams agree otherwise, the scheduled hours of play shall be 1.00 pm until 6:10 pm. There shall be one interval of thirty minutes duration between innings, during which tea may be taken. If, because of rain, tea has already been taken, the interval shall be ten minutes.
2. Clubs may play on an artificial pitch provided that the ground to be used does not have any grass pitches. The artificial pitch and the ground must both be approved by the grounds Sub-Committee at least every two years.
3. A match shall not start until both sides have seven or more players present and ready to play. A team not having 7 or more players present fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match shall be deemed to have lost the toss. If either club is not ready to commence at the time appointed in Rule 5, such club or clubs shall be liable to a fine of not less than £10.
4. A player (even if nominated on the Team Sheet) who fails to appear until after the first innings has been completed (whatever the duration of that innings) shall not be permitted to take part in the match other than to field.
5. Change of Match Day and/or Start Time.
 - a. Matches may be played on Sunday by prior agreement between the respective clubs, provided that such agreement is reached and notified to the Honorary Assistant Secretary by e-mail by 6.00pm on the Thursday preceding the relevant match day. In default of such agreement and notification, matches must be played on the scheduled Saturday. Failure to comply with all the requirements of this rule will render the match null and void and no points will be awarded to either side.
 - b. Matches may start at any time between 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm by agreement between the respective clubs provided that in the absence of agreement otherwise by 6pm on the day preceding the match, the default start time of 1.00 pm shall apply. If the teams agree that the start time is varied agreement must also be reached as to the absolute finishing time of the match which can be no later than 7.10 pm.
6. All matches will consist of one innings per side. Each innings shall be limited to 40 six-ball overs subject as below. Unused overs are not transferred to Team B. Team A may declare its innings closed at any time and if it does so will be deemed to be all out for the purposes of bonus points. For the purposes of run rate calculations, Team A will be considered to have used the full allocation of overs available to it at the time of declaration. A freak declaration with the deliberate intention of losing a match and/or limiting the number of points which can be won by Team B, will be dealt with by the Management Committee as it sees fit.
7. No bowler may bowl more than 8 overs. In a delayed start, or interrupted, match where the overs are reduced no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed (unless such a number has been exceeded before the interruption), except that where the total overs are not divisible by five, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the balance.
8. A result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 15 overs, unless one team has been all out in fewer than 15 overs or the team batting second scores enough runs to win in fewer than 15 overs. All matches in which a match has begun but both teams have not had the opportunity of batting for a minimum of 15 overs shall (subject to the provisions of this paragraph) be declared 'Abandoned'.

9. Rearrangement of the number of overs may be necessary due to a delayed start or one or more interruptions in play as a result of adverse ground, weather or light conditions or any other reason. The timing and duration of all suspensions of play (including all intervals) or delays during the match will be taken into account when calculating the length of time available for either innings. The object shall always be to re-arrange the number of overs so that, if possible, both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. For the purpose of calculation, $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes is allowed for each over.
10. Where the maximum number of overs available to both sides remains unaltered once play has commenced, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. If the scores are equal, the result shall be a Tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets which have fallen.
11. If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponent's score, the following shall apply: If the match is abandoned before the Close of Play, the result shall be decided on the average run-rate throughout the innings. If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second has to be revised, their target score shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs by the average runs per over scored by the side batting first. If the target involves a fraction of a run, the final scores cannot be equal and the result cannot be a tie. In the event of the team batting first being all out in fewer than their full quota of overs the calculation of their average run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which they would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which they were dismissed.
12. A team's average run rate is calculated by dividing the number of runs scored in its innings by the number of legitimate balls received during that innings. In the case of the team batting first being dismissed in fewer than the number of overs allocated for their innings, the calculation will be based on the number of balls that the team was scheduled to receive and not on the number actually received. In the case of the team batting second being unable to receive their allocated overs, the calculation of their average run rate will be based on the actual number of legitimate deliveries received by them during their innings. The average run rate can be calculated to any number of decimal positions and a tie can only be achieved if the average run rates are identical.
13. Points shall be awarded as follows; To the winning side, 10 points for the win. If the scores finish level, 5 points each, whether or not the team batting second is all out. To both sides, batting and bowling points in accordance with the tables annexed to the rules based on the number of overs actually available in the innings in question.
 - a. In the event of an abandoned match, 4 points each. In an abandoned game, batting and bowling points earned before the abandonment shall be awarded to each side.
 - b. In the event of a cancelled match, 4 points each.
14. Should the unfit state of the ground preclude any chance of play, the match may be abandoned by mutual consent on the day of the match provided that consent has been obtained from the appointed match day contact or other club officer named on the league's website at www.swca2.com. In matches where no umpires have been appointed, a home side which fails to notify the away side's appointed match day contact two hours before the agreed start time of issues with the fitness of the ground, shall be liable to pay the visiting team the sum of £50.

Appendix C

Cup and Intermediate Cup Match Rules

1. The Association shall organise two knockout competitions. Member clubs of the Association shall be eligible to enter the Cup. Clubs with teams in Divisions 3 and below shall be eligible to enter those teams in the Intermediate Cup. Clubs may enter more than one team. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one of their Club's Cup or Intermediate Cup teams in any season.
2. The highest placed Association team in the Cup in any Season shall be entered in the succeeding season's ECB T20 Plate Competition. In the event of teams finishing equal (e.g. losing semi-finalists) the Management Committee will arrange play-off(s) to determine which team should be entered on behalf of the Association.
3. Except during the months of April and May, in the Cup all players must have played in at least four League matches for the club since the start of the previous season. In the case of the Intermediate Cup a total of two matches is required. The players must be registered members of the club
4. No player may play for more than one club in either competition in any one season and no player may play for more than one of their club's teams in any season.
5. Only players eligible under Eligibility Rule 1 will be allowed to play. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all players participating in either competition are eligible to play.
6. Matches will normally be played on Sundays. The default start time for matches played on a Sunday is 1pm.
7. Clubs shall advise the Hon. Secretary by the 31st January if they are entering either Competition that coming season. The Quarter Finals and subsequent rounds shall be by open draw. The Management Committee shall determine the format of earlier rounds having regard to the number and location of the clubs which have entered either Competition in any season. The finals shall be played at a venue to be determined by the Management Committee.
8. As soon as the draw for either Competition has been made, the Secretary will arrange to send to Clubs details of the draw, together with the 'Nominated Sundays' and the 'latest date by' on which matches in the various rounds should be played.
9. The 'Nominated Sundays' are preferred but both clubs may agree to play under the same match rules on another day. If there is no play on the agreed day, or if the match is abandoned before being completed, the venue is reversed for each subsequent attempt to play the match unless the Clubs otherwise agree.
10. If bad weather prevents play on the Nominated Sunday, then Clubs may agree to play the match on any day up to and including the Friday before the Nominated Sunday for the next round. The side hosting the attempt to play the match must offer at least two dates during the permitted period and the Away side must choose one of these dates. In default, the Away side will be deemed to have conceded the match.
11. If bad weather prevents a match from being played, then the tie may be decided as set out in Cup Rule 17.

12. The Association is entirely responsible for the organisation and administration of both competitions.
 - a. In the event of any dispute arising during and affecting the course of either competition, clubs must contact the Secretary and/or Chairman, by telephone, within 1 day of the dispute, confirming the protest in writing within 3 days and also sending a copy of the protest to any other club involved within 3 days.
 - b. Following any response from the other club, the Secretary will refer the matter to the Emergency Committee of the Management Committee who will come to a decision which shall be binding on participating clubs.
13. The Association will endeavour to arrange Umpires for each match. The Umpires' fees shall be such sum as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine and shall be shared equally between the two Clubs, except for the finals when the Association will pay the fees.
14. Except for the finals when the Association will provide a new ball for each innings the Home team must provide 2 balls in good condition although not necessarily new and the visiting Captain shall choose which ball their team shall use to bowl. Only official SWCA stamped balls as approved by the Management Committee are to be used.
15. No player of any age who has played in more than three of their club's Premier League or Association 1st or 2nd Division matches in the current season is eligible to play in the Intermediate Cup.
16. Both the Cup and Intermediate Cup shall be played under the current edition of the ECB generic 20 overs per side playing conditions with the following amendments: -
 - a. A match shall consist of one innings per side, limited to a maximum of 20 overs.
 - b. Teams may, by agreement prior to the start of play, agree to play a match limited to fewer than 20 overs, provided that the minimum length of an innings is 10 overs.
 - c. If, because of delay or interruption, either side has fewer than 10 overs available to it, the match is treated as abandoned and must be replayed.
17. When, because of bad weather, it is impossible to play a match on the last scheduled day, then the match may be decided by a Bowling/Fielding competition, thus:
 - a. Bowling: Five bowlers shall each bowl one fair delivery over-arm at the wickets pitched normally as for a match with no batter in front of them. For every ball which first pitches and then hits the wickets, two points shall be scored, but only one point if the stumps are hit by a 'full toss'.
 - b. Fielding: The other five players and the wicketkeeper shall take part in the fielding competition. From directly behind the wickets (in the long-stop position), a marker shall be set 50 yards or so from the stumps. In turn, five fielders shall throw a ball from behind this marker to the wicket-keeper standing at the wicket, who may not ground any part of their person outside the rectangle enclosed by the popping crease, bowling crease, and the forward extensions of the return creases. Two points shall be scored for every ball which is caught by the wicket-keeper full pitch and one point if it is caught by them after bouncing once only.
 - c. The winning side shall be the one which scored the highest total aggregate of points in the two events. In the event of a tie, the competition shall continue by means of a "sudden death" bowl out. The bowlers from each team who previously bowled shall each bowl again alternately in the same order, one ball each, until a result is achieved.
 - d. The umpires appointed for the match shall supervise the running of the competition.

As an alternative to the Bowling and Fielding competition, clubs may mutually agree to toss a coin for the right to proceed to the next round of the Cup Competition.

18. The provisions of League Match Rules 6(a) and 6(e) shall apply to the reporting of Cup results.
19. Any Club failing to fulfil a Cup or Intermediate Cup fixture shall be fined £60 to be paid to the Association Treasurer by the date of the next Management Committee meeting after the fine has been imposed. If the offending club is the away side, the Treasurer will forward the £60 to the home club. If the offending club is the home side, the Treasurer will reimburse travelling costs to the away club, upon appeal to the Management Committee.