



Constitution, Match and General Rules

2018

Constitution

Clause
<p>1. Title</p> <p>The Name of the League shall be the T RIPPON MID ESSEX CRICKET LEAGUE (hereafter called 'The League')</p>
<p>2. Objects</p> <p>The objects of the League shall be to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) organise and control annual competitions between properly constituted Cricket Clubs (hereafter called 'Clubs') in the Mid-Essex areab) promote the safety and welfare of any child involved in League related activities, to safeguard them and protect them from foreseeable harmc) promote fair play and encourage sporting behaviour
<p>3. Eligibility for Membership</p> <p>For eligibility to the League all clubs shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) be affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Boardb) adopt an implement the ECB 'safe hands' policy and future versions of that policyc) provide a standard of cricket, administration and facilities satisfactory to the committeed) be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class, social background, sexual preference or political beliefe) be covered by public liability insurance
<p>4. Election to membership</p> <p>Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary by the 30th September preceding the Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>All clubs/teams applying for election shall be vetted by the management committee to ensure they reach the desired standards and eligibility requirements applicable at the time</p> <p>Clubs/team shall only be put forward to the AGM for election if they reach the desired standard regardless of the number of vacancies to be filled</p> <p>Election for membership shall be via simple majority vote of member clubs attending the General Meeting</p> <p>If the number of teams eligible for membership exceeds the vacant positions within the League, then the team(s) selected to fill the vacant position(s) shall be the team that receives the most votes from member clubs. Further rounds of voting will be conducted until all vacancies are filled</p>
<p>5. Officers</p> <p>The Officers of the league shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Results Secretary</p>
<p>6. Management</p> <p>Management of the League shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Officers and a minimum of four elected representatives from Clubs, a Sponsor's Representative, along with the Umpires' Appointments Secretary (elected by the League Panel of Umpires and endorsed by the League Committee)</p>

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7. Account Examiner

An Account Examiner shall be appointed at the AGM

8 Function of the committee

Meetings of the committee shall be held as necessary where at least seven days notice being given. A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the committee. The committee shall be responsible for:

- a) the efficient running of the League
- b) controlling League finances
- c) filling any vacancies on the Committee until the next AGM
- d) appointing sub-committees and delegating to each sub-committee any powers deemed necessary. The Chairman of each sub-committee shall be a member of the committee
- e) co-opting representatives from any Club or Sponsor as necessary
- f) refereeing all disputes, providing clarification interpretation and/or guidance on issues relating to matches and rules as applicable to the League
- g) dealing with disciplinary issues as necessary
- h) conducting any activities ancillary to the league objectives

The committee shall also decide the allocation of clubs to divisions within the League, having regard to the previous season performance and will, where applicable, promote the top two teams and relegate the bottom two teams in each division to the next higher or lower divisions respectively subject to the following:

- No club may have more than one team in any one division

9. General Meetings

- a) The 'AGM' shall be held no later than the 30th November.
- b) Any proposals for an alteration to the League Constitution, Match and General Rules or list of constituent members shall be received by the secretary by the 1st of October and shall be included on the agenda for that meeting
- c) Fourteen days' notice in writing shall be given by the SECRETARY of the 'AGM' to Clubs. This notice to be accompanied by an agenda along with a list of any proposed changes to the Constitution, General and Match rules
- d) 40% of Clubs will be required to attend to form a quorum
- e) The Committee shall present such reports at the AGM as it deems necessary along with a statement of accounts, duly examined shall be presented at the meeting
- f) An 'Emergency General Meeting' (EGM) may be convened by the League Committee at any time giving no less than 24 hours notice to Clubs
- g) An EGM shall be convened by the secretary on receipt of a written request signed by no less than six Clubs. 14 days notice to Clubs of such meeting to be given
- h) Each member club shall be required to send representatives to an AGM or EGM but only one representative is entitled to vote
- i) Proposed changes submitted to the meeting shall be effected by a simple majority of the Clubs entitled to vote

10. Financial Year

The financial year shall end on the 30th September

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11. Deposit and Annual Subscriptions

- a) Membership fees and subscriptions shall be due on the 31st January and are payable by no later than the date selected for ball collection
- b) An annual subscription shall be determined at the AGM
- c) A deposit of £150 is to be paid by each club

12 League Constitution, Match and General Rules

- a) Membership of the League signifies by Clubs acceptance of the League Constitution, Match and General Rules
- b) The League Constitution, Match and General Rules shall be distributed via the League
- c) No amendments shall be made to the League Constitution, Match and General Rules or list of constitute members except at a General Meeting (AGM or EGM)

13. Withdrawal from League

- a) Any club wishing to withdraw from the League must inform the League Secretary in writing prior to the 1st February. Any club withdrawing from the League in accordance with this rule and having discharged all its financial responsibilities to the League will have its deposit returned.
- b) Any Club withdrawing a team or teams during the season or withdrawing after this date will be fined £150

14 Discipline

- a) Subject to 14(b) below, all disciplinary matters in any way connected with the League, or the conduct of players, club members or supporters at matches played under the jurisdiction of the League, shall be dealt with in accordance with the England & Wales Cricket Board Disciplinary Model Rules, which shall be deemed to be incorporated within and to form part of this Constitution. All complaints/appeals regarding discipline or misconduct shall be submitted in writing to the League Secretary within 7 days of the incident or event occurring
- b) Any disciplinary or appeals committee of the League may require any member club, and/or any one or more individual members of a member club, to attend any hearing and give evidence to that committee. In cases where a member club is required to attend, it is the responsibility of the club to send representatives with sufficient knowledge of the relevant incident or events. Failure to comply with this clause 14(b) will itself render the club and / or individuals liable to further separate disciplinary action

General Rules

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<p>1. Compliance with rules</p> <p>1.1. Any Club infringing General or match rules may be disciplined at the discretion of the Management Committee in line with ECB Disciplinary Model Rules</p>
<p>2. League administration</p> <p>2.1. Non attendance by a club at the AGM, ball collecting evening and captains meetings or any other meeting called by the League shall be fined £60 for each offence</p> <p>2.2. Clubs shall accurately complete an annual registration form which is to be received by the League before 1st March each year. This form contains Club details required by the League. Any changes to the detail contained on this form shall be submitted to the League promptly. Failure to comply with this rule, Clubs shall be fined £60 for each offence</p> <p>2.3. Any club failing to pay their annual subscriptions by the time of collecting handbooks and cricket balls shall be fined £60</p> <p>2.4. Any club failing to return their fixture questionnaire before 31st December shall be fined £60</p>
<p>3. Player eligibility</p> <p>3.1. A cricketer shall not be eligible to play in the T Rippon Mid Essex League if he receives remuneration for playing cricket and that remuneration is his main source of income unless Bona fide club members who are also registered and contracted with a First class county can play provided they are uncapped, under 23 as at 30th September in the year prior to the season of the League and have not played for their county during the previous 24 months in the LV County Championship, Twenty 20 cup, Friends Provident Trophy or Nat West Pro 40 League or equivalent competitions</p> <p>3.2. No player who has played First Class cricket in the 24 months prior to the start of the League season shall play for any club in the League that season except where that player has previously played for a League club before playing First Class cricket, in which case the Committee may allow that player to play in the League at its own discretion.</p> <p>3.3. No player may move to another League club during or at the end of the season if they have outstanding financial obligations to that club. The League disciplinary committee will adjudicate on all disputes</p> <p>3.4. No player may play for more than one club in the League during the current season, except with the permission of the Transfer Sub Committee. Transfers will only be allowed after week 1 matches and before week 13 matches. All requests must be made in writing, by the player to the League Secretary. The letter must specify the name of the club the player wishes to leave and the name of the club he wishes to transfer to and state the reason for the transfer request</p>

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4. Result and cards

4.1. The away team fills in the result card after the game and both Captains will sign it. The away team will retain the result card in case of dispute- the card is not sent in

The home team shall load the result directly on to the website by midday on the Sunday following the game irrespective of whether the game is played or not

The Away team will confirm the result. If they dispute the published result they will contact the relevant Division's Publicity Officer by 7pm on the Monday following the game. The Division's Publicity Officer can request the result card to be sent to him. The score on the result card shall be deemed the confirmed result

In the event that the home team are unable to access the website due to network issues, by the stated time, they may phone or email the result to the relevant publicity officer by the midday deadline.

4.2. The away team shall provide an accurate result/report to the relevant Publicity Officer by **12 midday on the Sunday following the Saturday game**. The report shall include any notable performances as a minimum

4.3. Both the home and away teams shall email the Sporting Marks to the designated officer for each division no later than **12 midday on the Sunday following the Saturday game**. In abandoned/cancelled matches where no play is possible no sporting marks need to be submitted

Note: A List of Designated Sporting Mark and Publicity Officers for each division can be found on the League website or handbook

Note: In the Premier Division and Division One the sporting marks will be awarded by the appointed umpire(s) only, so Premier and Division One clubs are exempt from supplying sporting marks as defined above

4.4. Failure to comply with any aspect of clauses 4.1,4.2 or 4.3 above shall result in five league points being deducted and shall be increased by a further five points for each subsequent offence

4.5. Should in the last two weeks of the season, any team receive a points deduction in line with General Rules 4.1,4.2,4.3,4.4 & 5.3, In addition, five League points shall be deducted in the following season. Furthermore, such deduction shall be increased by a further five League points for each subsequent offence committed in the last two weeks of the season

5 League panel umpires

5.1. Panel umpires shall be appointed to any League match by the Umpires Appointments Secretary. In the case of only one umpire being appointed the batting side shall provide an umpire at the strikers end

5.2. Umpires thus appointed shall be entitled to a fee of **£40**. If only one umpire is appointed then he/she shall be entitled to a fee of **£70**

5.3. In the Premier and Division One, where panel umpires are appointed more frequently, the clubs involved in that match shall send a fully completed umpires performance card, to reach the umpires' appointments secretary by the following Wednesday. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in Five league points being deducted for each offence and shall be increased by a further Five points for each subsequent offence

5.4. Outside the Premier and Division One, in matches that have panel appointed umpires, clubs are requested to complete the umpires' performance card in line with clause 5.3 above. Points will not be deducted for not complying

6. Divisional winners

6.1. The side gaining most points at the end of the season shall be the winner.

6.2. In the event of two teams finishing level on points, the team placed higher in the Division shall be the team which:

- Wins the most matches as a percentage of matches completed
- if still equal, the team that gains the most away wins as a percentage of away matches completed.
- If still equal a play off shall be arranged

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7. League presentation dinner
7.1. All teams that win trophies shall buy a minimum 4 tickets for the presentation dinner

Match Rules

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1. League fixtures

- 1.1. The League will be based on matches as advised to clubs between the first Saturday in May and a further 17 consecutive Saturdays thereafter. In the event of a decrease in the number of clubs in any Division the league season for that Division will commence later and/or finish earlier to accommodate home and away fixtures
- 1.2. Matches will commence at 1pm in weeks 1-18. Matches may commence earlier with the mutual agreement of both clubs and, if appointed the umpire(s). Where matches have a delayed start, no match shall start later than 4.25pm
- 1.3. Any club cancelling a fixture (for any reason other than ground condition) should cancel their lowest XI that are playing in the league
- 1.4. Abandoned/cancelled matches
 - a) Any match abandoned/cancelled due to ground condition shall count as NO RESULT. Each team being awarded 5 points
 - b) Any match cancelled due to other acceptable reasons, as determined by the Committee, shall count as a NO RESULT. The team that requested the cancellation being awarded 5 points and the opposition being awarded 26 points
- 1.5. No game shall be abandoned/cancelled prior to the agreed starting time unless both captains agree before hand. In the case of a council pitch, if the council calls the game off at any time, then the decision of the council is the final decision
- 1.6. Any team defaulting or failing to fulfil a fixture (except clause 1.4) shall be penalised 20 points. 26 points and a win shall be awarded to their opponents. When calling a game off this must be done by a personal verbal call to an opposition official as nominated in the League handbook by 8.00pm on the Thursday prior to the match. If not done by this method or the call off is after 8.00pm on the Thursday prior to the match the club in default will be fined £100. In both instances the League Results Secretary must be informed by both clubs on the same day. The £100 fine will be paid by the League to the opposition
- 1.7. Any team falling to fulfil more than one fixture in a season must apply for re-election at the AGM. This re-election shall be in direct competition with any teams seeking election to the league.
- 1.8. If a team withdraws from the competition up to and including week 13, all points obtained by or recorded against such a team shall be expunged from the competition table and match rule 1.6 will not apply to any matches scheduled for the withdrawing team, whether or not those matches were played. If a team withdraws from the competition after week 13, points awarded for matches prior to the withdrawal will stand, and the opposition will be awarded points for matches after the withdrawal in accordance with match rule 1.6
- 1.9. No matches shall be played on an artificial wicket, except in exceptional circumstances where permission from the Committee would be required

2. Laws

- 2.1. **The current M.C.C. laws, recommendations and ECB directives apply unless otherwise stated in the playing conditions contained within these match rules. Law 42 only applies if 2 panel appointed umpires are standing**

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3. Match playing conditions (general)

- 3.1. The conceding of a match is not allowed
- 3.2. A new quarter ball as supplied by the League to be used to start each innings in all divisions
- 3.3. In divisions Premier to 7 inclusive, a match will be based on 90 overs, each side batting for a maximum of 45 overs. In Division 8 downwards, a match will be based on 80 overs, each team batting for a maximum of 40 overs
- 3.4. In the event of a match starting late or the first innings being interrupted by the weather the total number of overs shall be reduced by one over for each three minutes of playing time lost, with an equal number of overs available to both sides
- 3.5. Should the reduction result in fewer than 15 overs being available to each side then the match shall count as a NO RESULT
- 3.6. In divisions Premier to 7 inclusive, no bowler may bowl more than 10 overs. In division 8 downwards no bowler may bowl more than 9 overs. Additional restrictions apply to fast bowlers up to the age of U19, details of which can be found in the related ECB directive
- 3.7. Should the team batting first declare before completing its allotted overs, they will be deemed to be ALL OUT

4. Match playing conditions: (Division specific)

Fielding restrictions (Premier Division only)

- 4.1. Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play
- 4.2. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 30 yards (27.4 metres). The ends of each semi-circles shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch
- 4.3. The field restriction area shall be marked by painted 'white' dots at five yard intervals, each 'dot' to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring seven inches in diameter
- 4.4. At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than five fielders on the leg side
- 4.5. For the first 15 overs of each innings only two fielders are permitted to be outside the field restriction markings at the instant of delivery
- 4.6. For the remaining overs of each innings, at the instant of delivery, there must be a minimum of four fielders (in addition to the bowler and wicket-keeper) within the circle
- 4.7. In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, the umpire at the strikers end shall call and signal 'No Ball'

Wide Balls (Premier Division and Division 1 Only)

- 4.8. Judging a wide ball: In addition to Law 22, the following shall apply: Any offside or leg side delivery which, in the opinion of the umpire, does not give the batsmen a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. A wide should be called for any ball that passes on the leg side of the stumps. The only exception to this rule is if the batsmen has moved to the leg side and the ball passes between him and the stumps, in which case a wide is not to be called

Sightscreens (Premier Division Only)

- 4.9. Every club in the Premier Division shall provide sightscreens behind the wicket at both ends of their home ground(s). Any application to dispense with or modify this requirement (whether by reason of the ground or otherwise) shall be made in writing to the Management Committee, whose decision shall be final. A club newly appointed to the Premier Division shall have one season's grace within which to comply with this rule. A club not complying with this rule and which has not been granted dispensation or modification by the Management Committee shall be deducted 5 points for every home game played without a sightscreen or sightscreens

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5. Match points.

5.1. Match points shall be awarded to clubs as follows:

WINNING SIDE 16 points plus bonus points accrued

LOSING SIDE 0 points plus bonus points accrued

TIE 8 points plus bonus points accrued

NO RESULT 5 points plus bonus points accrued in an abandoned match

6. Bonus points batting.

6.1. Maximum bonus for batting shall be 5

a) In an 90 over game these will be awarded on attaining:

125 runs- 1 bonus point

150 runs- 2 bonus points

175 runs- 3 bonus points

200 runs- 4 bonus points

225 runs- 5 bonus points

b) In an 80 over game these will be awarded on attaining:

100 runs- 1 bonus point

125 runs- 2 bonus points

150 runs- 3 bonus points

175 runs- 4 bonus points

200 runs- 5 bonus points

7. Bonus points bowling

7.1 Bonus points shall be awarded bowling side on attaining:

2 wickets - 1 bonus point

4 wickets - 2 bonus points

6 wickets - 3 bonus points

8 wickets - 4 bonus points

10 wickets - 5 bonus points

7.2. The team bowling first and winning the match shall be entitled to additional bowling points for dismissing the batting side as defined below.

a) Additional bowling bonus points awarded in a 90 over game

115 - 124 runs 1 additional bowling point

105 - 114 runs 2 additional bowling points

95 - 104 runs 3 additional bowling points

85 - 94 runs 4 additional bowling point

Under 85 runs 5 additional bowling points

b) Additional bowling bonus points awarded in a 80 over game:

90-99 runs 1 additional bowling point

80-89 runs 2 additional bowling points

70-79 runs 3 additional bowling points

60-69 runs 4 additional bowling points

Under 60 runs 5 additional bowling points

Note: These additional bowling points shall not be awarded to the losing side

Guidance information

The guidance below is designed to assist clubs in interpretation of cricket laws, league rules and match day situations.

Law Changes

The Laws of cricket have undergone a significant update since the 2017 season. Club are advised to review these changes and ensure players and officials are aware of how they affect them. Law 42 does not apply within the T Rippon Cricket League, unless two panel umpires are standing

Umpires

The appointment of umpires to a match shall be based on the following priority:

1. League appointed umpires
2. Non playing club umpires, provided they are due to stand for the duration of the game
3. Player umpires

It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure players who stand as umpires, during the game understands the Laws of the game sufficiently to accurately, consistently and fairly apply the laws of the game.

All umpires, whether neutral, club or players shall be given the same respect and courtesy expected of League appointed umpires. The League will deal appropriately with any unacceptable behaviour towards umpires.

If the League does not supply umpires, each team is entitled to supply a non-playing umpire as in clause 2 above. A Captain, Team or Club cannot refuse any umpire from officiating providing that person is prepared to stand throughout both innings.

Team sheets

Before the toss for innings, the Captain must nominate players (on a team sheet) who cannot be changed without the consent of the opposing Captain. The team sheet shall be handed to the umpires (Captain if players are acting as umpires) prior to the scheduled start of the match. The team sheet shall also show the age group of all players who are 18 or younger. Where players are used as umpires, it is the Captain's responsibility to ensure the umpires are aware of the playing restrictions applicable to young players and the

umpires' responsibility is to ensure these conditions are adhered to during the match

Team sheets shall be retained by the Club and produced on request of the League

Discipline and appeal's arrangements

A copy the current T Rippon Disciplinary regulations are contained on the league website