

It was agreed that temporary rule changes were required for the 2020 cricket season as a result of the disruption caused by Covid-19 disease and restrictions placed on recreational cricket by HM Government as a result.

The following were agreed:

TEMPORARY RULE CHANGES – SEASON 2020

The League rules provide under rule 2.13 that the EC shall be empowered to deal with any matter not provided for by the rules and constitution of the organization, and its decision shall be final. This gives the EC authority to adopt and amend the rules to deal with the current situation of season 2020. The rule changes will have immediate effect but will cease to have effect immediately following the last match played in the curtailed season of 2020. Apart from the matters set out below, all other rules will remain as previously published :

B3 – Fixtures

B3.1 – Revised fixtures for the 2020 season will be published by and made available by the Fixture Secretary at the earliest possible date.

B3.2 – Clubs must confirm their receipt to the Fixture Secretary within 7 days of issue. Failure to do so will incur an automatic Level 2 fine.

B3.3 – B3.6 – not relevant for season 2020

B3.7- By mutual agreement between clubs, and with both teams giving notification to the League Fixture Secretary, home games for teams below Division 3 may be played on days other those published provided that no game is played earlier than the first date in the published fixtures, nor later than the last date in the published fixtures.

B5.1 – Umpires will be allocated by the League and will be paid expenses of £40 each on the day of the match. This is based on matches in all divisions of 40 overs per side. If in the event directives are given for matches to be scheduled at less than 40 overs per side then fees will be considered accordingly.

B5.2 – The need to provide umpires with a free tea is revoked for 2020 but no further allowance will be paid.

B5.3 – Where only one umpire is in attendance and takes both ends expenses will be £60, subject to matches being scheduled of 40 overs per side

B5.4 – Payment of fees shall be shared by both clubs and shall be made before or during the tea interval. Any guidance issued by ECB or HM Government with regard to handling of cash will be taken into account in the method of payment

B5.7 - Umpires reports – will only be required with regard to disciplinary measures, and not with regard to any other matter, except in the Premier Division where full ground reports will be required in addition.

B6 – Scorers

It will be expected that all scorers will follow guidance issued by ECB / HM Government with regard to social distancing.

It is expected that where a competent scorer is not available, that players will have to score.

There will be no points deductions for failure to provide a competent scorer.

B7 Reporting requirements

The reporting requirements of sections B7 remain as previously published save for the following amendments – a) the time limit for 2020 season under B7:1:5 is extended from 72 hours to 84 hours ,after the scheduled start of the match, b) the time limit for 2020 season under B7:2:1 is extended from 60 hours to 72 hours c) the time limit for 2020 season under B7:2:3 is extended from 84 hours to 96 hours d) The need for Assessments for the 2020 season is abolished, except that captain’s reports will remain a requirement in the Premier Division

B10 – The rules for clubs and teams joining the League will be suspended for the period covered by the curtailed 2020 season, with the exception of rule 10:3 concerning clubs and teams leaving the league which will continue to apply as regards both the 2020 season and 2021 season. The clubs and teams participating in the 2020 season will be on the basis of replies received by the Fixture Secretary to the letter to Clubs issued by the League Chairman on 22 May 2020.

B14 – Awards and Trophies

The provisions of this section are suspended. Each Divisional winner for 2020 will receive a suitable salver, but no medals to players will be awarded.

C1 – Composition of League

- 1.1 The League shall be divided into an appropriate number of divisions with a maximum of 6 teams in each division, except in the lowest tier, where this may be varied in order to accommodate the number of teams entering for the season.
- 1.2 All divisions will be split on a regional basis, and the format of each division will be completed by the Fixture Secretary based upon the Division arrangement from the original fixtures for 2020 taking into account the changes in participating teams, and will be subject to agreement prior to publication by the League Executive.

C2

There will be no promotion or relegation from any division from 2020 season. The rules relating to promotion and relegation , withdrawal of teams and new teams as they may effect the 2021 season will be decided by the EC at the Complement of League meeting, and notified to the clubs accordingly.

C2.2 .2 There will be no incoming transfer of clubs from feeder leagues relating to any cricket activity in season 2020

C2.9 – This rule relating to forfeiture of games and the need for re-election will be suspended for season 2020.

C4 – The points system will remain as originally published , subject to recognizing the change in the number of overs to be bowled in each division , as per section D3 ie batting bonus points will be awarded as per Divisions 8 and 9 in all divisions, except the Premier League (see Section D12)

C5 – Junior Club requirements are suspended for 2020

D1.1 Fixtures The league programme shall be decided over consecutive Saturdays starting on 11 July (or such other day as determined by the EC on the basis of advice from ECB/ HM Government) and finishing on 12 September. Movement of matches to Sunday will be permitted as per rule B3.7.

Following the completion of the League programme, there will be play-offs involving the regional winners of each division (and depending upon the start date of league competition , the runner-up too) on Saturdays in September (reserve date 26th September) for the purpose of determining the overall Divisional winner. Such play offs shall for the Premier League be played under the playing conditions appertaining to the Premier League. For Divisions 1.2 and 3 the playoffs will be played under the conditions as laid down in the league rules relating to 40 over games played in the Marston's Trophy. For play offs in Divisions 4 and below these same rules will apply with the exception of rule 4 (relating to field placing and powerplays), rule 6.3 (relating to free hits), rule 7 (relating to interpretation of wide balls) and rules 8.5 (relating to rain effected matches) which shall not apply. In those matches if a match is abandoned before the close of play then one of the following applies - a) the captains agree before the start of play that the average run rate method is used, provided that a minimum of 20 overs preside has been bowled, or b) a date can be mutually agreed between the two clubs for the game to be replayed. If neither is agreed then the divisional title will be shared. The regional winner of each division with the highest number of points in the normal season will host the divisional final.

D1.3 – There will be no fines levied for non-fulfilment of a fixture

D2 Start times

All matches in all divisions will commence at 12 30 pm with the option to move to an earlier time or later time by up to 30 minutes, by mutual agreement between the two clubs and any such agreement shall be notified to the Match Secretary and, where applicable, the Umpires Secretary, no later than 48 hours before the scheduled 12 30 start time.

D2.3/4

- No fines will be levied in respect of late starts

D2.5 - this rule is replaced for season 2020 by the ability to move start times by 30 minutes as per revised rule D2 above.

D3 Playing conditions

All matches in all divisions will have 80 scheduled overs. Rules D3:2.6/7/9/10 relating to time allowed to bowl the scheduled overs are suspended for season 2020. Rule D3.3.2, D3.4.1 and D3.4.10 shall be read with regard to the number of scheduled overs above, and in conjunction with the table set out in the original rules. However for a 40 over game the time allowed in respect of law 3:4:1 relating to ' play ceases from the scheduled start ' is extended to 6 ½ hours from the existing 6 hours

D8:5 SHALL APPLY TO ALL DIVISIONS AND PLAY-OFFS

The penalties under Law 24.2 (Fielders absent or leaving the field of play) shall NOT apply to the first 10 minutes of absence for whatever reason, after which penalty time will accrue.

D9 Bowling restrictions -

D9:1:1 No bowler in a 40 over match shall bowl more than 10 overs.

D9: 1 – The table of overs available to each bowler is amended such that in any circumstance in any match, the maximum is 25% of the total scheduled overs, rounded to the nearest whole over.

D11 – Teas – There will be no requirement to provide teas for visiting teams

D12 – Premier Division Playing conditions . The Playing conditions relating to the Premier League (only) remain as originally drawn with the following amendments :

- a) 1:4 – In a match that starts as 40 overs per side, batting points will be awarded where the team has had the opportunity of facing 40 overs – 40 runs -1 point; 80 runs -2 points;120 runs- 3 points; 160 runs 4 points; 200 runs -5 points
- b) (2) Start times – all matches will start at 12 30 unless agreement is mutually agreed as per rule D2 above
- c) 3:2:1 – All innings will be limited to 40 overs per side
- d) Rules 3:2:5 -3:2:8 will not apply to season 2020 relating to time limits for bowling overs. Rules 3:4:2 – 3:4:4 are thereby not required.
- e) Rule 4:1 relating to fielding restrictions will apply to the first 8 overs and NOT to the first 10 overs
- f) Rule 5:1:1 is revised such that no bowler may bowl more than 25% of the total scheduled overs for the innings, rounded down to the nearest over. In a scheduled 40 over innings the maximum is 10 overs, thereafter the table at section 5:1:1 remains unaltered.
- g) With regard to scoring requirements (3:6), all Premier Division matches must be scored by a competent scorer using an electronic scoring method. The preferred

scoring method is PC Scorer Pro, and for the purpose of DLS calculations , DLS Professional (2018.V3) should be used in the first instance.

E – There will be no Knockout cup competitions held in 2020, save for the Jackson and Butterley cups which will be played under their own unchanged rules. The Jackson Cup will be played as a “ Hundred” competition.

Section F2 – Movement of Players .

F2.1.4 is amended to read ‘ After 15 June only one player may join a club from outside the Derbyshire County League , and none after 1 August . Any such player joining from outside the Derbyshire County League in the period from 15 June to 1 August must make his initial League appearance on or before 1 August ‘ .

F2:2:4 is amended such that the date after 1 August is substituted for after week 16

F2:3:3 is amended to read” Clubs are allowed one inward transfer of player registered with the Derbyshire County League commencing on the date of the first scheduled match in the revised programme of fixtures.”

Section F3:2 - Eligibility

The existing sections on eligibility under 3:2 , 3:3 and 3:4 are suspended for the season 2020 and replaced by the following :

- a) No more than two players of a club who played for a club’s higher team in a Saturday fixture may play for that club’s lower team on the immediate following Sunday in a re-arranged match.
- b) No player who played for a club’s first team in a fixture may play for that club’s third, fourth or fifth team in any

of the next three fixtures of those teams; likewise no player who played for a club's second team in a fixture may play for that club's fourth or fifth team in any of the next three fixtures of those teams.

F4 – Teams arriving short of players – this section is revoked for season 2020

In addition to the above amendments, additions and deletions to the League rules as applicable to the 2020 season special regulations imposed by HM Government and/or English Cricket Board will be applicable and will be upheld at all times by all teams. Failure to do so will lead to possible disciplinary action.

In view of the uncertainty existing relating to the 2020 season and the playing conditions, the EC reserve the right to make any amendments to the rules as may be required, and as allowed by Rule A2:13