



Captains' Newsletter 2009

Instead of calling a pre-season meeting we have decided this year to update all captains on the issues requiring attention by newsletter. The Management Board knows that all of you are very busy people and we hope that you will appreciate us communicating with you in this way. This newsletter details the main issues which you need to be aware of in the new season.

Team cards

Due to a delay in the printing of the new cards these will be distributed to you by match umpires this weekend. In addition to exchanging team cards with the opposition captain at the toss we are asking all captains to provide a second copy of their team list for the scorers.

Remember: Get the names of the umpires and write them down.

Umpire Assessment

The previous method of you receiving a form from the match umpires and then filling it in by hand and faxing it in has been scrapped. The whole process will now be completed on line.

The procedure to follow

- 1 Download the 2009 Umpires Assessment form which can be found under Matters Requiring Urgent Information at the bottom of the home page of the JCT 600 Bradford League website.
- 2 The form can be completed using Microsoft Excel or the spreadsheet program of Open Office (a program which can be freely downloaded from the internet. Your club has been issued with copies of Open Office). If you have any difficulties contact webmaster@bradfordcricketleague.org
- 3 In the next few days each captain will be sent a special security code which will need to be inserted on each form you submit. If anybody deputises for you they can use the code as it relates specifically to your team. The code verifies that the form is from the person whose name is on the sheet. There is a separate code for each club's first and second team.
- 4 Once you have completed the form you need to save it in a file on your desktop. It is good practice to name it in a way which will identify it easily ie EastBierleyvCleckheaton
- 5 If you click the link at the bottom of the assessment form it will open an email for you addressed to assessments@bradfordcricketleague.org Attach the completed assessment form to the email and send. If you are using hotmail you will have to generate the email yourself.
- 6 The deadline for submitting forms remains unaltered Wednesday for Saturday games, Thursday for Sunday games and Friday for Monday matches. If a form isn't submitted in time a club is fined £5 for each of the first three breaches of the rule. From the fourth instances onwards a league point is deduct as well as a fine being imposed.

Match reporting:

This procedure has also been changed this year. Your clubs have already been given a full demonstration of the new system which involves the use of text and email. There is no more faxing and you will no longer be required to sign the results sheet. We would urge all captains to be aware that the final result of all games has to be texted by the home club no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the game to 07534 210769 (no voicecalls can be accepted on this number). Phone queries should be made to 0774-9802684. This applies to JCT 600 Bradford League, Sovereign HealthCare Priestley Cup and Shield and Dyson Insulations Twenty/20 Cup fixtures. This will be the official result from which league tables and website reports will be generated. We will require totals and wickets lost for each team and overs batted plus details of any batsman scoring 30 or more and any bowler taking three wickets or more. The official results sheet now has to be emailed by noon on Sunday for a Saturday game, noon on Monday for a Sunday game, noon on Tuesday for a Monday game and Friday 7pm for Twenty/20 games.

Full details of the results service can be found on page 98 of the league handbook.

Sovereign HealthCare Priestley Cup and Shield

The rules have been changed this season to scrap the need for evening play. In the first round ties not completed on the first day will be continued on the following day. In all subsequent rounds play will only be allowed on the reserve day if there was no play on the original date.

Delayed starts: Where weather delays the start two overs will be deducted from the match duration for every six minutes lost. The balance of remaining overs will be split equally between the two sides. The minimum length of match is 25 overs per side.

If the side batting second does not receive 10 overs the tie will be decided by bowl out. If they have received 10 overs the tie will be decided on a comparison of average scoring rate after the first 10 overs of each innings. If it is equal the comparison will go back in two over blocks until a result is achieved. In any match where no play is possible on either day a bowl out will decide the winners.

Full details of the new rules can be found on pages 112-119 of the league handbook. This includes the bowling limitations and fielding restrictions for reduced overs games.

Dyson Insulations Twenty/20 Cup

This new competition will be launched next month. We hope this will become a popular new addition to the annual calendar and encourage you to do all you can to make this a success. The full fixtures and rules can be found on the home page of the league website.

Spirit of Cricket

The Management Board would like to remind captains that under the Spirit of Cricket they are responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their players. Captains are liable to disciplinary action when their players breach the disciplinary code and you are urged to ensure that the umpires are treated with respect at all time. Last season the Management Board issued a directive regarding aggressive appealing. We seek your assistance in ensuring that this is eradicated from our game.

Captains' Meeting

There will be a Captains Meeting in August when you will have the opportunity to elect two players' representatives to the Management Board and make suggestions for rules revision.

Players Representatives

Your two representatives on the Management Board for the current season are Babar Butt (Pudsey Congs) and Richard Robinson (Keighley). If you have any issues you would like them to discuss please contact them.

Website

Remember that all the latest news, results and tables plus all the league rules and official forms can be found at bradfordcricketleague.org