

Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League Newsletter

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Cricket Balls

Especially for the attention of higher tier clubs (Premier and County 1).

The League are currently in negotiations regarding cricket balls to be used for the new **50/50 Premier League Cup** and new **20/20 County** competitions. Higher tier clubs will be informed around **20 February** with further information. In the meantime please **suspend your orders** until you receive further information. Orders and cheques already received will be also suspended by the League until this time.

The cricket balls for Division 2 and below, remain as on the ball order form. Clubs outside of the Higher Tier are reminded to complete their orders asap and send to Michael Evans as indicated on the order form.

Registrations 2010

New Rule: All clubs are reminded to review their existing league registrations annually and remove any players from the Cornwall Cricket League registrations on their Club Play Cricket website **where a player has not played for their club in the previous season**. Any such player will then become available to register at any Club when they wish to play cricket again. The club must then confirm to the league registrations secretary the accuracy of their Club's registrations list. Any deletions, amendments to players' addresses or other details should be made at their Club's Play cricket website by the Club's Play Cricket Administrator. The annual notification should be received by the League registrations secretary before the commencement of the season's fixtures. Any Club failing to make this annual confirmation return will be fined by the League. The annual confirmation return form may be found on the Cornwall Cricket League website.

Player Transfers – Before the League accepts any completed transfer form the player **MUST** be nominated by the importing club as a PLAYER TRANSFER on their play-cricket site. The Cornwall Cricket Website has a detailed Registration help and information section with a link from the homepage.

In summary

Prior to the season all clubs **MUST**:

- 1 **Review** your Club's registrations list online at your Club's Play cricket website ensuring **all** player addresses and **all** dates of birth are correct.
- 2 **Remove any** players that did not play in the 2009 season.
- 3 **New players** must be **nominated** as **standard registrations** on your play cricket website
- 4 **Transferred players** must be **nominated** as **player transfers** on your play cricket website **in addition** to completing the official **player transfer forms**.
- 5 Complete the **Annual Review form**, attached with this newsletter and also available at the Cornwall Cricket website. Higher Tier clubs must also name any **Professional** player. This form must be sent to the Cornwall Cricket League Registrations Secretary (Michael Evans) before the first League match of the season. (Rule 15.1.6)
- 6 **Overseas and professional players** - refer to League Rules 14.2, 14.3 & 14.4. An **Overseas Player Authorisation form** must also be completed and sent to Keith Goldsmith (Asst. Sec). It is available as a download from the registration section of the website.

Play-cricket Fixtures

The process of uploading the league and cup fixtures onto club's play cricket websites has begun, and will continue over the next few weeks. Please advise Mike Evans and /or Michael Weeks with any rearranged dates. These will then be updated on play-cricket.

Child Welfare

An additional Time to Listen Course is being arranged for March. It is **COMPULSORY** for all league clubs whose Child Welfare Officer is not currently accredited in accordance with compliance to league rule 7.2 and all its sub sections. Please contact the Cricket Development Manager Joe Skinner for further information.

Groundsmans Course

A spring course is being held at Launceston C C on Sunday 14 March. Please contact the Cricket Development Manager Joe Skinner for further information

Yearbook

Directory Forms Final Reminder - Please ensure your club information is up to date please. Form attached.

Adverts – anyone wishing to advertise please contact as below.

Any other information to be considered for publication

Please ensure information is sent to Mike Evans or Michael Weeks **asap** and no later than **21 February** – the yearbook deadline looms!

Cup Competitions

Draws for the new County 20/20, Clive Rosevear, Hawkey, Vinter, Clive Rosevear and (non League) Andrew Cup competitions will be issued shortly.

ECB Revised Guidelines on the Playing of Junior players in open age Cricket 2010 Season

1 The guidelines will **allow junior players in Year 8** at school (Under 13 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) to play in open age cricket providing '**Explicit Written Consent**' to play in open age cricket has been obtained prior to play.

N.B. The existing Player Profile dated November 2008 contained in 'Safe Hands' is not sufficient to cover the 'Explicit Written Consent' element as it does not refer specifically to open age cricket. This requirement recognises the need for parents or guardians to be aware of the significance of allowing their young child to participate in open age cricket rather than purely junior cricket.

2. Any player in **Year 7 or below** (Under 12 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) **cannot play** in open age cricket **with or without explicit written consent**.

ALL CCL clubs please note - This supersedes existing CCL Rule 14.1.14

ECB statement February 2010

In addition to the above statement please note that:

The ECB has had several recent requests to clarify the recently issued ECB guidelines on junior players in open age cricket. The intention of the merger of previous guidance documents was to clarify this area for clubs and leagues to assist them with planning and fulfilling fixtures.

For purposes of ECB communications a guideline is as it implies - guidance based upon considered advice and consultation. ECB as the National Governing Body (NGB) advises cricket clubs and leagues via County Boards of current best practice which may be relied upon by insurers to assess the relative responsibilities should a claim be made. In this case ECB as the NGB are advising that a legal duty of care towards children is incumbent on those designated as responsible adults in relation to those children.

As specified in the guidelines, all clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players aged under 18 who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to leagues that allow the participation of young players in open age groups in their league. The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

_ Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.

_ Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

In addition the guidelines note the need for clubs and leagues to recognise the positive experience that young players should have in open age cricket and thus clubs should provide an opportunity for players to show their talents in an appropriate way. Children who are just used as fielders will not fully experience the game. The guidelines are designed to help clubs to decide when to select young players in open age competitive cricket and how best to help their cricketing development when they play within open age groups. For example:

Under 12 age group players* and younger should not play in open age competitive cricket.

Under 13 age group players* can play in open age group competitive cricket, (i.e.players aged 12 and over) if considered by a qualified Level 2 coach or above that it is appropriate for their development.

Under 13 players will need prior explicit written parental consent to play as this recognises the need for parents or guardians to be aware of the significance of allowing their young child to participate in open age competitive cricket rather than purely junior cricket.

Over 13 year old players are free to play open age cricket.

*Junior cricket age groups are set by the age of the player on the 31st August preceding the season of play. I trust the attached statement together with the above explanation on how to implement the Guidelines will demonstrate understanding of our cricketing community whilst offering important protection for children.

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