

Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League Newsletter

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Important Information Regarding Overseas Players-Coaches

The following information has been received from the ECB on changes to the UK immigration system. The League has sought further clarification from the UK Border Agency, as overseas professionals are not currently applicable to the Cornwall League. Their reply is also printed below and basically states that **clubs will need to register if they are paying for accommodation for any overseas player**. The League will continue to pass on information as and when received and the website has a dedicated page including all the various useful website links.

From the ECB

As you maybe aware, under the changes to the UK immigration system, cricket clubs wishing to have overseas players and coaches will now need to obtain a 'sponsor licence' in order to bring over players and coaches from outside the EU into this country to work, and this licence is obtained from the UK Borders Agency. As part of that application process the clubs will need to obtain a Governing Body Endorsement (GBE) from ECB both for their licence and for each individual that they wish to bring into the country. Following UKBA's approval of ECB's GBE requirement process we are now in a position to release the information relating to these GBEs to the Non First Class Game.

I attach the final GBE requirement document (*enclosed with this newsletter*), which will also be published on the ECB website (www.ecb.co.uk/managedmigration). At the end of this document you will find several application forms, named Annexes A to G. The GBE document also includes the requirements for sponsors and migrants for First Class Cricket. However, for clarification Non First Class Cricket will be operating under Tier 5 of the new immigration system and will need to use the following forms:

Annex B - to apply for Governing Body Endorsement for your sponsor licence

Annex E - to apply for Governing Body Endorsement for each player-coach you wish to sponsor

Annex F - to apply for Governing Body Endorsement for each coach you wish to sponsor

Annex G - to evidence applications where appropriate

Under UKBA guidance, we need to ensure that we maintain a complete paper trail for these endorsements. It may be important for your sponsor licence that the name of the organisation on the GBE exactly matches the name of the legal entity through which you are applying to UKBA for a licence.

Please note applications for GBEs for clubs will be processed by the ECB from Monday 24 November 2008 and for migrants (player-coaches and coaches) from Monday 5 January 2009.

In case you have any concerns about applying through the new UKBA system, we have also attached a basic guide on the process to ensure you are aware of the different stages involved.

Alison Faiers : Ethics & Compliance Manager

England and Wales Cricket Board : Lord's Cricket Ground, London, NW8 8QZ

Information from the UK Border Agency

As long as the players are **not getting paid by the club** or **the club is paying for their accommodation**, the clubs don't need to act as Sponsors so don't need to Register. As now the player's govt. will be acting as their Sponsor. There is an increased onus on the employer, however, to make sure that all staff have the right to live and work in the UK.

Information on the assessment criteria (HR systems & Compliance) that Sponsors will be judged against under the new Points Based System can be found at:

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/employers/points/sponsoringmigrants/HRandcompliance/howrateHR/

Information on the New Points Based system can be found on our website at:

www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/managingourborders/pbsdocs/

Useful information for the existing work permit processes can be found at:

www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/

Or check out the EMPLOYERS' TOOLKIT at: www.employingmigrantworkers.org.uk/

The Employers' Helpline: 0845 010 6677

ECB Update 2nd December

Paul Bedford (ECB) rang me concerning overseas players. He informed me that the normal working holiday visa that overseas players enter the country each year has been withdrawn and at present there is nothing to replace it. In due course the Border Agency are to issue Sports Visitor visa, but this may not be in place for next season.

Keith Goldsmith

CCL Asst. Secretary

Divisions 2009

The lower divisions have now been finalised by the LMC. Applications have been accepted from Barrripper 2 in the west and Liskeard 3 (playing at Duloe), Roche 3 (playing at Foxhole), Saltash 2 and Wadebridge 3 (playing at Pencarrow) in the east. Applications from Grampound Road 4, St Stephen 2 and Werrington 5 have been rejected. The complete list of 14 divisions and 163 teams is attached with this newsletter.

Season Dates 2009

The LMC have taken into consideration that by using the normal season dates in 2009 it would mean the final set of fixtures would take place on August Bank Holiday Monday 31 August. This is generally felt as not being ideal. By simply putting the season back a week it would mean the season then starting on a double Bank Holiday weekend which is also felt as not preferable. Taking this into account the following has been decided. The season will start as usual on **Saturday 25 April** but there will be no fixtures scheduled on the May Day Bank Holiday Monday. The final scheduled Saturday will therefore be on **5th September** with League finals a week later. In the ECB Cornwall Premier League the 'bye' set of fixtures will be on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25 May. The fixtures are now in the process of being compiled and should hopefully be released before Christmas. Following some requests, when a ground is unavailable on a particular match day, unfortunately it is not possible for both a club's teams to be fixtured away on the same day. The reverse day would see them both being at home thus a rearrangement has to be made somewhere. The fixture lists will indicate that any such fixture needs to be mutually rearranged.

ECB ACO Level 1 Umpire Training

Commencing **Tuesday 13th January at Truro C.C., starting @ 1915 hrs.**

Thereafter every Tuesday at the same time, place & location until the exam on Tuesday 24th March.

Candidates should be in possession of The MCC "Laws of Cricket" (2000) and, preferably, Tom Smith's "New Cricket Umpiring & Scoring (Including 2003 law amendments)". Prior study of the above publications is advised, but not mandatory.

Candidates should also contact me to register for the course giving as many contact details as possible, especially a contact email address.

John Middleton

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AGM Proposals

Results of October 2008 League Rule Changes Proposals Voting.

Only 57 of the 75 clubs voted (76%)

103 of 135 votes (76%)	for All Clubs were cast (2 for 2 or more teams, 1 for 1 team)
Tier Voting	
7 out of 8 (87.5%)	Premier votes were cast
10 out of 12 (83.3%)	County 1 votes were cast
56 out of 72 (77.7%)	Intermediate Tier votes were cast
51 out of 66 (77.3%)	Standard Votes were cast

Those proposals that received 40% or more go forward to the AGM (32 of the 42 failed).

The percentages are based on actual votes cast not the potential votes that were available.

Therefore proposal numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 29, 36, 41 go forward along with any LMC proposals

Full details of the voting are available online at www.cornwall-cricket.org.uk on the homepage.

Groundsmen Association

Winter Newsletter

1) One of the services we offer is the supply of materials for autumn renovation from Monro's of Hayle. We believe they offer competitive prices, they are a local company with the benefit of no delivery charge, delivery times that suit the clubs and technical assistance provided on all products supplied.

We are concerned that only 18 clubs use this service, if you know of any other supplier that can improve on the following prices, please let me know.

Keith Goldsmith, Secretary, 01579 346248.

Surrey loam £5.24/bag, Ongar loam £5.35/bag, Kaloam £5.05/bag and Mendip loam £3.99/bag.
MM50 grass seed £80, Johnsons J6 grass seed £75 and fertilizer £23.50/bag. All prices include VAT.

2) Clubs wishing to obtain funding to improve their grounds and pavilions are request to contact Keith Goldsmith, Asst. League Sec. for information and guidance.

3) Tideford CC have a set of wheelable covers for sale, please contact Peter Luff 01503 250238.

League Trophy Inventory

All Clubs that have received information sheets on League Trophies are requested to complete sheets and return to Asst. League Secretary

NatWest CricketForce

Do your pavilion and grounds need rejuvenating? Do you dream about attracting more volunteers?

NatWest CricketForce is the answer

REGISTER YOUR CLUB NOW www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce

- NatWest CricketForce aims to be the biggest volunteering initiative in sport in 2009.
 - In 2008 1,375 clubs took part, involving over 85,000 volunteers and attracting £35-40million investment into community cricket.
 - The opportunities your club can offer volunteers is immense, you could have all your club members working together – a fantastic opportunity for whole club involvement.
 - It's tried it's tested – local, regional and national sponsors will want to support your event. If you put the effort in, you will not be disappointed.
 - Gain access to discounts and benefits only available to NatWest CricketForce clubs.
- All affiliated clubs can take advantage of this immensely valuable initiative!
NatWest CricketForce should feature on your club development plan on an annual basis!
Check out the wealth of information on www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce

Yearbook Information

Please send photos (particularly teams appearing in League Finals), articles, obituaries, information etc. to the Editor Michael Weeks (e-mail preferred) as soon as possible please.

E-mail: mweeks@cornwallcricket.freeserve.co.uk

Yearbook Directory Forms

A data form is attached. Please ensure your club information is up to date please as this was not always the case in 2008. Please ensure a return by 14th February 2009.

Diary Dates

Wed Dec 24 Deadline for nominations of LMC members.

Wed Jan 21 League AGM - County Hall, Truro. The Agenda packages will be circulated to club email contacts over the new year period and the agenda will also be available online from early January.