

Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League Newsletter

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League Statement regarding Promotion & Relegation for the 2009 season

Clubs will be aware that at the Annual General Meeting a package of proposals for potential changes to ECB Cornwall Premier League for 2010 was carried. Clubs in the top tier approved an increase from eight to ten teams, the re-introduction of a Saturday / BH Monday Cup competition with two five team round robin groups and the introduction of a new 20/20 Evening competition to be played initially in round robin groups.

It is the duty of the League Management Committee to carry out the wishes of the majority of clubs and aim to introduce a ten team ECB Premier League for 2010. However this can only be achieved providing that **both** the top two County Division 1 teams at the end of the 2009 season meet **all** the necessary criteria as laid down by the ECB. Promotion will not be an **option** for either of the top two teams.

However if the Premier criteria are not met by **both** of the top two teams in County Division 1 then the status quo will apply and the normal promotions and relegations will take place, as listed under Rule 11, with the Premier League remaining at 8 teams in 2010. County Division 1 clubs are advised to be aware of the necessary ECB Premier League facility criteria requirements which they would need to meet (available on request from the League Secretary).

It must also be noted that under Rule 10.4 Falmouth seconds could not be promoted into the Premier League containing its first XI.

If the new format goes ahead there will be an inevitable knock on effect throughout **all divisions** of the League regarding promotion and relegation this season, 2009. A ten team Premier League for 2010 cannot be confirmed until **after the end of the season** when the top teams in County Division 1 are known. If two teams are eligible for promotion as above then the following will apply, for 2009 only, and temporarily supersede existing League Rules.

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| • Premier | No one relegation | |
| • County 1 | Two up instead of one | No two relegations |
| • Div 2 East & 2 West | Usual one up | but one relegation only instead of two |
| • Divs 3 and below (East & West) | Usual two up | but one relegated instead of two from each division. |

However it is stressed that the **existing rules will continue to apply for 2010** if a ten team Premier is not approved.

Summary: The formation of a ten team Premier League and promotion and relegation for the 2009 season has to be an **either/or** scenario which **cannot be confirmed until the autumn at the earliest**. All clubs are therefore advised this year not to assume anything when it comes to the relegation situation in each division.

Registrations 2009

At the Annual Meeting in January the registration of players was formally transferred to **solely** using the play-cricket system for 2009 and beyond. Attached with this newsletter is a document of **FAQ's** detailing the new procedures. Basically **any new** players **MUST** now be registered **by all clubs online**. Existing players of course remain registered. However additional requirements refer to Professionals and Overseas players who **MUST be re-registered** each year as their registration lapses at the end of each season. A full explanation follows under Answer 12 in the FAQ's document.

Player Transfers between Clubs are not included in this procedure and **MUST** be completed in the manner shown in the Cornwall Cricket Leagues Rules. Transfer forms can be downloaded from the Downloads section of the website. A full explanation also follows under Answer 12 in the FAQ's document.

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

- 1 Review your Club's registrations list online at your Club's Play cricket website.
- 2 Complete the Annual review form, which is also attached with this newsletter and also available at the Cornwall Cricket website. This must be sent to the Cornwall Cricket League Registrations Secretary (Michael Evans) before the first League match of the season. (Rule 15.1.6)

Cup Competitions

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

Yearbook Directory Forms

Final Reminder - Please take a little time to ensure your club information is up to date please, as this was not always the case in 2008. Please ensure a return to Mike Evans or Michael Weeks **asap** – the yearbook deadline looms!