

# Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League Newsletter

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With the season getting ever closer the League makes no apology for repeating some important information regarding player registrations, transfers and the playing of 'Junior players' in open age cricket as there appears to be some confusion with some clubs. With this newsletter please also find attached **2010 All Year Transfer form, Annual Registration Confirmation form and Parental Consent form for under 13 players**, that all are also available from the website homepage – League - Downloads.

## 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.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 as the information was received after the AGM.**

**In simple terms: "Any youngster born on or after 01 September 1997 is NOT permitted to play in CCL matches in the 2010 season." "Youngsters born on and between 01 September 1996 and 31 August 1997 may be selected to play in CCL matches in 2010 providing they have been appropriately assessed by a qualified Level 2 or above coach and 'Explicit Written Consent' been obtained prior to playing."**

### **ECB statement**

The ECB has had several recent requests to clarify the ECB guidelines (above) 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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#### **Cup Competitions – Play-cricket Fixtures**

Any outstanding County 20/20 mutually agreed dates please submit to Mike Evans or Michael Weeks as soon as possible . Once all the dates are in the competition can be loaded onto play-cricket. The Clive Rosevear, Hawkey, and (non League) Andrew Cup competitions will also be loaded prior to the season so there is no need for clubs to take any action.

#### **Reporting of Results 2010**

Following, sadly, the death of Paul Bawden in early March there will be new numbers for the reporting of Saturday night results. Details will follow prior to the start of the season and be printed in the yearbook as usual.

**NEW 2010 – Official Cup Result Reporting** – Applicable to the Hawkey, Vinter, Clive Rosevear, County 20/20 and non League Andrew Cup competitions to be done via play-cricket solely.

Home clubs **MUST** input a play-cricket summary result within 24 hours of the match being played. No phone calls required unless the play cricket requirement cannot be fulfilled for some reason at the time. The away Club is then to confirm the result online at their Club's Play cricket website within 48 hours of the match being played in order to verify the result and points input relating to the match. If a full scorecard is not uploaded then a summary of the best performance (20 runs or more and 2 wickets or more) **MUST** be included in the highlights section. Postponed Matches – **DO NOT** enter a result on play-cricket (e.g. Abandoned or Cancelled) as this effectively ends the match online. Simply type in the new rearranged fixture date **ONLY** and leave the rest blank. Additionally e-mail the Competition Secretary and Media Officer with notification of the postponement.

The normal paper results sheets for official reporting of ECB Cornwall Premier League, Cornwall League and the Premier 50/50 Cup competition will still apply and these will be issued with balls & yearbooks prior to the season.

#### **Premier League Fair Play Trophy Award and Averages**

The marks for this award will again be made by the match umpires and will apply to the '**110 over**' **games only** commencing on 22 May.

Looking forward the same will apply to the end of season averages – '**110 over games**' **only** to count and not the 50/50 early season Premier Cup games.

#### **Yearbooks, Balls, Results Sheets, Sat Night Results reporting details**

Further details will follow prior to the season by newsletter.