

Surrey Downs League Rules Sub Committee

The League Reps of **all** member clubs were circulated with the draft proposals that resulted from the Sub Committee's first meeting. They were asked to discuss the proposals with their club's committee and return their responses to the Sub Committee by 18th January.

Responses were received from the majority of member clubs but, regrettably, not all clubs. The Sub Committee met again on January 20th to consider the responses received, in order to finalise any proposed rule changes to be put forward as motions at the forthcoming AGM.

The proposed rule changes, attached, were supported by 80% - 100% of the clubs that responded. Those original draft proposals that are not recommended to be put to the AGM did not receive, in their current form, sufficient support from the clubs. The Sub Committee consider, however, that these ideas should continue to be discussed and reworked so that they may find enough support from clubs to be proposed at a future AGM.

The majority of clubs do **not** support the idea of 2 teams from the same club competing in the same division. It is not therefore proposed to recommend a change to the League rules in this respect. The League rules, as they currently exist, are lacking and do not include any rule to regulate promotion and relegation to ensure that 2 teams from the same club do not end up in the same division.

Our proposal **2** inserts wording to regulate promotion and relegation in accordance with current practice.

The attached proposals must be read in conjunction with the current Rules and Constitution of The Surrey Downs League.

The proposed motions list each section of the Rules in its entirety and highlight in **BOLD** the proposed additions or alterations to that section of the Rules.

If proposal **1** is passed with the required two-thirds majority the succeeding proposals will require a simple majority vote to be passed.

If proposal **1** is **not** passed the succeeding proposals will **also** require a two-thirds majority vote to be passed.

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Proposed rule changes to be put to the 2009 AGM.

1. VOTING. **Change to Rule 6(d)** so that it now reads:

*'All decisions at Management Committee Meetings or General Meetings shall be determined by a simple majority vote **including those relating to Match Rules and Points System (Sections 10 and 11 of the League Rules)**. A two-thirds majority shall be necessary in order to alter the objects or constitution and whether by way of election or expulsion, the membership of Clubs to the League. Alterations of Rules and Constitution can only take place at an Annual general Meeting **and thus be subject to the required period of notice.***

2. COMPOSITION. **Addition to Rule 3** so that it now reads:

'The League shall consist of 4 Divisions with 10 teams in each Division, with 2 teams promoted/relegated from each Division - subject to the proviso that no Division shall have 2 teams from the same Club.

Where two teams from the same Club would end up in the same Division, the relegation of a team will take precedence and where necessary a Club's second team may be denied promotion, or relegated even if that team did not finish in a relegation position.

When two or more teams are tied for positions then, for the purposes of promotion and relegation, league positions will be decided by applying the following rules sequentially:

a) highest proportion of wins in completed games.

b) highest points total in the two (or more) matches between the two (or more) sides involved.

c) where a) and b) above fail to separate teams the final placings will be decided by the Officers of the League.'

3. MATCH RULES. **Change to Rule 10(b)** so that it now reads:

*'In May, June, July and August each game shall start **no later than 1.30pm**; from first Saturday in September 1.00 pm. The toss shall take place 15 minutes **before** the due start, and any Club not available at this time will forfeit the toss.'*

4. MATCH RULES. **Change to Rule 10(h)** so that it now reads:

'There shall be a restriction on the number of overs bowled by an individual bowler with the maximum allowed being 15 overs per bowler irrespective of the length of the game. For young cricketers, captains must adhere to the restriction on the number of overs bowled as per the ECB/County Board Directive.'

5. MATCH RULES. **Addition to Rule 10(e)** so that it now reads:

'Every player in the competition shall be a bona fide member of his Club, and shall not play for more than one member Club in any one season. An exception to this will be for teams in Division 4 where players eligible to play under 18 cricket (under 18 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) would be allowed to play for a second Club's team in Division 4. This is to promote involvement in club cricket, to allow the opportunity for fixtures to be completed and to be played with full sides.'