

SOUTH WALES PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION - Appendix 1A

PLAYING REGULATIONS

Note: These regulations are controlled by the member clubs at a general meeting and require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote to allow any amendment, deletion or addition to be passed.

1) DURATION

- (a) Matches will start at 12.30pm. (see also regulation 5(b))
- (b) The toss will automatically be awarded against the team unable to toss the coin 15 minutes before the scheduled start.
- (c) The tea interval shall be 30 minutes in duration and will normally be taken between the innings. If the first innings finishes before 3.00pm, tea will be taken at 4.00pm.

2) FORMAT

- (a) Each first and second eleven match shall consist of a number of overs per side, a toss of the coin giving the winning captain the usual options.
 - i) All 1st XI Matches – 50 overs per side
 - ii) Matches in 2nd XI East – 45 overs per side
 - iii) Matches in 2nd XI West – 50 overs per side
- (b) The side batting first can declare “innings closed” at any time (which will count as batting for the full allotted overs should Duckworth Lewis need to be applied), with the time saved being added to the time allowed for interruptions before Duckworth/Lewis is applied.
- (c) Any side declaring innings closed or conceding defeat will be considered to have been bowled all out, unless the side batting first declares and wins the game outright, where the bowling side in the first innings will only be awarded the appropriate points for the wickets actually taken.
- (d) If either side is not ready to commence the match at the time appointed, the offending side(s) shall be reported to the Management Committee. (Refer also to playing regulation 5(b))
- (e) Unless the Captains decide otherwise before the toss for innings, the pitch may be covered completely at any time during the match

3) POINTS SYSTEM

- (a) Points will be awarded as follows:-

SIDE WINNING MATCH (i.e. side scoring most runs*)	...	...	...	10 points
TIE (match finishing scores level*)	...	...	Each side	5 points
CANCELLED OR ABANDONED MATCH			Each side	5 points

* Whether actual or determined by Duckworth Lewis methodology.

Batting Points (maximum 5)

For every 25 runs over 100	...	...	...	...	1 point
Side batting second and winning; For each 2 wickets intact			1 point

Bowling Points (maximum 5)

For every two wickets taken	1 point
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- (b) If a team contains fewer than 11 players and their opponents dismiss all those present, then they shall be deemed to be all out (i.e. bowling side is awarded 5 points)
- (c) League tables will be compiled on the basis of aggregate points. In the event of more than one team having exactly the same aggregate then the team that satisfies the following criteria (in descending order) will be deemed to be the higher placed team.
 - (i) The team that accumulates the highest points in the matches played between the respective teams.
 - (ii) The team that accumulates the highest points in the matches played between the respective teams plus the team in the next highest position. (Additional teams shall be added until the teams can be separated). NB if the matches played between teams are unequal, then in the case where a team has been played twice, the points awarded will be halved for the purposes of tie-breaking.

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BONUS POINTS TABLE FOR REDUCED OVER MATCHES

Where reduced over matches are played, or an innings is reduced, in accordance with Regulation 5 or a match is abandoned, bonus points shall be awarded as per the tables below:-

(i) **BATTING**

	RUNS SCORED				
45 to 50 overs	125	150	175	200	225
40 to 44 overs	120	140	160	180	200
35 to 39 overs	110	125	140	160	180
30 to 34 overs	100	115	130	145	160
25 to 29 overs	90	105	125	140	150
20 to 24 overs	80	90	105	130	140
10 to 19 overs	60	75	90	105	120
Under 10 overs	40	50	60	70	80
	POINTS AWARDED				
	1	2	3	4	5

(ii) **BOWLING**

	WICKETS TAKEN									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	POINTS AWARDED									
45 to 50 overs	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
40 to 44 overs	0	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
35 to 39 overs	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5
30 to 34 overs	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5
25 to 29 overs	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
20 to 24 overs	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
10 to 19 overs	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Under 10 overs	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

4) BOWLERS' AND FIELDERS' LIMITATIONS

- (a) **BOWLERS:** No bowler may bowl more than 10 overs in an innings, except where matches are reduced in overs by the provisions of Playing Regulation 5, when the following maxima shall apply

46 to 49 overs match	9 or 10§
45 overs match	9
41 to 44 overs match	8 or 9§
40 overs match	8
36 to 39 overs match	7 or 8§
35 overs match	7
31 to 34 overs match	6 or 7§
30 overs match	6
26 to 29 overs match¶	5 or 6§
25 overs match¶	5
21 to 24 overs match¶	4 or 5§
20 overs match¶	4

¶ - Only applicable in matches where 2nd innings only is reduced.

§ - The higher bowlers limit is to be applied to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to allow the requisite amount of overs to be bowled in the match (e.g. in a 32 over match the allowable allocation would be 3 bowlers @ 6 overs (18) plus 2 bowlers @ 7 overs (14); thus 18+14=32 overs.

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Where overs are reduced after interruption(s) occur, new maxima as per the above table will apply, even if before an interruption occurred a bowler or bowlers may have already bowled more overs than the new maximum.

(b) ECB Fast Bowling Match Directives (as set out below) shall apply to all matches:-

Age Group	Maximum overs per spell	Maximum overs per day
Under 13	5	10
Under 15	6	12
Under 16,17,18,19	7	18

(i) For the purpose of these Directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom the wicket keeper **in normal circumstances** would stand back to take the ball.

(b) Having completed a spell the bowler cannot bowl again, from either end, until an equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end.

(ii) A bowler can change ends without ending his current spell provided that he bowls the next over that he legally can from the other end. If this does not happen his spell is deemed to be concluded.

(iii) If play is interrupted for any reason, for less than 40 minutes, any spell in progress at the time of the interruption can be continued after the interruption up to the maximum number of overs per spell for the appropriate age group. If the spell is not continued after the interruption the bowler cannot bowl again from either end, until the equivalent number of overs to the length of his spell before the interruption have been bowled from the same end.

(iv) If the interruption is 40 minutes or more, whether scheduled or not, the bowler can commence a new spell immediately.

(v) Once a bowler covered by these directives has bowled in a match he cannot exceed the maximum numbers of overs per day for his age group, even if he subsequently bowls spin. He can exceed the maximum number of overs per spell if bowling spin, but cannot revert to bowling fast until an equivalent numbers of overs to the length of his spell have been bowled from the same end.

(vi) If a bowler bowls spin without exceeding the maximum numbers of overs in a spell, the maximum will apply as soon as he reverts to bowling fast.

(b) **FIELDERS:**

(i) There will be a fielding “circle” defined by two semi-circles each of 30 yards radius centred on each middle stump and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. The fielding “circle” should be marked by white discs at a minimum of 5 yard intervals.

(ii) Fielders must be in position according to the limitations imposed below at the instant of delivery. In the event of an infringement the umpire shall call “no ball” at the instant of delivery.

(iii) In the first ten overs of an innings only two fielders may be positioned outside the fielding “circle” (*see table below re. reduced over matches*)

(iv) In the last ten overs of an innings only five fielders may be positioned outside the fielding “circle” (*see table below re. reduced over matches*)

(v) Otherwise only four fielders may be positioned outside the fielding “circle”.

(vi) See table below for fielding limitations in reduced overs matches.

Innings Duration (Overs)	First Powerplay (iii)	Middle Section (v)	End Powerplay (iv)	Innings Duration (Overs)	First Powerplay (iii)	Middle Section (v)	End Powerplay (vi)
49	10	29	10	34	7	20	7
48	10	29	9	33	7	20	6
47	10	28	9	32	7	19	6
46	9	28	9	31	6	19	6
45	9	27	9	30	6	18	6
44	9	26	9	29	6	17	6
43	9	26	8	28	6	17	5
42	9	25	8	27	6	16	5
41	8	25	8	26	5	16	5
40	8	24	8	25	5	15	5
39	8	23	8	24	5	14	5
38	8	23	7	23	5	14	4
37	8	22	7	22	5	13	4
36	7	22	7	21	4	13	4

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35	7	21	7	20	4	12	4
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Explanatory Note: If play is interrupted during an innings and overs are reduced the table above is applied. The “powerplay” over re-allocation takes effect immediately even if the interruption has occurred mid-over. (e.g. After 8.3 overs a match is interrupted and reduced to say a 35 over per side match. The “first powerplay” is now reduced to 7 overs. Since it has been exceeded the “first powerplay” is now over and the fielding restrictions as per (v) above apply. Note also that the “end powerplay” of 7 overs still applies irrespective of how many overs were bowled in the “first powerplay”.

5 MATCH CANCELLATIONS, DELAYED STARTS & INTERRUPTIONS

(a) MATCH CANCELLATIONS

Matches should not be cancelled due to weather conditions/fitness of ground unless the circumstances are such that a delayed start match cannot be achieved. The Home Club shall inform the Away Club when a match is cancelled, but if the Away Club has reasonable grounds to believe that the cancellation is for reasons other than weather conditions and/or fitness of ground, they shall have the option to investigate the matter as follows: -

- (i) The Away Club shall inform the Home Club and the Secretary of the League that they believe the cancellation is unreasonable, keeping notes of who they informed and at what time. The away club must send a report including this data, and the reasons why they decided to investigate the matter to the Secretary of the League within 5 days of the match date.
- (ii) The Away Club shall at their expense, request two umpires on the League Umpires Panel (local, if possible to the home ground) to visit the ground immediately and compile a report on fitness for play. The Secretary of the League must receive this report within 5 days of the match in question.
- (iii) The Umpires should advise the Home club of their presence and purpose and request the attendance of an official of the Home club while they make their inspection.
- (iv) In cases where the Umpires’ Report concludes that the actions of the home club in cancelling the game at the time were unreasonable in view of the then prevailing weather conditions/fitness of ground, the League Secretary will send a copy of the report to the Home Club advising that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Management Committee. The Management Committee, after obtaining comment from the Home club, will determine whether the matter represents a breach of the regulations, and if so apply warnings, penalties, and/or fines, including declaring the match defaulted by the Home team as per regulation 11.
- (v) The fee for requesting Panel Umpires to make a Fitness for Play inspection will be determined from time-to-time by the Management Committee. *(NB The Fee is £10 until further notice)*

(b) DELAYED STARTS

Where a match is unable to start at the scheduled time, the match will be reduced by one over per side for each full seven minutes of playing time lost, subject to a minimum of 60 overs per match. Captains may agree to delay the official start to any time up to 1.30pm in which case the reduction of overs will be computed from the new agreed start time.

(Note that any time used up in delaying the start to 1.30pm is deductible from the 60 minutes threshold allowable under 5(c)(i)(1) below)

(c) INTERRUPTIONS

(i) Where Interruptions occur after a match has been started in matches and where independent umpires are provided by the League or (in 2nd XI matches) BOTH captains agree to implement this regulation then provided more than 60 minutes in total of playing time have been lost and conditions are fit for the match to resume (*but see iv below*), then the number of overs allowed will be reduced according to the rules below:-

1. The numbers of minutes left in the match will be calculated from the designated finishing time (DFT) which will be 7½ hours after the scheduled starting time. *(e.g. If a match is due to start at 12.30pm, then the DFT will be 8pm. Nb. The DFT is one hour after the scheduled finishing time, thus allowing minor interruptions to be effectively ignored).*
2. Once, in the opinion of the umpires, the time allowed for minor interruptions has been lost, then the number of overs remaining in the match will be computed on the basis of 1 over for each 3½ minutes (or part thereof) of time remaining.
3. If interruptions occur while the team batting first is still batting, then the amount of overs remaining and the amount of overs bowled will be added together and divided by two to decide the amount of overs to be allowed to each side (fractional numbers will be rounded down). If the side

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batting first has already exceeded its allocation as determined above then its innings shall be terminated and the surplus overs deducted from the innings of the side batting second.

4. When an overs reduction calculation is made during the first innings and the amount of time left does not allow the side batting second to receive 30 overs then the match is to be abandoned.
5. When an overs reduction calculation is made after the second innings has commenced and the amount of time left does not allow the side batting second to receive 20 overs then the match is to be abandoned

Note: In 2nd XI matches, failing agreement by Captains to follow the above (or to agree between themselves some alternative) then the match will continue to run its course pending any normal result.

- (ii) If a match is abandoned after 20 overs or more have been bowled in the second innings then the result of the match will be computed via the Duckworth/Lewis(See note below) methodology
- (iii) If a match is abandoned with less than 20 overs bowled in the second innings then no result will be computed, the match will be recorded as abandoned and points (including bonus points) will be awarded as per playing regulation 3 above.
- (iv) Once over reductions occur then innings totals and (if appropriate) the result will be computed via Duckworth/Lewis(See note below) methodology provided by the League.

Note: Or approved successor/updated methodology to be determined from time-to-time by the Management Committee.

6) WIDE BALL

- (a) **LEG SIDE:** In addition to any wide that may be called under the definition of a wide per law 25, Umpires will deem any ball wide if it passes both outside the batsman, and outside the line of the leg-stump.
- (b) **OFF SIDE:** An additional line parallel to the return crease and running between the bowling crease and the popping crease will be marked 17 inches inside the return crease. Such a line to be marked either in a different colour or by a dashed white line. Any ball passing outside the offside wide line not having previously been in contact with the batsman, his bat or his clothing will be deemed a wide ball **if in the opinion of the umpire the batsman (including the case where the batsman moved towards the ball) is unable to play a normal cricket stroke.** *(Note: As per a leg-side wide, it will not be deemed to be a wide ball if, in the unlikely event that a batsman should move so far to the off-side so that the ball passes BETWEEN him and the stumps)*

It is not permitted, whether with the consent of captains or otherwise, to deliberately impose a stricter definition of a wide within a match.

7) NO BALL & FREE HIT

- (a) If the bowler bowls a no ball then the next ball will be a “Free Hit”.
- (b) A batsman shall not be dismissed by a “free hit” unless he/she would have been dismissed by a “no ball”

Explanatory Notes:-

- (i) *Runs scored off a “free hit” are scored as if off a normal fair delivery*
- (ii) *If the delivery for a “free hit” is not a legitimate delivery (i.e. another no ball or a wide) then the next delivery shall become a “free hit” for whichever batsman is facing.*
- (iii) *Field changes are not permitted unless there is a change of striker (but see iv below) or it is to correct a field restriction breach.*
- (iv) *Fielders who were within 15 yards of the striker for the “no ball” delivery may move back along the same line to be no more than 15 yards from the striker.*

8. SHORT PITCHED DELIVERIES

Note: This regulation is ADDITIONAL to provisions regarding such deliveries in the Laws of Cricket.

- a. Regardless of how wide of the striker a delivery is, there shall be no more than two deliveries per over that after pitching pass or would have passed clearly over shoulder height of the striker standing upright in the popping crease
- b. The umpire shall make it clear to the bowler (and any bowler called upon to complete an over) and to the batsman at the wicket when such a delivery has been bowled

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- c. It is unfair if the limit is exceeded and the umpire shall call and signal no ball on each such occasion and consider it as part of the warning sequence in the Laws of Cricket..

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OTHER REGULATIONS

Explanatory note: These regulations are controlled by the Management Committee and require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote to allow amendment, deletion or addition to be passed.

1) All matches must be played under the Laws of Cricket, subject to any variation specified in these regulations.

2) STRUCTURE

- a) A maximum of two teams will be promoted/relegated from/to the Scheduled Leagues in any one season. To qualify for promotion a team must: -
- (i) Finish in the top place of the top division of a scheduled league
- AND
- (ii) Satisfy the Ground and Facilities Criteria for entry to the Premier League
- AND
- (iii) be “Clubmark” accredited
- b) Any team finishing in the bottom two places of the Premier League will be liable to be relegated, provided that teams eligible for promotion in scheduled leagues satisfy all the relevant promotion criteria.
- c) If a team in the scheduled leagues otherwise eligible for promotion fails to pass all the criteria above, or are debarred from promotion for breach of rules or through disciplinary procedures, then the highest placed team in the Premier League who would otherwise have been relegated will remain in the Premier League.
- d) If a team in the Premier League is relegated as a penalty for breach of rules or for disciplinary procedures, and that team would not otherwise have been relegated, then the highest placed team in the premier league who would otherwise have been relegated will remain in the Premier League.
- e) If a team is relegated from the Premier league as a penalty for breach of rules or for disciplinary procedures and that team would otherwise have been relegated, then that team will be debarred from promotion back to the Premier League until it has qualified twice.
- f) Separate leagues shall be run for first and second elevens.
- g) All matches should be played on Saturdays during the months of May, June, July and August, where possible.
- h) Each club in the Premier League must be “Clubmark” accredited.
- i) The Management Committee can determine that the lack or loss of “Clubmark” accreditation requires a club to be penalised. Penalties can include loss of Points and/or monetary fines
- j) The Management Committee may investigate the structure of any club, which appears likely to gain promotion into the Premier League during the course of the season in which promotion may be achieved.
- k) Should club finishing in the top position of a scheduled League decline the invitation to join or fail to satisfy any of the other criteria defined in 2(a) (ii) & (iii) above, then the club finishing second in the respective scheduled league may be invited to join, always provided that the club fully satisfies the provisions of 2(a) (ii) and (iii) above.

3) BALLS

- a) Two new balls shall be used in all first eleven matches, one for each innings.
- b) Two new balls shall be used in all second eleven matches, one for each innings.
- c) All balls must conform in all respects to the laws of cricket and be the type agreed upon and supplied by the Management Committee of the League.

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4) OVER RATE.

(Note- Clauses (b) to (d) inclusive only apply in matches where Independent Umpires are appointed by the League.

- (a) 3 hours shall be allowed to bowl 50 overs
- (b) Umpires will advise the Captain of the fielding side when by their reckoning and after taking into account unavoidable delays, and/or delays caused by the batting side at (a) when around 30 minutes of the time limit remain (b) when around 10 minutes of the time limit remain and (c) at the conclusion of the over started immediately before the time limit expired.
- (c) If a bowling side fails to complete the regulation overs within the designated time available as per regulation 4(a) above or 4(d) below then the bowling side will be penalised 5 runs for each complete over unbowed at the termination of the time limit.

Note: The penalty applies immediately on the expiry of the time limit (e.g. If the bowling side has bowled 2 balls of the 49th over when the time limit expires then a 5 run penalty will apply immediately. If the batting side wanted say 4 runs to win - the match would be over).

- (d) The following times shall apply when reduced over matches are played:-

Overs	Hours	Min	Overs	Mins	Hours	Overs	Hours	Mins
49	2	56	39	2	20	29	1	45
48	2	53	38	2	17	28	1	41
47	2	49	37	2	13	27	1	38
46	2	46	36	2	10	26	1	34
45	2	42	35	2	6	25	1	30
44	2	38	34	2	2	24	1	27
43	2	35	33	1	59	23	1	23
42	2	31	32	1	55	22	1	20
41	2	28	31	1	52	21	1	16
40	2	24	30	1	48	20	1	12

5) FIXTURES

- a) Matches will be played on days specified by the League.
- b) Matches cannot be re-arranged without the permission of the Management Committee. Such permission will normally only be granted in the event of ground availability problems and will normally result in the first eleven fixture taking precedence. The second eleven fixture must be re-arranged.
- c) Where permission has been given to re-arrange a match then the clubs involved must agree to re-schedule the match before the last Saturday of the scheduled season and must have completed the mutual agreement before the start of the season. If clubs cannot mutually agree a date, either club must inform the Management Committee who will determine a date for the match to be played before the last scheduled Saturday of the season.
- d) A game cannot be replayed or re-arranged at a later date if a match is cancelled or abandoned due to weather or ground conditions.

6) DEFAULTS

- a) If a team defaults a fixture, then they will be penalised 20 points.
- b) In the case of a second eleven defaulting a fixture, in addition to the second eleven being penalised 20 points, the same penalty shall apply to the first eleven.
- c) The non-offending side will be awarded points based on the average of points awarded to the remaining teams in the division who achieved the higher points in their match (rounded to nearest whole number).

7) PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS

(a) Eligibility

- (i) The League is an Amateur League. Players eligible to play in the League will be categorised as follows:-

Category 2: COUNTY STAFF CRICKETER

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Any player of British Nationality who holds a current contract with Glamorgan County Cricket Club. (*i.e.* – *Staff Cricketers under any form of PCA recognised contract for other counties are not eligible to play*).

Category 3: OVERSEAS PLAYER
Any amateur player who is not a British national (but excluding 1(C) below) and who lives in the area. (*For definition of “area” see note 2 below*)

Category 1(C): PAID COACH
Any amateur player living in the area, who is a paid coach to ECB Level 2 standard (or overseas equivalent). (*For definition of “area” see note 2 below*)

Category 1(A): ALL OTHERS
Any amateur player of British nationality who does not fall into any of the above categories and is (a) living in the area or (b) was living in the area and the Management Committee is satisfied that he has a substantial history of playing for a member club and continues to play for the same club without any break. (*For definition of “living” see note 1 below. For definition of “area” see note 2 below. See also note 3 below*)

Note 1: If a player’s domicile is outside the area defined in note 3 below, then to be classed as “living in the area”, he must be continuously resident in the area for the whole of the Cricket Season.

Note 2: The “Area” is defined as all of Wales plus Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. (The latter counties are defined in their historical (i.e. Pre 1974) boundaries)

Note 3: Non-domiciled players recruited into the Glamorgan CCC academy will be permitted to play in the league provided the club they are allocated to is determined by rote.

(ii) All categories of player may play except where restrictions apply as follows: -

Category 2: A maximum of one such player in any one match. Only an officially allocated player (as per the published pre-season listing) is normally entitled to play. Such players may only play in the first eleven and then only provided that the player has not played for another club in the same season.

Experimental Rule replacing the first sentence above:-

A maximum of two such players in any one match and then only if the opposition also has at least one such players playing in the match; otherwise the maximum is one such player

In exceptional circumstances Glam CCC may request that a category 2 player (e.g. a player returning from injury) be allowed to play. Such players may only play instead of an officially allocated player at a club to be determined by rote.

Players awarded a contract after the season has started may continue to play for their registered club as a Category 1(A) player for the remainder of that season only.

Category 3: Only those overseas players who have been continuously resident in the United Kingdom for at least 18 months immediately before they play their first match in the League.

Category 1(C): Foreign National – Residency conditions as per Category 3 apply.

(b) Procedure

Players remain registered with a club as a player for that club until the player is formally transferred to a different club within the league or they play for another club outside the league in a Saturday competition. If a player has not played for three years the player can register with another club.

- (i) Players registering or transferring will be required to complete a self-declaration form. The form will need to be countersigned by the new club.
- (ii) Players transferring will need to obtain a release from their old club. If a release is not forthcoming the Executive can grant the release where appropriate.
- (iii) Registration/Transfer forms to be submitted to the Secretary.
- (iv) Once the Secretary provides written acknowledgment of a self-declaration form correctly completed, the player can then play.

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IMPORTANT NOTE – Once the Secretary has acknowledged that the Registration Form has been correctly completed clubs must promptly enter the required player details onto their “play-cricket.Com” web site. All players must be in the “play-cricket.com” directory (including those exempt from formal registration in (c) below) in order that match details can be entered on the web site.

(c) Exemptions

NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER	(i) Category 2 players do not have to be formally registered or transferred (ii) Where the SWPCL has a formal agreement with a Cricket Academy regarding “allocation” of Students, the students’ registration or transfer will be implied. (iii) Players in the Under-15 age group and below
AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED	Players moving from the under-15 age group will be deemed to be registered to the club for which they last played Saturday league cricket, or if no league cricket played, with that club with which the player last participated in junior cricket. Additionally the Management Committee shall have the power to require the formal registration of all players moving from the under-15 age group.
NO IMPLIED TRANSFER	(i) Students who play for a SWPCL club during term time and their home club during the summer holiday and vice-versa are exempt from the implied transfer regulation for as long as they remain students at a recognised educational establishment, and it is not reasonable for them to play for one club throughout the season. (ii) Implied transfer does not apply during the UK close season.

(d) Deadlines for Registrations and Transfers

ALL CATEGORIES by 30th June each year.

(e) Complaints & Penalties.

POLICY	Players and Clubs are responsible for the accurate completion of Registration/Transfer Self Declaration forms.
RAISING A COMPLAINT	Complaints will be heard where:- (a) An official complaint is submitted in writing by a principal official on behalf of a member club (b) The complaint is submitted to the Secretary (c) The complaint does, in the view of the Executive of the league, establish a <i>prima-facie</i> case.
HEARING A COMPLAINT	In the first instance, complaints will be heard by a special ad-hoc sub-committee appointed by the Executive. Where complaints are heard:- (a) The onus will be on the complainant to substantiate the allegations made. (b) Representatives of both parties must be invited to attend. (c) Due notice will be given to those alleged against, both of the nature of the complaint and the substantiating details alleged to support the complaint. (d) At the hearing the complainant will not be allowed to introduce items of substantiation not previously notified. (e) Costs may be awarded against the complainant if the complaint is not upheld.
RE-HEARING A COMPLAINT	If a complaint is upheld, the club or player may ask for a re-hearing before the Management Committee. (a) Such a re-hearing will be granted on a fee (£50) being paid.

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- (b) The fee will be refunded should the previous decision be reversed or, at the discretion of the Management Committee, it may be partly refunded if the fine/penalty is reduced.
- (c) The Appellant is required to demonstrate why the previous decision of the sub-committee should be reversed, and/or why the penalties imposed should be reduced.
- (d) The Management Committee may reverse the decision of the sub-committee or reduce the penalty at its absolute discretion.

PENALTIES

MISTAKES & NEGLIGENCE

The sub-committee is empowered to reprimand or fine clubs and/or players where registration/transfer forms are found to be incorrect, (including inadvertent non-submission) or where the registration/transfer procedure has not been fully followed. It can also rescind the registration if appropriate. Where mistakes are made negligently or excessively, the sub-committee may also fine clubs up to 10 points per incident

DECEPTION

Where it is proven that a player or a club or both has deliberately completed a form incorrectly so that it gains acceptance where it otherwise would not, then the registration will never have been valid and the player and/or club will be subject to penalties for playing an unregistered player. Deliberate non-submission of a form is also covered by this section.

The sub-committee will be empowered to:-

- (a) Fine whichever party was responsible for the deception (player or club or both).
- (b) Suspend a player from the League if the offence is considered severe.
- (c) Deduct points from a club if it has been party to the deception.
- (d) If the club has been party to the deception and the offence is considered severe, or if it is a repeat offence, relegate a team or a club by any number of divisions.
- (e) In exceptional circumstances, expel relevant parties from the League.

8) UMPIRES

- a) In all matters concerning the fitness of play with respect to ground, weather and light, the umpires appointed shall have the final decision. Where independent umpires are provided by the League, they will be responsible for determining fitness for play from 1 hour before the match is due to start. Umpires are advised to consult the ground authority where delayed starts are likely and/or conditions are doubtful.
- b) The League will appoint umpires for all first eleven matches.
- c) If the Management Committee so determines, the home club will pay umpires on the day at a flat rate fee that will be set by the Management Committee.
- d) The Umpire's fee is an attendance fee and is due as soon as the umpire(s) have arrived. A special rate is payable if only one umpire stands.
- e) Each club must provide an umpire for each 2nd XI match. Captains must indicate on a report sheet whether an umpire has been provided or not. The Management Committee will be empowered to take action to deal with non-compliance.

9) RESULT NOTIFICATION

- a) The home team must enter the result summary on the play-cricket system match (including details of cancelled and abandoned matches) by 9pm on the day of the fixture.
- b) The Home team shall update their "play-cricket" web-site with full details of all League matches played, abandoned or cancelled by the end of the day following the day on which the match is played. The Away team shall check the entries and rectify any mistakes by the following Wednesday.
- c) 1st XI Captains must complete the on-line Captains Marking Form within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
- d) Failure to observe the rules will result in a club responsible being fined £10-00 for each occasion they transgress.. An additional £10 fine will be levied for each reminder sent to a 1st Xi Captain to complete an on-line Captains Marking.

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10) CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) This code of conduct applies to all matches played under the control of the South Wales Premier Cricket League and is intended to assist in maintaining high standards.
- b) Each club shall be responsible for the behaviour of its officials, players and members, notwithstanding any personal liability under the Laws of Cricket and these Regulations that officials, players and members might have. Clubs shall make all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the behaviour of its supporters is within the code of conduct, both at its own ground and at the grounds of others. The role of the captain in ensuring that high standards are established and maintained is emphasised. The captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws.
- c) Intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distraction of opponents are unacceptable. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to: -
 - i) Any show of dissent.
 - ii) Any unacceptable comment or gesture.
 - iii) Swearing, spitting or sledging.
 - iv) Any action, which could be, construed as unfair play.
 - v) Any violent action.
- d) The umpires' decisions are final - any aggressive questioning, show of dissent or failure to comply with the umpire's instructions is unacceptable.
- e) Each player has a duty to observe the laws of cricket and behave in a manner, which complies with the spirit of the game. However, the ultimate responsibility lies with the captain who should deal promptly and effectively with any misconduct or indeed, any circumstances, which may lead to misconduct. The captain's responsibility in this area relates to the periods prior to, during and after the game.
- f) Clubs are encouraged to take action against its members and supporters as far as reasonably practicable for failing to comply with this Code of Conduct. Any action taken by clubs will not prevent the invocation of the disciplinary procedure, and the taking of any other steps that may be considered necessary.
- g) If matches are conducted against the spirit of the game, even if they are strictly in accordance with the regulations, the Management Committee reserves the right to take the appropriate action.

11) ETIQUETTE

- a) Players shall not precede umpires onto the field at the start of play or after any interval.
- b) Each club shall provide a bell for the umpires to ring five minutes before play is due to commence.
- c) When commencing their innings, batsmen shall enter the field from the pavilion.
- d) Captains shall ensure that they lead the fielding team onto the field and from the field (unless a player is designated to do so by the captain)
- e) (i) Players clothing in any one match must be predominantly of uniform colour(s).
(ii) All players on the field in any one match must be wearing the same uniform colour(s) in regard to their respective teams. Leg-guards must also be consistent with the predominant team colour(s)

Notes

Regulation 11(e) DOES NOT require the use of coloured clothing, and does not require the 1st and 2nd XI of the same club to adopt the same scheme.

Regulation 11(e) DOES require all the players from any one team to wear the same uniform. E.g. It will not be permitted for a team to play with say 10 players in one colour and one player a different colour.

12) HELMETS

Clubs will adhere to the ECB Directive regarding the wearing of Helmets for Batting and Fielding by junior players.

13) OTHER

- (i) The awarding of Penalty Runs other than from No Ball, Wides, Illegal Fielding and ball hitting fielder's helmet on the ground shall ONLY be made if the match Umpires are Independent Umpires appointed by the League. If only one Independent Umpire is in attendance, provided he or she umpires at the non-strikers end throughout then the awarding of other Penalty Runs will be permitted.
- (ii) The application of the suspension and removal provisions of Law 42 shall not be permitted except in matches where two independent league appointed umpires are officiating and both agree.

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14 UNFAIR COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- (a) It shall be considered unfair for a club to field players at 2nd eleven level, who would normally play at a higher team level with that club, if the object of such team selection can reasonably be construed as an attempt to unduly influence the final position of a team in a division.
- (b) The Management Committee, on a complaint being received and the Committee deciding that a club has without justification played inappropriate players it shall be empowered to penalise teams (both the team that was strengthened and the team that was weakened) by the deduction of up to 20 points per occurrence AND/OR declaring the affected match(es) void.
- (c) Where 2nd XI matches are played on a Sunday, any player who played in the 1st team in the immediately preceding 1st XI match will be ineligible to play for the 2nd XI on the Sunday.

15) GENERAL PROVISION – BREACH OF RULES

The Management Committee can expel any club from the League for any breach of rules or conditions of entry.

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GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

Explanatory note: These regulations and associated Ground Criteria are controlled by the Management Committee and require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote to allow any amendment, deletion or addition to be passed.

- a) The Management Committee shall appoint a Chief Inspector of Grounds and at least one other Inspector who will visit every ground at least once over a three-year cycle.
- b) The Inspectorate will respond to adverse reports from umpires and any requests from the Management Committee.
- c) Candidate clubs for promotion will always be inspected; the results of this inspection will determine their promotion eligibility.
- d) The inspection team will mark grounds according to a standard set of criteria that form part of the Regulations and that will be notified to all clubs and will set the standards for promotion to the Premier League. The Management Committee will not be empowered to overrule the result of the Inspectors.
- e) Upon the recommendation of the Inspectorate, the Management Committee can issue a Notice of Improvement that will require a club to rectify a defect(s) in a reasonable period of time.
 - a. In respect of improvement notices a club can request an extension of time, and can appeal against the issue of a notice.
 - b. The Management Committee can demote a club should a 'Notice of Improvement' not be met by a club so served.
 - c. Clubs who disagree with the final findings of the Inspectorate may request an independent assessment (at the club's expense). Based on the standard criteria, clubs must set out the grounds on which they disagree and obtain the approval of the Management Committee for such an assessment.

ADDITIONAL PREFERABLE REQUIREMENTS for Premier League

- Clubs should have Portable Covers capable of covering the whole of the pitch.

ADDITIONAL MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS for Premier League

- Clubs must have the capability of deploying covers whenever reasonable. Repeated non-deployment of covers will be considered to be a breach of Premier League entry conditions.
- Clubs must have total control over their grounds and facilities.

NB - The Ground and Facilities Criteria are published in a separate continuation document

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DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Explanatory note: These regulations are controlled by the Management Committee and require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote to allow any amendment, deletion or addition to be passed.

1. Aims and Jurisdiction

These regulations shall apply to any player who plays for any club at any level under the auspices of the ECB and are intended to provide assistance and uniformity to all Clubs and Leagues dealing with any breach of the Code of Conduct.

2. Procedure

- a) Any alleged breach of The Code above shall be notified in writing (to be known as 'A Complaint') to the Secretary of the League.
- b) Any complaint so initiated must be referred to the Chairman of the League or the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee.
- c) Upon receipt of such complaint, and as soon as reasonably practicable, the Chairman of the League or of the Disciplinary Committee shall consider the complaint and resolve either:

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- (i) To take no action except to record the complaint and notify the club; or
- (ii) To endorse the disciplinary action taken by the club; or
- (iii) To refer the matter for a Disciplinary Hearing which shall be convened by the Chairman of the League or of the League Disciplinary Committee as soon as practicable.

3. Disciplinary Hearing

- a) In any case which is referred for a Disciplinary Hearing, at least seven days' notice in writing of the hearing and of the offence(s) alleged shall be given to the player, or in the case of a club, its Secretary.
- b) The Chairman of the League or of the League Disciplinary Committee shall convene a hearing as soon as is practicable and in any event within 21 days of the decision to refer. Any adjournments may be granted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Hearing
- a) The player and club shall be entitled to attend the hearing, state their case (in the case of a club by its Secretary or other official), to be supported by a colleague and to call witnesses.
- b) The Hearing shall be conducted by the Disciplinary Committee of the League which shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach.

4. Penalties

- a) If at the hearing the Disciplinary Committee finds the alleged offence proved it shall have the power to impose one or more of the following penalties, together with such order as to costs as it deems appropriate:
- b) **In the case of a player:**
 - (i) To require the player to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.
 - (ii) To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
 - (iii) To impose a fine.
 - (iv) To suspend a player for one or more matches, or for a stated period of time.
 - (v) To deduct League points from a player's team.
 - (ii) To expel a player from the League
- c) **In the case of a club:**
 - I. To require the club to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.
 - II. To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
 - III. To impose a fine
 - IV. To deduct league points from the club's team(s)
 - V. To relegate to any lower division of the League.
 - VI. To expel the club from any competition of the League.
 - VII. To expel the club from the League.
- d) The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend the operation of any part, or all, of the penalty it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions it deems appropriate.
- e) Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision on penalty) shall be by majority vote: where necessary the Panel Chairman shall have a casting vote.

5. Appeals Procedure

- A. A player or club shall have the right of appeal to an Appeals Committee. Notice of Appeal setting out the grounds must be given in writing to the Secretary of the League within seven days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, together with a deposit of £50 (to be set from time to time by the League Management Committee).
- B. If the Notice of Appeal is given the penalty shall not take effect pending the hearing of the appeal, which shall take place as soon as is practicable.
- C. The Appeal shall be by way of a hearing before a different committee. The purpose of which is to determine that either

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- (a) The Disciplinary Committee did properly consider the evidence presented to them, and did assign the weight given to various elements of the evidence in a reasonable manner, such that their conclusion was sound or otherwise. If the conclusion was deemed to be the latter, then to re-determine what penalties if any shall be applied. If the conclusion was deemed to be the former, then to determine that the penalty(s) imposed were not disproportionate in the context of the offence committed, and if they were considered disproportionate to vary the penalty(s) accordingly.

Or

- (b) That based on sufficient new evidence that was not available at the time of the original hearing being introduced into the appeal, and that if presented the Disciplinary Committee would probably not have arrived at the decision that it did and/or imposed the penalties that it did, then to instruct that the Disciplinary Committee should re-hear the matter.

The composition of the Committee shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the League and shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the Club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach. The player or club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation, and to call witnesses as they had before the Disciplinary Committee.

- D The Appeals Committee may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Disciplinary Committee and it shall have the power to increase the penalty and award costs of the Appeal hearing. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote: where necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- E The decision of the Appeals Committee or, if no appeal, of the Disciplinary Committee, shall be final and binding.