



## **NEWSLETTER of WALES ACO**



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Welcome to the first Newsletter from WALES ACO-keeping you informed of developments in the UMPIRING and SCORING World around WALES.

### **WALES ACO Training Calendar 2019.**

Date	Course	Venue
3 Feb	Umpire Stage 1	St Asaph CC
9 Feb	Club Scorer	St Asaph CC
10 Feb	Introductory Scorers	Aberdare CC
17 Feb	Umpire Stage 2	St Asaph CC
22 Feb	Introductory Umpires Course	Haverfordwest C.C.
2 Mar	Club Scorer	Newport CC
3 Mar	Umpire Stage 1	Ynystawe CC
9 Mar	Play Cricket Scorer Pro	St Asaph CC-T.B.C.
14 Mar	Casual Umpires Course	Blackwood C.C.
16 Mar	Club Scorer	Aberdare CC
17 Mar	Umpire Stage 2	Ynystawe CC
30 Mar	Play Cricket Scorer Pro	Aberdare CC
7 April	Play Cricket Scorer Pro	Newport CC
April	Cricketeens	TBA

With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April a number of minor amendments will be introduced to the 2018 Code. The most noticeable is the "Full Pitched delivery". The 2018 system caused a lot of anxiety particularly in junior cricket, so the 2019 update should give some discretion to Umpires. It is appreciated there are games we are not involved in, so don't directly know how the 2018 Code was implemented. I wonder if the 2019 Code will have hidden consequences at that level leading to disputes about what is and isn't dangerous.

Any feedback and comments will be appreciated.

In recent Inter League Meetings the Recruitment and Retention of Umpires and Scorers has been identified as a priority. In conjunction with other COUNTY ACOs around the UK we are identifying avenues to achieve this goal. At present the following initiatives have been identified and are being pursued: -

- Awarding 1 match point per game umpired to a Club who provides and Umpire for the league panel (In operation in the SWCA).
- Running a Course for casual umpires i.e. players nearing the end of their playing days who want to umpire on a part time basis.
- Tempting lapsed/recently retired Umpires back into service.
- Social Media Campaign.

Any other ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

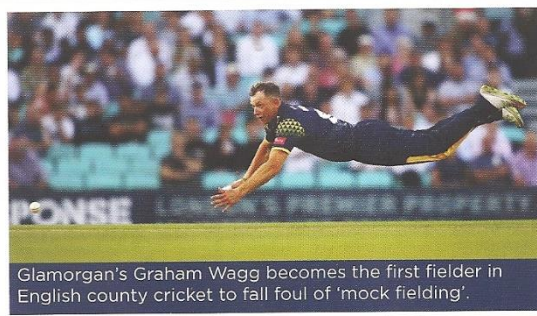
## First example of "FAKE FIELDING" in First Class Cricket-it would be Glamie!!!

Glamorgan recently beat Gloucestershire by just two runs in a thrilling match at Sophia Gardens, but that margin would have been more comfortable had it not been for Graham Wagg becoming the first cricketer in county cricket to be penalised for 'mock fielding' under Law 41.5.

As the batsman set off for a single, Wagg attempted to stop the ball, but after missing it pretended to throw the ball back to the keeper which caused the batsman some confusion – they did, however, safely make the run.

The Law states that 'it is unfair for any fielder wilfully to attempt, by word or action, to distract, deceive or obstruct either batsman after the striker has received the ball'.

Umpires Neil Bainton and Nick Cook used the Law (introduced in the 2017 Code) to penalise Wagg and award Gloucestershire five penalty runs.



## NEWS AROUND WALES.

### SOUTH WALES PREMIER LEAGUE

- Changes in the South Wales Premier Cricket League from next season will see the introduction of Powerplays, Free Hits for a no ball and 5 Penalty Runs being awarded to the opposition for each over which is not bowled within the time limit set for an innings.
- The 2018 AGM also asked the Management Committee to implement coloured clothing from season 2020, with a suitable match ball.
- A previous trial of pink match balls was not well received and member clubs are not keen to use the white match ball, due to the requirement for black sight screens and the fact that the white ball deteriorates so quickly, that one match ball would have to be used at each end, thus doubling costs.
- Therefore, in the 2019 season, there will be a FULL SEASON trial of ORANGE match balls, but teams will remain in whites for the duration of the trial.

### PEMBROKESHIRE

- Pembs ACO now have a new Chairman in Richard Merriman,-well done Richard and best wishes.
- Our best wishes go to former V/C Huw Lewis who has not been too well of late.
- County AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> February at Haverfordwest C.C.,
- Umpires AGM in late March,
- Pre-season training session on Laws Update at Haverfordwest C.C. in early April.
- The County held a well-attended Play Cricket meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January led by Gavin Chilton- many thanks go to Gavin.
- Pembrokeshire are delighted to announce that Herbanston CC are re-starting their 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 for the 2019 season, best wishes to them.
- The County Indoor Cricket Finals were held on 13<sup>th</sup> January with the winner NEYLAND progressing to the Wales finals where they defeated Ynystawe to claim the title. Congratulations to all the NEYLAND lads.

### NORTH WALES

- Changes to the playing structure in North Wales will see the introduction of a ladder system whereby 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1s find their level.
- All divisions will remain at 12 teams as against a proposed reversion to 10.

## SWWACO-

Due to the Snow forecast the SWWACO scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY has been postponed until 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

- Changes to Playing Conditions in SWCA: -
- All SWCA League games to now start at 1.00 p.m.
- Fielding circles in Division 3, Loan scheme to be trialled in Divisions 5-7, Resolven and Duntvan join the League.
- Full League Rules-<http://swca2.com/rules.pdf>
- SWPL teams now allowed to enter SWCA Cup.

## SEWACO

### Pre-Season Training dates.

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	BLACKWOOD C.C.	7.15	TRAINING SESSION 2
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	BLACKWOOD C.C.	7.15	TRAINING SESSION 3.

- All Officers re-elected. Morgan Barrell-Scorers Officer.
- SEWCL now have a fully implemented "LADDER SYSTEM" with 2<sup>nd</sup> X1s accommodated in the main structure.
- On the 14<sup>th</sup> March SEWACO are running a "one-off" evening course aimed at current/retiring players as an introduction to Umpiring with a view to attracting players into Umpiring albeit on a casual basis.
- In the SEWCL changes are planned to the rain regulations, particularly in the lower divisions and the extending of DLS to Divisions 2 and 3. Play Cricket App to be used in place of the Tams App.

Link to "BEAMER" presentation- (please copy and paste)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7gn3z60j3mfvqzh/Beamer2019v2.pptx?dl=0>

## WALES SENIORS.

- Following their successful participation in the first Over 50s World Cup held in Sydney the combined Seniors squad are touring Kenya in late February/early March-all the best lads.
- A full programme of fixtures have been announced for the 50/60 and 70s sides and can be found on their Twitter and Facebook accounts.

**WALES ACO AGM to be held at BULLDOGS BOXING CLUB,  
PORT TALBOT C.C. on SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY at 11.00 am.**

- Our Chairman Mr Steve Davies is standing down and as such nominations for the post of Chairman are invited by 3<sup>rd</sup> February.
- We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Steve for all the work he has done and wish him all the very best.