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WINCHESTER & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUBS' ASSOCIATION

Indoor League and Knockout Rules 2008/09

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

a) The Management Committee shall have power to amend any of these regulations. Any such amendments shall be advised to all clubs participating in the competition by the Competition Secretary in good time and subsequently reported to Members at the following WDCCA Annual General Meeting.

b) Captains and umpires may not agree to alter these regulations except as specifically provided within them.

c) Any disputes arising from the breach of these regulations should be notified in writing to the Secretary or Competition Manager(s) responsible for administration of the competition (the Competition Secretary) within seven days of the incident. A club shall be entitled to appeal against any decision of the Competition Secretary by lodging their appeal in writing with the Secretary of the Winchester and District Cricket Clubs Association (WDCCA) within seven days of being notified of the decision by the Competition Secretary. The WDCCA Management Committee shall consider the appeal at its next meeting, taking into account any evidence that it considers appropriate, and the decision of the Management Committee shall be final.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Where a club enters more than one team in a competition, those teams must be ranked. Before the start of the season, players must be nominated in writing for all teams other than the bottom ranked team. Only in exceptional circumstances, and after approval by the relevant sub-committee, may a member play for a team lower than the team for which he has been nominated. If during a season a player plays on two occasions for a team higher than that for which he has been nominated, he shall, for all purposes, be considered to be a member of that higher team.

INDOOR LEAGUE AND KNOCKOUT REGULATIONS

1. Club Eligibility

The competition is restricted to clubs in membership of the Hampshire Cricket Board unless specifically agreed by the competition managers.

2. Venues and Timings.

a) All matches will be played at the Winchester River Park Leisure Centre on Sundays

f) A ball while in play and, in the opinion of the umpire, becoming lodged or inaccessible in the surroundings shall be considered dead. The umpire shall call and signal 'Dead Ball'. *With the run in progress scoring two runs provided that the batsmen have crossed at the moment the umpire considers the ball to have become dead (NOTE: A ball passing over the netting into the other court is inaccessible under this rule.)*

g) An overthrow hitting any wall (including the boundary), the ceiling or passing into the other court shall score one run in addition to those already scored.

h) The ceiling is considered to be all those areas above the rafters and including the rafters themselves. Anything attached to, or suspended from, the ceiling shall be considered part of the ceiling.

9. Methods of Dismissal.

The Laws of Cricket apply, subject to the following exceptions:

a) The striker may be out caught after the ball has hit the side netting or a wall (not being the boundary) or the ceiling provided the ball has not touched the floor.

b) The last 'Not out' batsman shall be given out if his runner (under Rule 7(h) above) is dismissed.

c) A batsman is not out if the ball rebounds from the wall or the ceiling and breaks the wicket without having been touched by a fielder.

d) Law 31 (Timed out) shall apply with the substitution of one minute for three minutes. If an incoming Batsman is in breach of this law he shall be given out 'Timed Out' without appeal from the Fielding Side. The Umpires shall not investigate the cause of the delay.

- j) The fielding side shall have a properly attired wicket keeper.
- k) The umpires and batsmen shall change ends at the end of each over.
- l) Except as provided in rule (m) below, Law 22.4 (b)(ii) and (iii) will not apply: each 'No ball' (of whatever description) or 'Wide ball' shall be reckoned as one of the over.
- m) In the twelfth over of each innings, Law 22.4 (b)(ii) and (iii) shall apply and an extra ball shall be bowled for each 'No ball or 'Wide ball' that has been delivered in that over.
- n) The umpire at the bowler's end shall announce (or signal) any runs scored after each ball, at which time the ball shall become dead.
- o) A team shall not be permitted to declare its innings closed.

8. Scoring

- a) The wall behind the bowler shall be the boundary (this includes any sloping portion of the rear wall). The practice nets shall be considered part of the boundary. A ball, after being struck, hitting the boundary without first touching the floor or any other wall or ceiling shall score four runs. If the ball, after a hit, touches the floor but does not touch any of the other walls or ceiling and hits the boundary wall it shall score six runs. Four runs shall be scored if a fielder knocks the ball onto the boundary wall without it touching the floor first.
- b) A ball struck to hit one or more of the side walls, the back wall or the ceiling shall score only one run even if it subsequently hits the boundary. (*NOTE: A ball passing over, through or round the netting into the other court shall be deemed to have hit a wall.*)
- c) Laws 24.12, 24.13, 25.5 and 25.6 (Penalties and Runs resulting off No balls and Wides) shall apply save that a penalty of three runs shall be imposed.
- d) A bye shall score one run if the ball hits any wall or the ceiling (in addition to any runs awarded as shown in c) above). A leg-bye shall score one run if the ball hits a wall or the ceiling.
- e) In cases (b), (c) or (d) above two additional runs shall be scored each time the batsmen cross and make good their ends.

b) All games must be played in accordance with the published fixture list, unless otherwise agreed.

c) Starting times of matches must be adhered to. Umpires appointed by the Association are empowered to award the match to a side if their opponents are not ready to play at the appointed time. In this situation "walkover" points will be awarded – see section 6. b)

d) Captains must toss for choice of innings ten minutes before the due starting time. Captains shall ensure that this rule is strictly adhered to, that there are no delays during matches and that batters are ready to play immediately a wicket falls or a batter retires.

3. Officials

- a) Unless otherwise notified, all matches will be umpired on appointment by the Winchester & District Umpires & Scorers.
- b) Teams will use official score sheets and team sheets supplied by the Association. The completed team sheets shall be given to the scorers before the toss. Young players to whom fielding or bowling restrictions apply or who are obliged to wear protective equipment must be identified at the time of nomination and the umpires informed accordingly. In the absence of officially nominated umpires, this information must be supplied to every person who acts as an umpire.
- c) Protection of young players. The guidance of the ECB and the HCB regarding the wearing of helmets by young players and the fielding positions of young players must at all times be followed.
- d) If no scorer is provided, one of the offending team's players will act as scorer and shall not play in the match. Results sheets must be handed in at the conclusion of the match.

4. Clothing

All players will wear normal cricket attire. Rubber soled, light colored footwear shall be worn. Nails or spikes will not be permitted, nor will black soled shoes of any description. The umpires shall have the right to make exceptions to this when necessary. The decision of the umpires shall be final.

6. Competition Points & Knockout Results

a) Points will be allocated as follows:

i) Winning side (save bonus points below) 8 points

ii) Losing side (save bonus points below) 0 points

Bowling points: for every 2 wickets 1 point

(A team playing with less than six players, all of whom have been dismissed, shall be deemed to have lost SIX wickets.)

iii) Batting points: for every 25 runs in excess of 50 runs 1 point

iv) Bonus Batting points:

For every 2 wickets in hand in a match won 1 point

Maximum points for batting from (iv) and (v): 3 points

v) Tied Match (i.e. scores level (see D7)) 4 points

b) Should a match not be played because of the inability of one team to field a side, twelve points shall be awarded to the side that is ready to play at the due starting time. The offending club shall pay its opponents' match fee. This should be managed between the two clubs involved.

c) In a league fixture, points will be scored as specified in section 6 a) above. In a knockout competition, in the event of the scores being level at the end of the match, the side with the least number of wickets down shall be the winner. If the number of wickets lost by each side is the same, the result shall be determined by whichever team had scored the most runs at the point where they lost their fifth wicket, then their fourth, and so on until a result is determined. If the teams remained tied throughout this process, the result will be determined by the toss of a coin.

7. Playing Regulations.

The Laws of Cricket apply, subject to the following exceptions:

a) Sides shall consist of not more than six and not less than five players. Should a club fail to field at least five players for a match this will be deemed to constitute a failure to play and shall result in forfeiture of the match by that club. If the umpires are satisfied that a nominated player has been delayed in reaching the venue for wholly exceptional reasons, the umpires may permit either or both team(s) to commence the match with less than five players. However, if the delayed player (or players) are still absent 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time for the match, the offending team shall forfeit the match immediately.

b) Each match shall consist of one innings per side.

c) Each innings shall consist of a maximum of 12 six ball overs.

d) No bowler shall bowl more than three overs or parts thereof.

e)

i) If in the opinion of either umpire, bowling is negative or short pitched, he shall call and signal 'No Ball'.

ii) A ball pitching off (or on) the edge of the mat or pitching short of a line drawn on the mat 33 feet from the stumps at the striker's end shall be deemed to be short pitched.

iii) If in the opinion of the umpire a ball passes outside the batsman and is not intercepted by the batsman or his bat and then passes more than 12 inches outside the leg stump, he shall call and signal 'Wide ball'.

iv) If in the opinion of the umpire a ball passes outside the batsman on the off side and the batsman is unable to play a normal cricket stroke both from where he is standing and from where he would normally be standing at the crease the umpire shall call and signal 'Wide ball'.

f) Dangerous and unfair bowling (Law 42.6). Any delivery, other than a slow delivery, which, in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's end, passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is to be deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. As soon as the umpire at the bowler's end decides that there has been an infringement of this Law, he shall call and signal 'No Ball' and, when the ball is dead, take the appropriate action as specified in Law 42.7. A slow delivery which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is also to be deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker. However, in these circumstances, whilst the umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball' for each such delivery, the provisions of Law 42.7 shall not be applied.

g) There shall be a five minute interval between innings.

h) Two batsmen shall be at the wickets at all times during an innings. In the event of a side losing five wickets (or four, if they are a player short), the last batsman shall continue with the dismissed batsman acting as a runner.

i) When a batsman reaches a personal score of 25 runs he shall retire. He may return to the crease in the event of the remainder of his side (save one) being dismissed or retiring. Retired batsmen shall return to the crease in the order of their retirements, subject to rule (h) above.