

# 4th February - WDCU/CMC Meeting

## Attendees

Khizar Ali  
Stuart O'Connell  
Billy McPate  
August Pandey  
Taral Khasiya  
Rod Mountford  
Andrew Baird  
Neil Cauldwell  
Haroon Tahir  
Scott Strain

## Apologise

David Ponniah  
Bryan Clarke  
Stephen Bates

## 1. PlayHQ

### Discussion

Player transfers were discussed, with clarification required on how the transfer process will operate in practice in PlayHQ.

There is also a need to ensure that playing conditions and player registration requirements are clearly reflected within the league's terms and conditions, which

each player will agree upon at registration for the PlayHQ app.

## Actions

- **Joanna** to email Cricket Scotland seeking clarification on the player transfer process in Play HQ.
  - **Joanna** to receive updated playing conditions from Exec Committee and ensure they are included within the league terms and conditions when players are registering.
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## 2. Club Communications

### Discussion

Outstanding club communications were noted as delayed. A clear deadline was agreed to ensure progress and closure, so fixture scheduling can be finalised.

### Actions

- Clubs to be followed up and communications finalised by **the end of this week regarding Competition Entry Form, Ground availability and Club Contact details.**
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## 3. League Structure

### Discussion

It was agreed that it is too late to make structural changes for the current season to the league structure.

However, a sub-committee will be formed this year to review potential league restructuring for the 2027 season, including the possibility of a single-team league model.

Any future changes must take into account individual club preferences and support clubs in playing cricket throughout the WDCU.

League Structure announcement will take place at the start of Season 2027 so clubs know what they are playing for, and league structure change will commence

in Season 2028.

Premier 3 will remain unchanged for the current season.

## Actions

- Contact **Club** to ask if they wish to move into Premier 3.
  - Proceed with the **current league structure** for this season.
  - **Joanna** to create a league restructuring sub-committee consisting of:
    - **Scott Strain CMC**
    - **Billy McPate Vice Chair WDCU**
    - **Haroon CMC**
    - **Tara CMC**
    - and contact any members who made league proposals to see if they would like to be part of the sub-committee.
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## 4. Fixture Scheduling

### Discussion

Fixture scheduling is underway using PlayHQ.

Premier 1 and Premier 2 fixtures are completed, clubs will be informed as soon as possible after the fixtures have been checked and approved by the CMC.

Fixtures will then be submitted to **Cricket Scotland**.

### Actions

- CMC to work on finalising fixtures and meet to review PlayHQ usage.
- Premier 1 and Premier 2 fixtures to be sent first to Cricket Scotland once approved and then announced to clubs.
- Fixture announcements for clubs: **Next Week**.
- Fixtures to be submitted to **Cricket Scotland** by **mid to end of February**.
- Championship 1 and Championship 2 fixtures to follow.

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## 5. Over 40s Cup / League

### Discussion

The introduction of an Over 40s League Cup was discussed.

The preference is for a league-style cup competition rather than a knockout format, where clubs may only get one game for example.

### Actions

- Establish a sub-committee led to progress the Over 40s League Cup proposal. Rod Mounford has stepped forward to be on this sub-committee, and also have support from the Over 40s club.
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## 6. Any Other Business

### Club Requests

### Discussion

It was agreed that [                    CC] may play away fixtures only in the WDCU Evening league to maximise their opportunity to participate this season.

Flexibility and cooperation between clubs are encouraged.

There may be opportunities to bring additional grounds back into use.

### Actions

- Enter [                    **CC**] into the competition on an away-games-only basis.
  - [                    **CC**] to pay a host fee for the games that would have been scheduled at Home.
  - Responsibility for scheduling their 'home' fixtures 'away' rests with [                    **CC** ].
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[                    **CC** ]

## **Discussion**

A query regarding [                    **CC** ] player eligibility enquiry requires further guidance before a decision is made by the CMC.

## **Actions**

- Forward the matter to Cricket Scotland for guidance.
  - Inform [                    **CC** ] that the inquiry is underway.
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## **Umpiring**

### **Discussion**

Significant umpiring challenges were noted across Scotland as CSMOA has been now taken over by Cricket Scotland.

While the West is currently in a relatively strong position regarding qualified and active umpires, future planning is essential.

The introduction of umpiring requirements for Premier teams was discussed as a future measure which may be implemented in future seasons.

### **Actions**

- Members of Exec to contact umpires to gather further information and assess availability for this season.
- Explore the possibility of each Premier team putting forward one umpiring candidate.
- Consider introducing formal umpiring requirements next season and incorporating these into the playing conditions.

## **Next Meeting**

To be determined in early March.