

# 26th February - WDCU/CMC Meeting

## Attendees

Khizar Ali  
Stuart O'Connell  
Billy McPate  
August Pandey  
Taral Khasiya  
Stephen Bates  
Andrew Baird  
Scott Strain  
Rod Mountford

## Apologies / Not in Attendance

Haroon Tahir  
Neil Cauldwell  
Bryan Clarke  
David Ponniah

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## 1.Play HQ

### Discussion

Joanna will set up fixtures in Play HQ once all clubs have registered on Play HQ and added their teams to the appropriate grades (leagues and cups).

Clubs are responsible for creating their own teams within the system and adding their teams to the appropriate Leagues/Cups.

Training support is available from Cricket Scotland. Details have been posted on the website and circulated to clubs.

Clubs should be supported with team creation and registration through the training sessions and by the WDCU website, where Joanna will upload training videos.

Registration progress should be monitored by Joanna, and Cricket Scotland informed if any clubs require assistance or are causing delays.

Club logins will be sent out by Cricket Scotland once a club has attended a training session run by Cricket Scotland.

### **Actions**

- **Joanna** to set up fixtures once all clubs are fully registered.
- **Joanna** to monitor club registrations and notify Cricket Scotland if additional support is required.
- **Joanna** should continue directing clubs to training resources, training sessions and website, where she will have uploaded training videos once available.

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## **2.Club Communications**

### **Discussion**

[REDACTED CLUB] has not yet submitted a Competition Entry Form but has confirmed, through direct contact with [REDACTED], that they intend to compete in the same cup competitions as the 2025 season.

The club contacts spreadsheet requires completion and circulation to all 15 remaining clubs who we are still waiting on details.

Vale of Leven has indicated full Saturday availability and willingness to host games if other clubs are not able to host their scheduled games.

Club subscription payments to **Bryan** need to be reviewed and ensure that everyone has paid.

Once fixtures are announced (as soon as possible), a note should be issued explaining that while all efforts were made to meet club requirements, not all requests may have been able to be accommodated.

Clubs may collaborate to host fixtures where required, they will just need to gain approval through the CMC, with both teams' approval for the change.

### **Actions**

- **Joanna** to receive [REDACTED CLUB]'s submitted Competition Entry Form to the WDCU.
- **Joanna** to circulate contact excel spreadsheet to all 15 remaining clubs for completion.
- **Joanna** to check with **Bryan** (Treasurer) regarding club subscription payments and the status of each club.

- **Joanna** to draft communication regarding fixture constraints and send out with finalised fixtures.
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## 3. League Structure

### Discussion

The Sub-Committee met last week and feels it requires 2–3 additional members to properly represent the broad range of cricket clubs and members in the west.

Members of the subcommittee are reviewing league proposals currently and will return to their next meeting with feedback and new ideas.

A proposal will be submitted to the CMC in due course, and if approved, passed on to the Exec for review and a final decision.

The aim is for the league structure to be finalised by the end of the season, so clubs know as much in advance any changes to the league structure.

Meetings will take place roughly every four weeks.

### Actions

- **Billy** to progress Sub-Committee arrangements and organise meetings and agendas.
  - **Billy** to recruit 2–3 additional members.
  - **Sub Committee** to prepare proposal for submission to CMC by the end of the season.
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## 4. Over 40's Cup / League

### Discussion

A subcommittee group has been formed and initial interest established.

The next step is for a structure to be agreed upon, considering ground availability limitations due to the busy 2026 season.

Participating members have proposed potential options for how the Over 40's Cup/League will look and a final decision on that structure will be made at their next meeting.

GHK has proposed they could accommodate multiple fixtures simultaneously, as they have two wickets. So, there could be a potential for four clubs to play on the same day.

The subcommittee are meeting next week, and the aim is to drive the decisions forward, and get something set up for the 2026 season.

### **Actions**

- **Sub Committee** to develop and circulate proposed Over 40's structure to CMC before the start of the 2026 Season.
- **August** to communicate final structure idea to CMC, this will then be approved by Exec before being implemented in the 2026 season.

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## **5. Fixture Scheduling**

### **Discussion**

All fixtures have now been scheduled, just waiting final approval from the CMC before sharing with Clubs and on Website.

Teams are permitted to switch fixtures by mutual agreement but must notify the CMC if venue and date changes are required.

Fixture scheduling has been challenging due to timings, for next year work on fixtures earlier, if we have confirmation of the League Structure.

Historically, the Premier League reverses fixtures annually, which could be helpful for next year's fixture scheduling process.

Suggestion that a Sub-Committee (or small group) handle future fixture creation at the end of this season, as a lot of work for one or two people.

Suggestion to conduct cup draws live for sponsorship engagement next year.

### **Actions**

- **CMC** to consider formalising a fixtures **Sub-Committee** ready to start at the end of this season.
- **Committee** explore live draw option for sponsorship engagement and how this could work for next season.

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## **6. Any Other Business**

## 1. [REDACTED]

### Discussion

Clarification required regarding his classification (Scottish Qualified vs Overseas Amateur vs Paid Professional).

If a paid player, must comply fully with paid player regulations, must hold Level 2 coaching qualification, First Aid certification, and PVG clearance.

Cannot play in the Rowan Cup if registered as a paid player.

If registered as Paid Player or Overseas Amateur (OA), cannot participate in the Rowan Cup.

Criteria need to be strengthened and clarified for the 2026 season regarding player classifications.

Contact should be made with **[REDACTED CLUB]** to explain requirements.

### Actions

- **CMC** to confirm **[REDACTED]**'s classification as paid professional, communicate directly with **[REDACTED CLUB]** regarding player requirements.
  - **Joanna** verifies coaching qualifications, First Aid, and PVG status.
  - **Bryan** and **Neil** to redraft and strengthen eligibility criteria ahead of the 2026 season.
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## 2. [REDACTED]

### Discussion

Investigation on hold pending clarification from club regarding submitted information.

### Actions

- **Joanna** awaits club response and report back to Committee once received.
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## 3. [REDACTED]

### Discussion

PVG and First Aid status to be verified.

### **Actions**

- **Joanna** to check **[REDACTED]**'s PVG, First Aid and coaching qualification with **[REDACTED CLUB]**.
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## **4. Premier League Criteria (2027 Season)**

### **Discussion**

Clubs without junior setups may not be eligible for Premier League participation in 2027 Season.

This requirement must be communicated prior to the 2027 season and will be communicated in 2026 Season.

Sanctions will apply at the end of the 2026 season if league requirements are not met and will have an impact on 2027 League qualification.

Rules must be clearly defined and formalised before the Spring AGM.

### **Actions**

- **Joanna** to facilitate the circulation of the approved league regulations in advance of Spring AGM.
  - **Joanna** to clearly communicate compliance expectations and sanctions to clubs this season.
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## **5. Umpiring Situation**

### **Discussion**

Billy attending Umpiring AGM on the 27th of February.

Cricket Scotland is bringing umpire allocations in-house for the 2026 Season.

Concerns raised regarding potential impact on allocations of umpires with the new system.

Some individual umpires have indicated willingness to umpire locally if issues arise with the new system.

## Actions

- None currently.
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## 6. Playing Conditions – Proposed Additions

Clarify how many 1st XI players may play in the team below on Sunday games.

Introduce a deadline for team sheet submission 11 am? Or an earlier time agreed by the CMC.

Permit, within reason, younger players to participate in teams to avoid concessions of games.

Concern raised regarding 3rd XI Saturday league bowling limit of 10 overs in a 40-over match. Proposal to reduce to 8 overs (20% of available overs).

A Domestic Cricket Committee at Cricket Scotland is reviewing playing conditions nationally.

## Actions

- **Joanna** to send proposed updates to Playing Conditions from the CMC to **Bryan** (Treasurer) and **Neil** (Secretary).
  - **Joanna** to go back through winter meeting minutes and identify any other additions to playing conditions.
  - **Bryan** and **Neil** to conduct full review of Playing Conditions before the start of the season.
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Next Meeting Date – To be arranged.