

WDCU Cricket Management Committee

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Meeting Summary

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Competition Administration

The Committee received an update on the progress of all current cup competitions, including the Greenwood Trophy, McCulloch Cup, Rowan Cup and Western Cup. Fixtures are progressing as scheduled, with arrangements in place to confirm umpire appointments for the remaining knockout rounds.

The Committee also considered an incident in which a team left the field during a Western Cup fixture before the match had concluded. Following a review of the relevant Laws of Cricket and previous precedent, it was confirmed that leaving the field without completing the match constitutes a refusal to play.

PlayHQ and Competition Systems

The Committee reviewed several operational issues relating to the PlayHQ competition management system that have been identified during the season.

These included:

- Manual entry of bonus points.
- Automatic approval of player transfers where clubs do not respond.
- Loss of scoring data when devices reconnect after offline scoring.
- Concerns regarding the registration and use of fill-in players.

It was agreed that these issues should be formally collated and raised with Cricket Scotland in order to seek system improvements and greater consistency across competitions.

The Committee also encouraged clubs to continue maintaining paper scorebooks alongside electronic scoring as a safeguard against technical failures.

Conduct and Discipline

The Committee reviewed a number of conduct matters arising from recent fixtures.

A complaint involving inappropriate behaviour towards a young umpire was considered. Following review of the circumstances, the Committee determined that additional disciplinary action was appropriate and imposed a suspension in line with its responsibility to protect participants and uphold standards of behaviour.

The Committee also considered complaints relating to player conduct and behaviour during other league fixtures. In cases where evidence remained inconclusive, the Committee reaffirmed its established approach of seeking responses from the clubs involved, issuing reminders regarding behavioural expectations where appropriate, and maintaining records to identify any recurring patterns of misconduct.

The Committee reiterated that unacceptable behaviour towards players, volunteers, officials and grounds staff will not be tolerated and will continue to be addressed through the league's disciplinary procedures.

Fair Play Initiative

The Committee confirmed that the new Fair Play initiative is being introduced during the current season to encourage positive behaviour and improve standards across all competitions.

Clubs will receive guidance outlining the objectives of the scheme together with reminders of their responsibilities under the Spirit of Cricket. The Committee will monitor submissions throughout the season and review the scoring methodology to ensure the system remains fair and robust.

League Structure Review

The Committee received an update on ongoing discussions regarding future league structures.

Current proposals include creating a separate competition structure for teams unable to regularly play Saturday cricket, alongside the development of clearer facility standards and player eligibility criteria.

No decisions have yet been finalised, and a detailed proposal will be presented for wider consideration before any structural changes are implemented.

Player Registration and Transfers

The Committee discussed player transfer regulations following a request submitted during the season.

It was agreed that existing procedures require greater clarity, particularly regarding transfer deadlines and the information required to support applications. The Committee will review both the transfer process and associated regulations before next season to ensure greater consistency and transparency.

The Committee also discussed the use of fill-in players and agreed that eligibility rules should be strengthened to ensure they are used only in genuine circumstances and in accordance with competition regulations.

Player Availability

The Committee reviewed a reported instance where a team was unable to field the required number of players at the scheduled start of a fixture.

As no formal complaint had been submitted by either club, and the match was completed, the Committee agreed that no further action was required. The matter was noted for future reference.

Over-40s Competition

The Committee received an update on the Over-40s competition and noted that the season is now underway. Initial fixtures have been completed successfully, and the Committee welcomed the continued development of the competition.

Summary of Agreed Actions

The Committee agreed to:

- Confirm umpire appointments for forthcoming cup semi-finals.
- Submit a consolidated report of PlayHQ system issues to Cricket Scotland.
- Apply the appropriate competition ruling following the Western Cup fixture walk-off.
- Seek formal responses to outstanding conduct matters before determining any further action.
- Issue disciplinary correspondence and communicate outcomes to the relevant clubs where appropriate.
- Launch the Fair Play initiative and provide guidance to all clubs on conduct expectations.
- Continue monitoring behavioural trends and review the Fair Play scoring methodology throughout the season.
- Develop a formal proposal for future league restructuring for consideration by the Committee and Executive.
- Review player transfer procedures and strengthen regulations ahead of next season.
- Review fill-in player eligibility rules to ensure they are applied consistently.
- Continue discussions with Cricket Scotland regarding improvements to PlayHQ and competition administration.

These minutes are a summary of the key decisions and actions agreed by the Cricket Management Committee. They have been prepared for publication and therefore omit personal information, detailed discussion and confidential matters while accurately reflecting the decisions made by the Committee.