

# **CLUB STANDARDS**

## **1 Club Standards**

This document defines the standard of grounds, facilities, youth cricket and administration required by the Warwickshire Cricket League (WCL). Clubs are required to meet. Clubs are expected to meet as a minimum all the R – Required Standards for their Division and are encouraged to meet the O – optional requirements. Where a Club has a first and second team in a different division the standards of the higher division apply to the Club.

In the most part the standards will be self administered, any new Club to the division will be asked to verify they meet the standards for that division. The management committee reserve the right to examine any Club whose facilities appear to be falling below these standards.

Promotion as defined in Playing Regulations 9.8.3 Club Standards will depend on meeting the required standards. Promotion to the Birmingham and District Premier Cricket League (BDPCL) will be subject to audit to their standards and it is intended the WCL Premier Division standards match those of the BDPCL. Falling below the standards for a division could result in relegation.

Consistent marks below 3 will be investigated by the grounds committee and if a ground up on warning a ground does not improve the offending Club will be subject to relegation from the division or band.

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### 2 Ground Requirements

	2 Team Structure			Single Teams
	P	D1/D2	D3 to D6	D1 to D3
Minimum pitches per square	10	8	6	N/A
Artificial wickets allowed	No	No	No	Yes
Minimum distance from the centre of the square to a boundary to be 50 yards	R	O	O	O
An experienced Groundsman (formally qualified or, at least, 3 years working on cricket grounds) must be available for a minimum of 20 hours per week during the season	O	O	O	O
Sightscreens at both ends	R	R	R	O
Scorebox / scoreboard shows total, wkts, overs, last inns	R	R	R	R
Scorebox/scoreboard additionally to show batsman's runs	R	O	O	O
Full Covers either roll on or sheets, leakproof.	R	R	R	O
Sheet covers for bowlers run-ups (10 yards minimum)	O	O	O	O
Light and heavy rollers, pitch and square mowers, outfield mower	R	R	R	R
spiker/aerator, scarifier	O	O	O	O
Ground drying equipment towels etc	R	O	O	O
Water-hog (hand version or better)	R	O	O	O
Practice net facilities must be provided	R	O	O	O

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### 3 Ground Quality

	2 Team Structure			Single Teams
	P	D1/D2	D3 to D6	D1 to D3
Pitch must not be artificially watered within 48 hours of the start of the match	R	R	R	R
Pitches offer true and predictable bounce with no excessive movement off the seam or spin	R	R	R	R
Pitches correctly marked	R	R	R	R
Pitches re-marked during the interval between innings	R	O	O	O
Square cut for matches, in good condition, with previously used pitches repaired	R	R	R	R
Outfield close mown with no noticeable grass cuttings, weeds, ruts, holes or hazards	R	R	R	R
Boundary clearly marked by rope, line or fence, with markers approx. 20 yds apart	R	R	R	R
Sight screens fit for purpose, positioned before play and roped off, if within playing area	R	R	R	O
Ground surrounds well maintained and suitable measures in place to ensure that lost balls cause minimum delay	R	R	R	R
Scorebox if used, to be clean and tidy and in good working order	R	R	R	R
Pitch Covered 24 hours before each match.	R	R	O	O
Covers available during the match and in good condition	R	R	R	O
Ground drying equipment available before and during matches	R	O	O	O
Light and heavy rollers available during matches	R	O	O	O
Nets available for use and maintained in good condition	R	O	O	O

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### 4 Clubhouse Requirements

	2 Team Structure			Single Teams
	P	D1/D2	D3 to D6	D1 to D3
Separate changing rooms for both teams and Umpires	R	R	R	R
Minimum of 2 working hot showers per team	R	R	R	R
Kitchen	R	R	R	O
Meal and social area	R	R	R	R
Toilets, male, female and disabled	R	R	R	R
Bell to allow Umpires to signal start and resumption of play	O	O	O	O
Working clock on ground that can be seen from playing area	R	R	O	O
First aid kit	R	R	R	R
Telephone (Mobile Phone acceptable)	R	R	R	R
Car Parking	R	R	R	O

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### 5 Clubhouse Quality

	2 Team Structure			Single Teams
	P	D1/D2	D3 to D6	D1 to D3
Clubhouse facilities, particularly kitchen, to be kept clean and tidy, and to meet all legal health and safety requirements	R	R	R	R
Refreshment area available immediately after matches	R	R	O	O
Showers adequate for purpose and in working order	R	R	R	R
Separate, safe, secure, clean and tidy changing facilities for Umpires	R	R	R	R
Players and Umpires changing rooms to have mirror and, at least, one hook per player for clothes	O	O	O	O
Telephone available and in working order (mobile phone acceptable)	R	R	R	R
Clock on ground, if present, adequate for purpose, and in working order	R	R	O	O
Bell adequate for purpose and in working order	O	O	O	O
Separate tea tables for Umpires and Scorers	O	O	O	O

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### 6 Youth Cricket Requirements

	2 Team Structure			Single Teams
	P	D1/D2	D3 to D6	D1 to D3
Club must have a Club Welfare Officer	R	R	R	R
Must run Youth XI's at a minimum of two age levels in their County Board Competitions M	R	O	O	O
Clubs must run "Softball" cricket for children Under 11	O	O	O	O
A minimum of 2 ECB qualified coaches must be available for weekly coaching M	R	O	O	O
Clubs must adhere to the ECB Fast Bowling Directives for young fast bowlers	R	R	R	R
Clubs must ensure that all players under the age of 18 (on the day of the match) shall wear helmets (mandatory) for batting and keeping wicket, when standing up to the wicket.	R	R	R	R
Clubs must adhere to ECB policy regarding U13 players in senior cricket	R	R	R	R

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### 7 Administration Requirements

	2 Team Structure			Single Teams
	P	D1/D2	D3 to D6	D1 to D3
Clubs must run Saturday 1st and 2nd XI's	R	R	R	O
Clubs must run a Saturday 3rd XI in a Competition approved by WCL	R	O	O	O
Clubs must not cancel 1st XI or 2nd XI matches due to lack of players or any other reason except for climatic conditions	R	O	O	O
Clubs must affiliate to the Cricket Board responsible for the County in which their ground is situated.	R	R	R	R
Clubs must adhere to the WCL administrative requirements in Playing Conditions and Playing Regulations	R	R	R	R
Club Mark	O	O	O	O