

# PLAYING REGULATIONS

## 1 Structure

The Warwickshire Cricket League (WCL) shall be structured in 3 Bands as follows:

- 1.1.1 Band 1 - Premier, 1 and 2 Divisions, in which each Club shall provide first and second teams and in which promotion and relegation of the second team shall be independent of that of the first team but within this Band. However, should the first team be promoted to the Birmingham & District Premier League or be relegated out of the Band, i.e. into Band 2, the second team shall accompany the first team, irrespective of performance. If any Club shall be come a one-team Club, it shall be relocated into the Single Teams Divisions (see below) or resign from the WCL.
- 1.1.2 Band 2 - Divisions 3-6 inclusive, in which each Club shall provide first and second teams and in which promotion and relegation of the second team shall be independent of that of the first team but within this Band. However, should the first team be promoted to WCL Band 1, the second team shall accompany the first team, irrespective of performance. If any Club shall be come a one-team Club, it shall be relocated into the Single Teams Divisions (see below) or resign from the WCL.
- 1.1.3 Band 3 - Single Team Divisions 1 to 3 inclusive, which shall comprise: Clubs with a single team only; Clubs with first and second teams, which have opted to be in these Divisions or have been located there by the Committee; Clubs which play in higher Divisions of the WCL which have third, fourth or subsequent teams; Clubs from other Leagues which have second, third or subsequent teams.
- 1.2 New Clubs joining the WCL shall be placed by the Committee in the Band/Division which it shall deem best represents their playing ability and Club Standards.
- 1.3 Clubs with 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and 4<sup>th</sup> XI may enter band 2. In doing so they are viewed for the purpose of these playing regulations and the playing conditions as a separate Club, The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and 4<sup>th</sup> XI will not be promoted into the same or higher division than the Club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Automatic penalties applied for offences by a clubs 4<sup>th</sup> XI where applicable will also apply to a clubs 3<sup>rd</sup> XI but not to their 1<sup>st</sup> XI or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

## 2 Registration of Players

- 2.1 Only players who have been registered with the WCL in accordance with these Playing Regulations shall be eligible to play in WCL Matches.

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- 2.2 Registration of players shall be valid only when a Club has completed the WCL official Player Registration Form (PRF) and the PRF has been accepted by the WCL General Manager (see also section 2.5 below for Registration of New Players).
- PRFs may be forwarded to the General Manager by post (for example, enclosed with the Match Report Form) or electronically by fax or e-mail.
- 2.3 All WCL Clubs shall supply such particulars of their playing members as shall be requested by the Committee.
- 2.4 Each Club's playing membership shall be recorded on the WCL website with each player having a uniquely identifiable number. It shall be the responsibility of Clubs to notify their players of the above registration numbers, which must be entered by captains on the Match Report Form. Should any player be in the process of being newly registered as in 2.5 below, the captain shall enter "NEW" in the registration number column.
- 2.5 Registration of New Players
- 2.5.1 Band 1 (Premier, 1 and 2 Divisions inclusive) - First teams
- Clubs in Band 1 intending to play new players in the first team shall register then by forwarding properly completed PRF to be received by the General Manager by 9.00pm on the Thursday prior to the match in which the player shall be used.
- 2.5.2 Band 1 (Premier, 1 and 2 Divisions inclusive) – Second teams
- Clubs in Band 1 intending to play new players in the second team shall be permitted to register new players as in 2.5.3 below.
- 2.5.3 Bands 2 and 3 (Divisions 3 to 6 inclusive and Single Teams Divisions 1 to 3 inclusive)
- Clubs shall be permitted to register new players right up to the start of the first match in which those players shall be playing and the captain registering the new players shall pass the completed PRFs to the opposing captain, who will countersign and date the PRFs. The registering captain shall be responsible for sending the completed PRFs to the General Manager. Such PRFs shall have been received by the General Manager within five calendar days from the day after the match or the Club may be deemed to have played an unregistered player.
- 2.6 Any new player registered after the last fixture in July shall be ineligible to play in first team matches and, as such, shall be eligible to play only in second or lower team matches.

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NOTE: this regulation shall not apply to Clubs in Band 3 “The Single Team Divisions”.

- 2.7 It shall be the responsibility of each Club, should it so wish, to check the opposition Club’s registrations to verify that the opposition players have been properly registered.
- 2.8 Should a Club believe that the opposition Club has transgressed the Registration Rules, it shall be the responsibility of the “non-offending” Club to inform the WCL Disciplinary Chairman as soon as possible. If the Disciplinary Chairman deems that there is any doubt about a registration (or lack of registration), the Disciplinary Chairman shall request the “offending” Club to supply as full details of the player as deemed necessary.
- 2.9 A player who has been properly suspended by any properly constituted Club or League (whether WCL or not) shall be ineligible to play in any WCL organised match for the period of the suspension.
- 2.10 If any Club believes that an opposing Club may have transgressed any part of this Regulation, the onus of proving the allegation to the Committee shall be placed on the “non-offending” Club.
- 2.11 Should the Committee have found that a Club has used an unregistered or improperly registered player in a match, League points shall be deducted as prescribed in Section 12 “Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations”.

### **3 Transfers**

- 3.1 Should a player seek a transfer from one WCL member Club to another WCL member Club, it shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Club, which the player wishes to join, to complete the Category 1 Player Transfer Form (PTF), ensuring that the PTF is properly signed by the Secretary of the Club from which the player wishes to leave and to return the PTF to the General Manager. A Club may only refuse to progress a transfer, where the player to be transferred is in debt to that Club and/or is subject to disciplinary procedures within that Club.

In the case of dispute of the facts the Club withholding the transfer may be asked to provide proof of such debt or disciplinary issue to the Committee who will then adjudicate as to if the transfer can take place or not.

- 3.2 A transfer shall only be deemed sanctioned by the WCL when the transferred player’s new registration shall have appeared on the WCL website.

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- 3.3 Any player transferred between WCL Clubs after the last fixture in July shall be ineligible to play in WCL matches for the remainder of that season. This Regulation shall apply to all Clubs, irrespective of their Division.
- 3.4 Any Club which the Committee decides has transgressed this Regulation, shall be liable to forfeiture of League points as prescribed in Section 12 “Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations”.

### **4 Moving Players Between First and Second Teams**

- 4.1 The normal movement of players between first and second teams shall be permitted, with the exception that:

No Club shall be permitted to play a regular first team player in the second team after the last fixture in July, with the sole purpose of boosting the performance of the second team. It shall be the responsibility of the “non-offending” Club to report the matter to the Disciplinary Chairman and to provide evidence of the offence. Should any “offending” Club be referred to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, the onus of proof that no offence has been committed shall be with the “offending” Club.

- 4.2 Should any Club be found to have transgressed this Regulation, League points shall be deducted as prescribed in Section 12 “Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations”.

- 4.3 NOTE: This Regulation shall not apply to Band 3 (Single Team Divisions).

### **5 Paid and Contracted Players**

- 5.1 In any one season a Club may have on its playing membership only one “paid player” at any one time. A paid player is one who receives payment, for playing cricket, in money or in kind, either directly or indirectly from the Club, its agents or its sponsors.
- 5.2 In addition to the one paid player a Club may have on its playing membership “contracted players”. A contracted player is a player developed through the Club’s youth scheme, who has developed into a County contracted player and who has retained continuous registration with the Club.
- 5.3 A Club shall submit in writing the name of any paid or contracted player to the General Manager at least seven days prior to the first match in which the paid or contracted player shall be taking part. That action shall be additional to completion and forwarding of the PRF.

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- 5.4 A Club shall submit to the Committee on request written details of any contract or payment in money or kind made to a player.
- 5.5 Should any Club be found to transgressed this Regulation, League points shall be deducted as prescribed in Section 12 “Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations”.

### **6 Overseas Players**

#### 6.1 Definitions

An “overseas player” is defined as “someone who is not a permanent resident in the United Kingdom or another European Union country or who does not have a passport from an EU member country”.

A “domestic player” is defined as “someone who holds or is eligible to hold a British passport or a passport from any other EU member country”.

It is the responsibility of the Club to inform the league if there is any doubt as to a players eligibility under these regulations. The Committee will in such cases make an adjudication on such eligibility.

- 6.2 An overseas player shall qualify as a domestic player after two years permanent residency in the UK or other EU country. During this qualification period a Player shall not be absent from the UK or other EU country for more than 42 days in any 12 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> September. If requested by the Committee to do so, a Club shall provide written details and/or evidence of the duration of residency of “domestic” overseas players.
- 6.3 Should an overseas player leave the UK or any other EC country for longer than the period designated above, his WCL registration shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
- 6.4 Overseas players:
- a) shall not be eligible to play in the first team of Clubs in Bands 1-2 (Premier, Divisions 1 to 6 inclusive) but shall be eligible to play in the second team.
  - b) shall be eligible to play in any team in Band 3 (Single Team Divisions).
- 6.5 Should any Club be found to transgressed this Regulation, League points shall be deducted as prescribed in Section 12 “Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations”.

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### 7 Fixtures (including unfulfilled matches)

7.1 The WCL shall produce fixture lists for each season detailing dates and start times. Fixtures will be based on the league membership as at the 30<sup>th</sup> November and the management committee reserve the right not to amend fixture lists should clubs withdraw after this date.

7.2 In the event of a fixture being unfulfilled for other than climatic reasons, with the approval of the Committee the match shall be awarded to the “non-offending” team and League points shall be deducted as prescribed in Section 12 “Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations”.

The “offending” team shall also liable to pay the appropriate fees to the appointed umpires unless they can be re-appointed to another fixture and shall also reimburse the “non-offending” team for the cost of the pitch and teas, where insufficient notice to avoid such expenses shall have been given.

7.3 Where a Club has more than one team in Band 3 (Single Team Divisions), each of those teams shall be deemed to be “single team” status and penalties for unfulfilment of a fixture shall affect only the team causing the unfulfilment.

7.4 Where a Club believes it is unable to fulfil both its first and second team fixtures, the Club shall make every effort to fulfil the first team fixture.

7.5 In Bands 1-2, a Club shall be required to fulfil a minimum of two-thirds of its Divisional fixtures, whether first or second teams, or the Club shall be deemed to have resigned its WCL membership completely and the results to date for both its first and second teams shall be expunged.

In Band 3, a Club shall be required to fulfil a minimum of two-thirds of its Divisional fixtures or the Club shall be deemed to have resigned its WCL membership completely and the results to date shall be expunged. Where a Club has more than one team in Band 3 Divisions, the above Regulation shall be applied only to the team causing the unfulfilments.

7.6 All fixtures should be played on the Clubs main ground.

7.6.1 If a Club is unable to use its main ground on one or more of the dates designated by the Committee, the Club can apply, before the fixtures are finalised, for dispensation to move a fixture to another ground. The Committee will endeavour to arrange the fixtures such that in band 1 or 2 the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has an away fixture on that day or in band 3 that the club has an away fixture that day.

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- 7.6.2 If after the fixtures and are finalised a Club finds its ground becomes unavailable it may apply to the Committee to move a specific fixture to an alternate ground. Such a move will only be allowed only if the Committee view the circumstances as exceptional or beyond the control of the Club concerned.
- 7.6.3 This other ground must meet the Ground & Facilities criteria laid down and must have been identified, sufficiently early, to allow for the ground, if new, to be audited. The ground must be located within the geographical area covered by WCL, and should, ideally, be in reasonable proximity to the Club's home ground.
- 7.6.4 If dispensation is granted, the second ground will be treated, for the purposes of any sanctions that may be imposed, for failure to meet the Club Standard as if it were the home ground of the club.

### **8 Match Results & Reports**

- 8.1 The Home Club shall be responsible for reporting the result of each WCL match to the General Manager by:
- a) Send an SMS text message or Email (or other approved method as notified by the general manager) to the Results Service on the evening of the match, and
  - b) forwarding the WCL Match Report Form to the General Manager as soon as possible and to be received no later than five calendar days from the day after the match
- 8.2 Where a result has not been notified by the Home Club in accordance with the WCL's directions as stipulated above, the offending Club shall have League points deducted as prescribed in Section 12 "Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations".

### **9 Promotion and Relegation**

#### General Principle

The General Principle of promotion and relegation shall be "two up, two down". However, there are factors which will influence the Committee's operation of the General Principle.

The Committee is bound by promotion and relegation requirements of its feeder league status to the Birmingham & District Premier League.

Independent relegation and promotion of Second XI may affect promotion between bands with knock on effects to promotion within bands

Clubs may join or leave the league.

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- 9.1 Normal promotion in Band 1 (Premier Division and Divisions 1 to 2 inclusive) shall be two up, two down. Promotion and relegation of the second team shall be independent of that of the first team but within this Band. Should the first team be promoted to the Birmingham & District Premier League or be relegated out of the Band, i.e. into Band 2, the second team shall accompany the first team, irrespective of performance.
- 9.2 Normal promotion and relegation in Band 2 (Divisions 3 to 7 inclusive) shall be two up, two down. Promotion and relegation of the second team shall be independent of that of the first team but within this Band. No second team in this Band can be promoted into Band 1 unless its first team shall have been promoted into Band 1.
- 9.3 Teams in Division 6, whether first or second team, shall not be relegated automatically to Band 3 (the Single Teams Divisions).
- 9.4 Normal promotion and relegation in Band 3 (Single Teams Divisions 1 to 3 inclusive) shall be two up, two down. However, where a Club has two or more teams in this Band, no team shall be promoted or relegated into the same Division as another team from the same Club.
- No Club in this Band shall have automatic promotion into Band 2 (Divisions 3 to 6 inclusive) but the Club, providing it shall have two sides, can be relocated to Band 2, subject to Committee approval.
- 9.5 For Bands 1 and 2 (Premier, Divisions 1 to 6 inclusive), in the event of equality of points of first teams in promotion or relegation positions on completion of the season's fixtures, promotion or non-relegation shall be decided in favour of the Club with the higher of the total points won in respective matches against each other shall be used to decide promotion or relegation issues. Thereafter, the total number of wins shall be used to decide promotion or relegation issues. Should equality then still prevail, the League position shall be decided by the higher of the total number of wickets taken during the season by the teams in contention.
- 9.6 For Bands 1 and 2 (Premier, Divisions 1 to 6 inclusive), where second teams in potential award winning (or relegation, as appropriate) positions have equal points at the season's end, the higher of the total points won in respective matches between those respective second teams shall decide which Club shall win the higher League position. Should equality still prevail, the total number of wins by each second team shall be used to decide League positions. Should equality then still prevail, the League position shall be decided by the higher of the total number of wickets taken during the season by the teams in contention.

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- 9.7 For Band 3 (Single Teams Divisions), where teams in potential award winning (or relegation, as appropriate) positions shall have equal points at the season's end, the higher of the total points won in respective matches between those respective teams shall decide which Club shall be deemed to have won the higher League position. Should equality still prevail, the total number of wins by each team shall be used to decide League positions. Should equality then still prevail, the League position shall be decided by the higher of the total number of wickets taken during the season by the teams in contention.
- 9.8 Factors influencing Promotion and Relegation
- 9.8.1 Relegation from the Birmingham & District Premier League
- It is possible that more than one team eligible for the League may be relegated from the Birmingham & District Premier League, in which case the League shall be compelled to accept those teams. Such a scenario would mean that there could potentially be more than 12 teams in the Premier Division. In such a case, the team finishing third from bottom of the Premier League (and fourth and fifth and so on, as the case may be, in order that the number of teams in the Premier Division shall be 12) shall also be relegated.
- Such an action may mean that the promotion and relegation outcomes for clubs in Divisions below the premier Division may be affected.
- 9.8.2 Resignations
- 9.8.2.1 In the event of a club resigning from the League prior to, or during, the current season and of the League structure having been fixed for the following season, that club shall be designated as bottom of its division and shall be deemed to be a "relegated" club.
- 9.8.2.2 Where resignations have affected the number of clubs in any Division, in order to achieve the appropriate number of clubs for that Division, the Committee shall have the right to include a club from outside the League or not to relegate a club or to promote an extra club (or extra clubs) from the Division below.
- 9.8.3 Club Standards
- 9.8.3.1 Promotion for all Bands shall be subject to satisfying the Club Standards for the Division, into which the Club is seeking promotion.
- 9.8.3.2 No Club shall be promoted to a Division which has higher Club Standards unless all the elements appropriate to that Division shall have been met by the end of the season in which promotion was won unless the Club shall

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produce irrefutable evidence to the Committee before 30th November in the year prior to the start of the new season that the required improvements will be in place for the first match of the new season.

- 9.8.3.3 If a Club's Club Standards during the season shall have fallen below the appropriate Club Standards for its Division, the Club shall be notified by the Committee and shall have until 30th November of that year to rectify the situation. Failure to implement the required improvements may result in relegation to a Division appropriate to the Club's current Club Standards.
- 9.8.3.4 The Committee shall have the right to relocate any club, which has not achieved the Club Standards for its Division, into the Division appropriate to its level of Club Standards.
- 9.8.3.5 Where a club, which would normally be promoted through its playing performance, fails to achieve the Club Standards appropriate to the higher Division, it shall not be promoted and the Club in the higher Division, which would normally have been relegated, shall remain in that Division.
- 9.9 In October each year, the General Manager shall communicate to each Club its position in the League for the following season. After that point, those League positions may still be subject to adjustment, should a club have resigned from the league in the intervening period up to and including 30 November.

### **9.10 Appeals**

Any Club which feels its promotion or relegation issues under section 9.8.3 have not been properly assessed shall have the right to appeal within 14 days of the receipt of the communication in 9.9. Such appeals will be heard by the Cricket Sub-Committee no later than the 30 November. Any decisions by the Sub-Committee are binding upon the club and no further appeal shall be accepted. Any appeals after the 30 November shall not be accepted.

## **10 Umpires**

### **10.1 Definition**

Umpires shall be classified as follows:

#### **Level**

1, PANEL Qualified (as evidenced by ACU/WUA/CUA/ECB OA examination pass or length of service)

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2. REGISTERED CLUB, who shall be on a WCL Approved List and who shall act as an umpire for one Club only

3. OTHERS, who shall be permitted to umpire a match providing both captains agree

4. PLAYERS, who normally shall be members of the two teams playing the match

### 10.2 Appointment and Authority

10.2.1 Umpires at Levels 1 and 2 shall be approved by the WCL, who will be responsible for their appointment to matches.

10.2.2 Umpires at Levels 3 and 4 shall be treated as equal in terms of their powers and authority.

10.2.3 In Premier Division 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games only, where the league is unable to provide a Level 1 or Level 2 umpire, the home club will provide an umpire at Level 3, i.e. an umpire associated with the club, but NOT one of the players on that day. Optionally the away club may also provide a level 3 umpire.

The clubs will accept each others nominated umpires

If only one such umpire is present that umpire shall stand at the non strikers end and a Level 4 umpire shall stand at square leg.

Failure of the home side to provide such an umpire will result in a warning on the first two occasions in any season and a 2 league point penalty for each subsequent failure.

### 10.3 Fees

10.3.1 Umpires shall receive an attendance fee, the amount of which shall be settled by the Management Committee before the start of the season.

10.3.2 Where an Umpire at Level 3 or 4 officiates with an Umpire at Levels 1 or 2, the Level 3 or 4 Umpire shall stand at square leg at all times. In these circumstances, the Level 1 or 2 Umpire (standing alone) shall receive an increased fee as shown in the table in 10.3.3

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10.3.4 The attendance fees for 2009 shall be as follows:

Level	Normal	Standing Alone
1	£32	£45
2	£20	£30
3	At the discretion of both captains	
4	Nil	Nil

10.3.5 The total cost of Umpires shall be shared equally by the two Clubs, and paid to the Umpires before the start of the match. Where a game is cancelled due to weather conditions with no ball having been bowled and the umpires have travelled they will be entitled to claim up to a maximum of 50% of the fees shown in 10.3.3.

10.3.6 Non-payment of Umpires' fees, without the agreement of the Umpire(s), shall be deemed a disciplinary offence and the offending Club(s) shall be liable to the forfeiture of League points as prescribed in Section 12 "Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations".

10.4 General

10.4.1 All Clubs are encouraged to assist with the recruitment of new Umpires, and the Management Committee are prepared to consider suitable financial assistance and reward.

10.4.2 All Clubs are required to record the names of all Umpires officiating in all matches in their scorebooks.

10.5 In the event of any likelihood of cancellation of the match for climatic reasons, the Official Umpire(s) shall be responsible for contacting the Home Club to establish whether or not the match will be played.

In the event of a ground inspection being deemed necessary or other factors affecting the match, the Home Captain shall be responsible for making reasonable efforts to inform the appointed umpires and/or the WCL Umpires Chairman.

10.6 Commencement of a match shall not be delayed should either or both of the appointed umpires be absent. If alternative arrangements acceptable to both sides cannot be made, then the players from the batting side shall

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stand. In this event the captains shall be totally responsible for their players' actions in fulfilling their duties as replacement umpire(s).

- 10.7 If an Official or Registered Club Umpire feels it necessary to report a player or Club to the WCL because of misconduct and/or any other offence, then the Umpire will make reasonable efforts to advise both captains and the Officials of the offending Club prior to leaving the ground of that intention and the reasons why. Failure to notify will not in itself be accepted as a defence in any disciplinary hearing.

### **11 Official Scorers**

#### **11.1 Definition**

An "Official Scorer" is a person who must not be playing in the match. Such persons shall be qualified and/or experienced in scoring and/or of sufficient standard to ensure that the match is scored in an accurate and proficient manner.

- 11.2 Clubs in the Premier Division shall each provide an official scorer in all first team matches. Club(s) which fail to provide official scorers shall be liable to the forfeiture of League points as prescribed Section 12 "Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations".

- 11.3 Premier Division second teams and all teams in Divisions 1 to 6 inclusive and the Single Team Divisions shall make every effort to provide an official scorer but, if unable to do so, shall ensure that sufficient players of sufficient standard are available to enable the match to be scored accurately. Failure to provide players to score shall render the "offending" Club liable to the forfeiture of League points as prescribed in Section 12 "Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations".

- 11.4 The absence of official scorers shall be reported on the Match Report Form by the official or club umpires or by the captains, where no umpires are present. If a Club considers that a match was inefficiently scored, the Club may, in addition to noting the issue on the Match Report Form, report the matter to the Disciplinary Chairman. It shall be the responsibility of the "non-offending" club to provide evidence.

### **12 Penalties for Offences against Rules and Regulations**

There are a number of penalties described in the Rules, Playing Regulations and Playing Conditions which will be applied automatically following the following procedure.

- 12.1 For offences committed before the start of the season (i.e. missed meetings, failure to pay fees) the general manager will post the penalty on

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the league web site and apply the penalty as soon as possible after the start of the season and in any event before the end of May.

- 12.2 For offences committed during the season (i.e. those in the table in section 12.5) the General Manager will record the penalty, which could either be a warning or a points deduction on the League web site within 7 days of the day of the match.
- 12.2.1 Any person believing an offence has been missed has 10 days from the date of the offence to notify the general manager of such fact. The general manager will then investigate, notify the clubs concerns and record the penalty, which could either be a warning or a points deduction on the League web site.
- 12.2.2 If two or more outstanding offences are discovered in which the time frames above have been exceeded where the first offence would be a warning and the second or subsequent offences a points deduction, no points deduction will be made, and the warning will be recorded on the league web site. (i.e. the principle is a warning when specified will precede the penalty)
- 12.3 A club has the right of appeal for 7 days after the penalty is displayed on the web site, otherwise the penalty becomes final. These penalties by their nature are automatic, however an appeal may be allowed should be a material dispute on the facts or should there appear to be exceptional circumstances relating to the offence.
- 12.3.1 Only the offending Club shall have the right of appeal.
- 12.3.2 Notice of Appeal setting out the grounds for appeal must be given in writing to the General Manager.
- 12.3.3 Should the Committee determine there were material factual inaccuracies or it is reasonable to accept the circumstances where exceptional they may waive the Penalty. Alternatively the committee may determine an Appeals Hearing is necessary, or dismiss the appeal.
- 12.3.4 If an Appeal Hearing is allowed then the offending Club will be provide a deposit of £50.
- 12.3.5 The Appeal shall consist of a Hearing before an Appeals Panel, The composition of the Appeal Panel shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the League or the Disciplinary Chairman and shall consist of three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the Club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach. Members of the Appeal Panel (one of whom shall be nominated as Chairman) shall normally be drawn from the League's Executive Committee members; where this is not

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possible, suitable persons shall be co-opted. The Club shall have rights of attendance, representation and calling of witnesses.

- 12.3.6 The Appeal Panel may reverse the Penalty if they believe there are factual inaccuracies or exceptional circumstances. The Appeal Panel shall have the power award the costs of the Appeal Hearing against the offending Club. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote; where necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The decision of the Appeal Panel shall be final and binding.
- 12.3.7 If the Appeal is not upheld at an Appeals Hearing, the deposit of £50.00 will be retained as costs by the League.
- 12.4 Any alleged Rules or Regulation breaches not dealt with in this section 12 will be referred to a Disciplinary Sub Committee hearing and the Disciplinary process followed
- 12.5 Summary of offences with automatic penalties

OFFENCES AGAINST	WHO	PENALTY
Rules 7.8.4 Not attending meetings	Offending Club's first team	5 points
Rules 9 None payment of subscriptions	Offending Club	No points awarded to either 1 <sup>st</sup> XI or 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI until payment in made
Playing Conditions 3.3 Match balls	Home Club	5 points
Playing Conditions 6,2 Slow over rates	Offending team	1 point for each late over
Playing Regulations 5 and 6 (Paid/Contracted Players, Overseas Players)	Offending team deducted	15 points for each offending player and for each game played in by the offending player
Playing Regulations 7 (Fixtures, including Unfulfilled Fixtures)	Non-offending team awarded	24 points
	Offending Club's first team deducted	15 points
	Offending Club's second team deducted	15 points
Playing Regulations 8	Offending team	First Offence

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(Match Results) Failure to phone in the match result in time	deducted for 2nd & 3rd offences Offending Club's first team deducted for 4th and subsequent offences	Warning 2nd offence – 2 points 3rd offence – 4 points 4th and subsequent offences – 6 points
Playing Regulations 8 (Match Report Forms) Failure to forward the Match report Forms in time	Offending team deducted for 2nd & subsequent offences	First Offence Warning Second & subsequent offences - 1 point per offence
Playing Regulations 10 (Umpires for Premier 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI fixtures)	Offending Team deducted	First and Second Offence Warning Third & subsequent offences - 2 points per offence
Playing Regulations 10 (Umpires Fees)	Offending Team deducted	1 League point per umpire
Playing Regulations 11 (Official Scorers) – Premier Division only	Offending Team deducted	First Offence Warning Second & subsequent offences - 2 points per offence