



HUNTERS ECB YPLN

2021 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25th November, 7.30pm



Item 6: Proposed Rule Changes

1	Management Rule 3: Member Clubs - proposed by the Management Board
	<i>Removal of rule</i>
	NOTE: The Board feels this rule is unfair and unnecessary
	3.2 All clubs with teams in the ECB Premier League must maintain a functioning 2nd XI in the Y&DSCL or other league within the same pyramid structure. The YCCC Academy is excepted from this rule.
2	Management Rule 4: Annual General Meeting – proposed by Old Hymerians
	<i>Change of cut-off date for proposed rule changes</i>
	NOTE: The Board supports this proposal
	Change From
	4.3 Any club wishing to submit proposals for the Annual General Meeting should submit them to the secretary by 1st September each year. The Management Board will be empowered to make changes to rules covering the administration of the League.
	Change To
	4.3 Any club wishing to submit proposals for the Annual General Meeting should submit them to the secretary by 30th September each year. The Management Board will be empowered to make changes to rules covering the administration of the League.
3	Management Rule 8: Allocation of Teams – proposed by the Management Board
	<i>Re-naming of Divisions to avoid using the word Premier twice</i>
	NOTE: To complete the move from two leagues to one, the Board is proposing the following re-naming of the divisions
	Change From
	8.1.1 Level 1 will be the ECB Premier League Level 2 will be the Y&DSCL Premier Division Level 3 will comprise two Y&DSCL First Divisions Level 4 will comprise three Y&DSCL Second Divisions Level 5 will comprise three Y&DSCL Third Divisions Level 6 will comprise three Y&DSCL Fourth Divisions Level 7 will comprise a number of Y&DSCL Fifth Divisions as required and a Sunday Division
	Change To
	8.1.1 Level 1 will be the ECB Premier Division Level 2 will be the Championship Division Level 3 will comprise two First Divisions Level 4 will comprise three Second Divisions Level 5 will comprise three Third Divisions Level 6 will comprise three Fourth Divisions Level 7 will comprise a number of Fifth Divisions as required and a Sunday Division

4	Eligibility of Players Rules 1 & 2 – proposed by the Management Board
	<i>Latest date for transfers</i>
	NOTE: To achieve consistency and more clarity
	Change From
1.8	No transfers or registrations will be allowed from midnight on July 31st to midnight on September 30th.
	Change To
1.8	No transfers or registrations will be allowed after midnight on August 15 th except with the specific permission of the League.
	Change From
2.8	No transfer will be permitted after the 17th fixture date of the season except with the specific permission of the League.
	Change To
2.9	No transfers or registrations will be allowed after midnight on August 15 th except with the specific permission of the League.
	Change From
2.9	Such players will not be eligible after the 17th match of the season.
	Change To
2.9	Such players will not be eligible after midnight on August 15 th except with the specific permission of the League.
5	Eligibility of Players Rule 2 – proposed by the Management Board
	<i>Making the loan player rule clearer</i>
	NOTE: The Board is concerned at the number of occasions the loan rule was abused and the amount of work and unrest that was caused.
	Change From
2.10	Adult players may transfer on a loan basis in order to assist short-handed clubs. Such players shall not have made more than two appearances at a level of more than two divisions above the borrowing team. Adult loan players must play in a club's lowest team whether it be in the YDSCL or elsewhere, subject to the regulations of the League competition in which the lowest team plays. If the competition does not allow the use of loan players, then it will be the next team up which competes in a League that does and which therefore may include the player. Team strengthening rules apply.
	Change To
2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adult players may transfer on a loan basis in order to assist short-handed clubs. ii. Only players registered with clubs in YPLN may be used as loan players. iii. Loan players will only be allowed to play for the club's lowest team in YPLN. iv. No loan players will be allowed above Division 3 or for cup matches. v. A club's lowest ranked or single team in Divisions 3 to 5 will only be able to loan players who are regular players in the same or a lower division. However, loan players will not be allowed to play against their 'parent' club. The definition of 'regular' player is as in Rule 2.13 vi. Loan players must be fully registered on Play-Cricket with a 'parent' club in YPLN and must also be registered as a Loan Player by the borrowing club within 24 hrs of the match being played and using the Thursday following the match as the 'expiry date'. vii. Any breach of these rules will be subject to penalties laid down in the League's Schedule of Penalties.

6	Eligibility of Players Rule 2 – proposed by the Management Board
	<i>Making the team strengthening rule clearer</i>
	NOTE: The Board is concerned at the number of occasions this rule was abused too.
	Change From
2.13	No club will strengthen its second, or lower, team, at any stage in the season, with a regular first team player without just reason and may only be effected after clearance by the Secretary or a deputy, whose decision will be final. A ‘regular first team player’ will be defined as a player the majority of whose recent previous appearances have been in the first team. A Category 2 players will be regarded as a ‘regular first team player’
	Change To
2.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No club will strengthen its second, or lower, team, at any stage in the season, with a player who has played regularly for one or more of its higher teams. ii. A player will be classed a regular player for the team that he has made most appearances for during the season. Players will only be classed as a regular player for a team once they have played 4 matches for that team during the current season. Category 2 players will be regarded as regular first team players. iii. Clubs may drop a player to a lower team for a genuine reason such as loss of form, return from injury, signing of new players or more players becoming available, for example, but clearance must be sought from the Secretary or a deputy before the fixture takes place. iv. If one of a club’s teams does not have a fixture, for whatever reason, any player who has been a regular player for that team cannot play for one of the club’s lower teams without clearance from the Secretary or a deputy who may place a caveat on the role that the player can play in the match. v. Any player who has played 10 or more matches for particular teams by August 15th will be ineligible to play for a lower team for the remaining matches of the season. vi. Any breach of these rules will be subject to penalties laid down in the League’s Schedule of Penalties.
7	Eligibility of Players Rule 2 – New Rule proposed by Old Hymerians
	<i>To emphasise the importance of clubs responding to transfer requests</i>
	NOTE: The Board does not support this proposal
2.16	Once notified of a nomination involving one of their players during the season, a club must respond to that nomination within seven days otherwise the club will suffer a penalty as specified in the ‘Schedule of Administrative and Other Penalties’.
8	ECB Premier Division Playing Condition 6: Duration of Play – proposed by Harrogate
	<i>Removal of rule</i>
	To be voted on only by clubs who will have a team in the ECB Premier Division in 2022
	NOTE: The Board supports this proposal
6.3	Where bad weather is anticipated later in the day, if both teams agree, the duration of the match may be reduced. In these circumstances, a match of at least 20 overs per team must be played.

9	Playing Conditions below the ECB Premier Division – Proposed by the Management Board
	<i>In light of the feedback from Player Surveys carried out towards the end of the season, the Board are proposing the following changes to the Playing Conditions. Rather than going into the minute detail of every rule that would need changing, clubs are being asked to vote in favour of a basis on which a full set of Playing Conditions will be subsequently drawn up. There may be some small elements that some clubs are not in favour of (such as number of overs, for example) but rather than allowing these differences of opinion to hold back the basic change, clubs are being asked to support the proposal and then propose changes to them for future years if necessary.</i>
	Proposal a - To be voted on only by clubs who will have a team in the Championship or First Divisions in 2022
	The Playing Conditions in the Championship and First Divisions to be exactly the same as in the ECB Premier League. This includes a 12:00 start and the use of DLS (see proposal 13)
	Proposal b - To be voted on only by clubs who will have a team in Divisions 2 to 5 in 2022
	The Playing Conditions in Divisions 2 to 5 to be the same as in the ECB Premier Division with the following exceptions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 45 overs per innings • Maximum of 12 overs per bowler in 45 over innings (as now) • No leg side wides • No fielding circle unless voted for separately • Use of average run rate instead of DLS in rain affected matches • Short pitched bowling rule removed • Start times to be agreed in proposal 9
10	YPLN Playing Condition 8: Teas – proposed by Castleford
	<i>Provision of teas is optional</i>
	To be voted on only by clubs who will have a team in the ECB Premier Division in 2022
	NOTE: The Board does not support this as they consider it will be difficult to implement
	Change From
	8.1 The home club will provide 13 teas for the visiting team plus two for the umpires. The cost of teas will be borne by the home club.
	Change To
	8.1 Provision of teas is not mandatory but if the home club wishes to provide teas they do so on the basis that the away club agree to this. In the event that teas are provided the away team must contribute towards them to a maximum figure of £50.
11	Y&DSCL Playing Condition 14: Match Teas – proposed by Humbleton and New Earswick
	<i>Players, umpires, scorers provide their own teas</i>
	To be voted on only by clubs who will have teams in the Championship and below in 2022
	NOTE: The Board as no strong views on this proposal
	Change From
	14.1 Host clubs are required to provide adequate teas for two full teams plus umpires and scorers at a maximum charge to be set the Management Board each year.
	Change To
	14.1 Players, umpires and scorers are required to provide their own teas

12	Y&DSCL Playing Condition 14: Match Teas – proposed by Castleford, New Earswick & Drax
	<i>Provision of teas is optional</i>
	To be voted on by clubs who will have teams in the Championship and below in 2022
	NOTE: The Board does not support this as they consider it will be difficult to implement. However, if it is passed it will be worded more clearly.
	Change From
	14.1 Host clubs are required to provide adequate teas for two full teams plus umpires and scorers at a maximum charge to be set the Management Board each year.
	Change To
	14.1 The provision of teas by host clubs is optional.
13	Y&DSCL Playing Condition 14: Match Teas – proposed by Walkington
	<i>Clubs provide teas free of charge</i>
	To be voted on by clubs who will have teams in the Championship and below in 2022
	NOTE: The Board has no strong views on this proposal
	Change From
	14.1 Host clubs are required to provide adequate teas for two full teams plus umpires and scorers at a maximum charge to be set the Management Board each year.
	Change To
	14.1 Host clubs are required to provide adequate teas for two full teams plus umpires and scorers free of charge.
14	Y&DSCL Playing Condition 4: Duration of Matches – proposed by Rufforth
	<i>Matches start at 12:30</i>
	To be voted on by clubs who will have teams in the 2nd Division and below in 2022
	NOTE: The Board has no strong views on this proposal
	Change From
	4.4 Matches in the Second Divisions and below will commence at 1.00pm unless otherwise agreed by both clubs without involving the Management Board. The League Fixture Secretary must be informed by email of any change in start time by the home team once agreement has been reached.
	Change To
	4.4 Matches in the Second Divisions and below will commence at 12.30pm unless otherwise agreed by both clubs without involving the Management Board. The League Fixture Secretary must be informed by email of any change in start time by the home team once agreement has been reached.
15	Y&DSCL Playing Condition 4: Duration of Matches – proposed by Humbleton, Dringhouses
	<i>Matches start at 12:00</i>
	To be voted on by clubs who will have teams in the 2nd Division and below in 2022
	NOTE: The Board has no strong views on this proposal
	Change From
	4.4 Matches in the Second Divisions and below will commence at 1.00pm unless otherwise agreed by both clubs without involving the Management Board. The League Fixture Secretary must be informed by email of any change in start time by the home team once agreement has been reached.
	Change To
	4.4 Matches in the Second Divisions and below will commence at 12.00pm unless otherwise agreed by both clubs without involving the Management Board. The League Fixture Secretary must be informed by email of any change in start time by the home team once agreement has been reached.

16	Playing Conditions (below the ECB Premier Division) 9: Distribution of points – proposed by Sutton-on-Hull
	<i>Change to Losing Draw Points</i>
	To be voted on only by clubs who will have a team in the Championship and below in 2022
	NOTE: The result of this vote will only become effective if proposal 7 is defeated The Board has no strong views on this proposal
	Change From
	9.1 LOSING DRAW - 1 point plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned LOSING DRAW – 75%** 5 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned LOSING DRAW – 90%** 10 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned DEFEAT - 0 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned ** The 75% and 90% relate to the winning target (i.e. the first innings total plus one)
	Change To
	9.1 LOSING DRAW - 1 point plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned LOSING DRAW – 50%** 3 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned LOSING DRAW – 75%** 7 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned LOSING DRAW – 90%** 12 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned DEFEAT - 0 points plus batting & bowling bonus points as earned ** The 75% and 90% relate to the winning target (i.e. the first innings total plus one)
17	Playing Conditions (below the ECB Premier Division) 1: Conduct of Matches – proposed by Knaresborough
	<i>Extending the use of a fielding circle to the 2nd Division</i>
	To be voted on only by clubs who will have a team in the 2nd Division in 2022
	NOTE: The Board has no strong views on this proposal
	Change From
	1.5 Fielding Restrictions (Premier and First Divisions only)
	Change To
	1.5 Fielding Restrictions (Premier, First and Second Divisions only)
18	New Scorers Rule – proposed by the Management Board
	<i>The Management Board is keen that electronic scoring is used as widely as possible throughout the League and the preference would be for laptop scoring. In the top four divisions in particular, where DLS is to be used in interrupted matches, it is important that protocols are laid down for matches where the two scorers are using different platforms. Hence, the following is proposed.</i>
	In divisions where DLS is to be used in the event of interruptions, the ideal scenario is that all scorers are in possession of and competent in the use of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A laptop with Windows operating system and Play-Cricket Scorer Pro installed • An internet connection (wi-fi, USB dongle or mobile phone hotspot connection) • A printer (optional) • Walkie Talkies for communication with the umpires (optional) Where the two scorers are scoring using different platforms (eg a laptop and a tablet) they must agree with the umpires before the toss which platform is to be used for DLS calculations if required. Ideally, that should be the laptop and the latest version of DLS should be used. Scorers will be expected to display the DLS par score from the commencement of the second innings. If there is no facility to use DLS and there is an interruption, due to inclement weather or other unavoidable cause, calculations of target scores will be based on average run rate as per Playing Condition ... in the lower divisions.

19	New League Management Rule: Live Streaming of matches – proposed by the Management Board
	NOTE: It is a requirement of an ECB Premier League that we include this rule. The document is on our League Website
	Clubs who wish to Photograph, Live Stream or Record matches (or parts of matches) must follow the guidance given in the document ‘ECB Live Streaming Guidance’.