



Shropshire County Cricket League

Rule Changes/Updates for 2025 Season

1. Formats

Prem will now play 8 WL, then 11 WDL finishing with 3 WL.

Div 1 will now mirror the rest of the league – 11 WL followed by 11 WDL

Divs 7&8 will be 10 WL followed by 11 WDL

All other divisions remain as 2024

2. **Only 2nd XI's that win Div 1** will be eligible for promotion unless adverse circumstances apply.

3. **JUNIOR KO** From the end of the 2025 season all clubs in Div 2 and below must state on their application form to the league in October whether they wish to be entered into the Junior KO or not.

4. **For the 2025 season, the clubs with a team in BDPCL** must nominate 11 eligible players that can't play in the first round of matches in the SCCL due to it starting a week earlier and send this list to Craig Simms. Retrospective action may be taken if clubs try to 'play the system'.

5. **Structure Sub** will meet the first available Monday after the BDPCL playoffs to decide Prem and D1 teams for following season meaning the affected clubs have this information as soon as is possible.

6. **Concussion** - The firming up of concussion rules and making clubs aware of the section in the rule book (Appendix B)

We are still waiting on some information and feedback from the SCB and ECB regarding concussion so there will be a further update regarding this section of the rules as soon as we can.

7. **Bowling restrictions** – in WDL cricket, if a team is bowled out and therefore gets extra overs to bowl, the bowling restrictions stay the same as they were at the start of the game.

In the event a team declares, they are entitled to split the extra overs between their bowlers as per normal percentage rules but not exceeding the maximum of 15 overs per bowler.

8. **In the Prem and Div1**, wides will be standardised across both WL and WDL in that anything that passes the batter on the leg side shall be signalled as wide.

9. **In the Prem and Div1**, the existing penalties for slow over rate shall stay the same (extra player in the ring), but with the addition of the following...

-1st game where it occurs – a warning from the League Secretary or Results Co-Ordinator

-2nd game where it occurs – One point deduction

-3rd game where it occurs – Two point deduction

-4th game where it occurs – Three point deduction

10. **In the Prem and Div1**, In exceptional circumstances, if GWL is forecasted to curtail a game, the umpires (and only the umpires) may offer the captains the opportunity to shorten the game to 80 overs in the Prem and 70 in Div 1. Both captains must agree and this can only be agreed prior to the toss.

11. **Officials Point** (Div 2 and below) – We have cleared up the wording around the officials point and what methods can be used to obtain the scorers element of this. PCS, PCS Pro and scorebook are all acceptable, but if using one of the digital options, games cannot be scored on a mobile phone only an iPad(or similar) with a screen size no less than 7.9" (20cm) or Laptop/PC.



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To obtain the officials point, the sheet and/or the website must be filled in to get the point.

NO NAME, NO POINT.

The result sheet must be signed by the captain at the end of the game (with the recommendation a picture is taken once signed), if not signed there will be no appeal against any subsequent issues, missing points etc...

To gain the point. All non-ACO umpires to have completed the new ECB 'introduction to Umpiring eLearning course and supply the certificate. Additionally, they must have an up to date DBS.

12. Concessions. To remain as they were in 2024 with one addition...

On the 2nd offence, an additional 10pts are deducted from the team immediately above the team that conceded (eg, if a 3rd XI concede, the 2nd XI also get a 10 point penalty but not the 1st XI).

13. Last 2 games eligibility – We have tweaked slightly the wording of rules regarding who can play in lower teams for the last 2 games of the season to make it fairer for all involved.

14. Overseas – all 2nd XI's in D1 to be allowed an overseas player of their own... but these are NOT interchangeable with the 1st XI overseas. Only allowed if 1st XI have an overseas player.

15. Dual registration – This will be allowed for U16's only. This means that players in the U16 category and below can be registered for more than 1 club.

Eligibility rules in Premier 100 – in addition to the current Knockout Rules

- Clubs must nominate 8 players who are ineligible to play for the 2nd XI in the competition. Nominations must be regular first team players.
- Overseas and Professional players are automatically ineligible to play for the lower team and cannot be named within the 8.
- If the 2nd XI has a designated overseas player, they are eligible to play.
- Nominated players list is reviewed by executive committee, and they have final decision if a list is accepted and hold the right to question clubs on selection or omission of players.
- If a list is not given, the Executive Committee will inform the clubs of the players that are ineligible and will be increased to 10 players.
- If there is an issue with any club associated with a member of the Executive, that member will not be involved in any decisions.
- A player cannot play in the same round for both the 1st XI and 2nd XI (SCCL only)

Example - 1st XI play in round 1, 2nd XI get rearranged for the following week. Players that played in 1st XI are ineligible for 2nd XI the following week

- if an ineligible player is selected, the team will be automatically removed from the competition and the team will receive a 10 point deduction to the Saturday side or sides if both 1st and 2nd XIs are in the competition
- Should a 1st and 2nd XI both be drawn at home, the team drawn second in the draw will have their fixture reversed to being the away team.
- For a player who is not named in the ineligible 8, they need to have played 2 games by Rounds 1/2, 3 games by Quarter Finals and 4 games by the Semi-Final/Final for any side in the club (Cup & Sat/Sun League) to be able to play in that round.



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16. AGM - The formal inclusion of the current rule about AGM & Captains meetings, meaning it is the ultimate responsibility of each club to find out when it is. We will still send emails as is required and the date is always on the website.

17. Sunday Cricket Eligibility – Currently, any number of U18 players can play both Saturday and Sunday unless they have played in the BDPCL or SCCL Prem. From the start of the 2026 season we are changing this to include Div 1. However, they can still play if they get the permission of either Craig Simms or Oliver Griffiths.

Also from 2026, in Sunday D2 & D3, the U18 rule will be reduced to U16.

This does not change the rule that 3 adult players from the lowest Saturday team can also play (reduced to 2 per team if a club has more than 1 Sunday side)

18. Female Overseas – In certain circumstances, we will allow a club to have an additional female overseas. This will be granted or declined on a case by case basis by the league committee.