



Annual General Meeting

Forfarshire Cricket Club
Sunday, 9 December 2018
2pm

**Voting Representatives and other attendees –
have you signed in?**

Remember one vote per member club



Agenda

1. President's Welcome
2. Presentation of Prizes
3. Cricket Scotland Presentation by Tony Brian and Malcolm Cannon
4. Cricket Stats Presentation by Peter Kingsbury
5. President's Report
6. Secretary's Report [incl. minute of AGM held on Sunday 19th November 2017]
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Constitutional Changes
9. NEC & D1 Playing Rule Changes
10. R&D Playing Rule Changes
11. T20 Cup Competitions 2019 (For discussion only)
12. League Structures for 2019 (R&D for discussion only)
13. Election of Management Committee
14. Election of Competitions Committee
15. AOCB



Subscriptions

The Management Committee has set the following Subscriptions rates for Season 2018:

- One Team = £60
- Two Teams = £70
- Three Teams = £80

The above fees includes free entry into the Midweek tournaments, if desired.

Invoices will be raised in due course.



Match Balls

The Management Committee has set the following ball prices for Season 2018:

- NEC & Division One – Dukes International 'A' red ball - £21 each
- 3CC – Dukes Special Crown Match 'A' pink - £15 each
- R&D* & 2CC* – Dukes Special Crown Match 'A' red or pink - £15 each

Orders will be collected by Survey Monkey in due course.

Clubs are reminded that **no other** match balls may be used in SPCU league or cup matches other than Dukes unless it is a specific trial ball sanctioned and supplied by the Management Committee.

* - R&D Clubs may use Dukes International balls, if they so wish.



Constitutional Changes

New Clause 4.6

“As a term of membership of the SPCU, clubs, their officials, members and players commit to observe the Rules of the SPCU and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of its Executive [or of sub-committees where power has been expressly devolved to them], and not to bring proceedings in any court or forum inconsistent therewith.”

Rationale

The SPCU lacks the resources to defend any court action.

Proposed by Management Committee



Constitutional Changes

New Clause 4.7

“It is a condition of membership of the SPCU that member clubs are also members of the governing body, Cricket Scotland.”

Rationale

- Consistency – other regions require this already.
- Clubs will be required to follow CS guidance on things like Child Protection
- Better leverage over poor discipline if club is also a member of CS
- Support for clubs from CS Participation Staff

Proposed by Management Committee



Constitutional Changes

7. Office Bearers

Amend 7.1 to include the post of **Chairman of the Management Committee.**

Amend 7.2 to reduce the term of office **to one year.**

Rationale

The creation of a Chairman will increase the focus, efficiency and organisation of the SPCU. The President and Vice-President will be figureheads and, by reducing their term to one year, more clubs will have the opportunity to contribute to the running of the Union.



NEC & D1 Playing Rule Changes

Change to apply to NEC only

Addition to RULE 8.5 (Further Provisions for Players) – to be renumbered 8.6(a)

“In the event that a player who has exceeded the percentage threshold is selected for a club’s 2nd XI, if the club can demonstrate that the selection has been made on purely playing ability, then the player will be granted dispensation to play.”

Rationale

The rule correctly prevents clubs with a team in a higher division from unfairly loading a lower level team with 1st XI players. If, however, a club can show that the 1st and 2nd XIs chosen on that day do not unfairly load the 2nd XI, then dispensation should be granted.

Proposed by Arbroath United CC Seconded by Forfarshire CC



NEC & D1 Playing Rule Changes

Change to apply to Division 1 only

Addition to Rule 8.5 (Further Provision of Players – Division 1 only) – to be renumbered 8.6(c) 8.6(c) to read “Any players under the age of 21 years old on September 1st of the preceding season, provided they have not played in the CSL Eastern or Western Premier League, may play for any side within SPCU Division 1. They may however only play for their parent club in Cup Competitions.

Any Child Protection and playing restrictions under which such arrangements are made are for the relevant clubs to agree and SPCU can accept no legal responsibility for them. Any club inviting Junior Players from a parent club must adhere to the current Cricket Scotland Child Protection Policy.

Players’ statistics will only count in the Averages of matches played for the parent club.”

Rationale

If a young player has not been selected for a team at his parent club, then he may play for another club to help out.

Proposed by Rossie Priory CC

Seconded by Management Committee



Playing Rules (All Divisions)

**New Rule 8.7 in the NEC & Division 1 Rules/new Rule 8.3 in the R&D Rules
(Registration of Players)**

“The Player Registration system to be used by all SPCU clubs will be that as proscribed by the Management Committee.”

Rationale

Currently clubs use 2 different systems or not at all. Having one system will simplify matters for everyone.



NEC & D1 Playing Rule Changes

Changes apply to NEC only

10.0 Start and Finish Times

- 10.1 (a) North East Championship matches shall be scheduled to start at **12 noon** unless bad weather or some exceptional circumstance or emergency situation has arisen, and shall be completed on the day of commencement.
- 10.1(b) When both clubs agree before the day of the match, matches can have a **later** scheduled start, with the latest being **1.00pm**. In this event, the home club is responsible for advising the appointed umpires of the agreed scheduled starting time.
- 10.1(c) In the event of inclement weather prior to a game, such an agreed decision to change the scheduled start can, with the approval of the umpires, take place at any time prior to the arrival of the visiting team at the ground.



NEC & D1 Playing Rule Changes

- 10.1(d) From time to time it may be determined by the Competitions Committee that a specific match will start at **1pm or later**.
This will include situations whereby school matches precede a scheduled NEC match or where a Club is not in control of its ground and is unable to gain access to allow for a **Noon start**.
- 10.1(e) Umpires shall be empowered to delay the start of a match for reasons other than bad weather but only if some emergency situation arises.
- 10.1(f) Division One matches shall be scheduled to start at 1pm unless bad weather or some exceptional circumstance or emergency situation has arisen, and shall be completed on the day of commencement.

Rationale

The NEC is the feeder league of the EPL and as such should mirror its playing conditions as much as possible.

Proposed by Arbroath United CC

Seconded by Meigle CC



Playing Rules (All Divisions)

Amendment to 17.1 (League Placings)

Final sentence to read “.....determine the final placings, **failing which the higher overall net run rate as calculated by Cricket Stats will apply.**”

Rationale

The drawing of lots seems rather outdated and, with modern technology available, run rate removes the element of chance.

Proposed by Management Committee



Playing Rules (R&D)

Amend 4.3 (Fixtures) to read:

“Where any fixture is postponed due to the involvement of either club in the final of a Cricket Scotland Senior Competition or the finals day of a Cricket Scotland Junior Competition **or the final of the Village Cup**, the clubs involved may rearrange the fixture. If no suitable date can be agreed, the match will be declared null and void.”



Playing Rules (R&D)

Amend 8.2 **Sharing of Players** to include

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Proposed by Management Committee



T20 Cup Competitions 2019

(for discussion only)

The Management Committee are considering the option of organising 3 T20 cup competitions in 2019.

- The 3 Counties Cup would be competed for by the NEC teams.
- The 2 Counties Cup would be for the teams in Division 1.
- The “R&D Cup” would be for the teams in the R&D Divisions.

Your club will be asked for its views on the format of the competitions by Survey Monkey shortly.



League Structure for 2019

- 1) Arbroath United
- 2) ASI Gordonians
- 3) DHSFP
- 4) Falkland
- 5) Forfarshire 2nd XI
- 6) Kinloch (subject to meeting SPCU Youth Cricket Requirements)
- 7) Mannofield
- 8) Meigle
- 9) Perth Doocot
- 10) Strathmore



D1 League Structure 2019

- 1) DHSFP XI
- 2) Falkland 2nd XI
- 3) Forfarshire 3rd XI
- 4) Freuchie 2nd XI
- 5) Perth Doocot 2nd XI
- 6) Rossie Priory
- 7) St. Andrews Uni Staff
- 8) St. Modans
- 9) Stoneywood Dyce 2nd XI



R&D League Structure 2019

(for discussion only)

The R&D structure for 2019 could be the status quo but below shows a possible alternative. It is a conference style system based broadly on the current geographical split. Each conference would be divided into 1 or 2 divisions depending on numbers, the make-up of the divisions being decided by the previous season's league placings.

Central Conference

A Division

Meigle XI
Strathmore XI
Montrose
Perth Doocot 3rd XI

B Division

Arbroath XI
Forfarshire 4th XI
Dalnacraig
Brechin Buccaneers

West Conference

A Division

Breadalbane ?
Stirling County XI
Alloa XI
Comrie

B Division

Doune
Kinross-shire
St.Modans XI
Callander

East Conference

A Division

Kismet
Dunnikier XI
Freuchie 3rd XI
Norwood

B Division

Falkland 3rd XI
Dunfermline Wanderers
Largo XI
Glenrothes XI

North Conference – probably one division dependent on number of teams.

Mannofield XI, AGSFP XI, Gordonians XI, Banchory (?), Portcullis.



R&D League Structure 2019

(for discussion only)

- Notes**
- (1) Perth Doocot have been moved to Central to balance numbers.
 - (2) Teams play Divisional rivals home and away and other Conference rivals once (H or A). This would be the minimum number of matches teams would be committed/fixtured to play.
 - (3) Teams who wish to play more matches can arrange up to 6 additional fixtures against either their other Conference rivals or cross-Conference matches. In this way, all clubs would play a minimum of 10 matches and a maximum of 16.
 - (4) Points for all matches would count and the league would be decided by percentages as per usual.



R&D League Structure 2019

R&D Central

- 1) Arbroath United XI
- 2) Brechin Buccaneers
- 3) Dalnacraig
- 4) Forfarshire 4th XI
- 5) Meigle XI
- 6) Montrose
- 7) Strathmore XI

R&D East

- 1) Dunfermline Wanderers
- 2) Dunnikier XI
- 3) Falkland XI
- 4) Freuchie XI
- 5) Glenrothes XI
- 6) Kismet
- 7) Largo XI
- 8) Norwood



R&D League Structure 2019

R&D North

- 1) Banchory
- 2) Gordonians XI
- 3) Mannofield XI
- 4) Portcullis

R&D West

- 1) Alloa XI
- 2) Breadalbane
- 3) Callander
- 4) Comrie
- 5) Doune
- 6) Kinross-shire
- 7) Perth Doocot 3rd XI
- 8) St.Modans XI
- 9) Stirling County XI



Election of Management Committee

Present Office Bearers and Members of Management Committee:-

President	R.G. Milne	unattached
Vice-President	vacant	
Hon Vice-Presidents	R.W.S. Miller (DHSFP/Norwood)	J.R. Auchinleck (Forfarshire)
	D.C. Bridges (Arbroath United)	R. McFarlane (Rossie Priory)
Secretary	D.C. Bridges	Arbroath United
Treasurer	D.Christie	Meigle
Committee	S.Bruce	Forfarshire
	D. Chambers	Falkland
	H.J. Coates	Largo
	P. Gray	Gordonians
	R. McFarlane	Rossie Priory
	S. Mehta	Montrose
Past President	G.T. McKinnie	Perth Doocot

- Notes
1. The Management Committee proposes that **Ryan Milne** becomes **Chairman**.
 2. Howard Coates and Paul Gray have indicated that they are retiring from the Committee.
 3. **Gordon McKinnie** retires as Past President but the Management Committee proposes that he be elected to the Committee as the Commercial and Communications Convenor.



Election of Competitions Committee

Present Members of Committee:-

Convenor	vacant	
I.H. Chisholm	Arbroath United	(Statistician)
C.Clark	Meigle	(NEC)
P. Jess	St. Andrews Uni Staff	(Division 1)
D.F. Thomson	Forfarshire 4th XI	(R&D Central)
H.J. Coates	Largo XI	(R&D East)
L.Cartwright	Stoneywood/Dyce XI	(R&D North)
vacant		(R&D West)

- Notes:-
- (1) There is a vacancy for Convenor.
 - (2) There will be a vacancy for R&D North unless SDCC XI rejoin.
 - (3) There is a vacancy for R&D West.



Umpiring 2019

Reminder

League Match Fees & Expenses Rates

- Match Fee: £30 (Where two umpires are appointed)
- Match Fee: £40 (where one umpire is appointed)

Fees should be paid equally by both clubs in all league matches no later than the Tea Interval.



Fixtures

After the CSL Eastern Premiership league fixtures for 2019 have been published, the fixtures for the NE Championship and 1st Division will be compiled and issued as soon as possible thereafter.

The fixtures for the R&D divisions will be compiled after that.

If there are dates to be avoided, e.g. ground unavailability, please inform the Competitions Convenor before the 31st December.



Club Officials and Contacts

The Committee and other clubs need to know who your officials and contacts are. This information will be obtained from clubs by Survey Monkey before the handbook is published.

Information provided will take into account 2018 GDPR legislation.