

History of the Surrey Championship

Milestones 1968-2013



<u>Year</u>	<u>Description</u>
1968	Formed by 17 Founder Member clubs, 1st and 2nd XI sections only: Addiscombe, Banstead, Beddington, Cheam, Dulwich, East Molesey, Epsom, Guildford, Malden Wanderers, Mitcham, Old Emanuel, Old Whitgiftians, Purley, Spencer, Streatham, Sunbury and Sutton.
1972	Increased to 19 clubs -Ashford and Honor Oak joined.
1977	3rd XI section introduced.
1980	Increased to 22 clubs in 1st and 2nd XI sections - Esher, Otlands Park and Wimbledon joined.
1982	Eve Group plc commenced sponsorship of Championship.
1983	Two new balls per match introduced.
1987	Second Division of 18 clubs, 1st and 2nd XI sections added, with promotion and relegation introduced. Panel of umpires installed to stand in 1st XI matches. Limitations on contracted and overseas players.
1988	Second Division sections increased to 22 clubs. 3rd XI section increased to 18 clubs.
1989	Second Division of 3rd XI section introduced.
1990	3rd XI, Second Division increase in clubs. Promotion and relegation introduced.
1991	SGM votes for Third Division, 1st and 2nd XIs, in 1992.
1992	3rd XL Division 3 introduced.
1993	3rd XI Division 1 reduced to 10 clubs playing on a home and away basis.
1994	Championship became members of League Cricket Conference.
1995	Division 2 and 3, 1st and 2nd XIs re-formed in 1996.
1996	AGM votes to indemnify Executive Committee members against legal action.
1997	SGM votes to introduce a Premier Division and a First Division for 1st XIs, each of 10 clubs, to commence in 1999.
1998	SGM votes to delete the word 'amateur' from Rule 2. Promotion and relegation with the Surrey County League to take effect from end of 1998 season.
1999	SGM votes to introduce a Premier Division and a First Division for 2nd XIs, each of 10 clubs, to commence in 2000.

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- 2000 19th and final season of sponsorship from Eve Group plc. First website goes live.
- 2001 **Castle Lager** becomes new Sponsor of Championship.
- 2002 Premier Division of 10 clubs for 3rd XIs commences. New website in place.
- 2005 Commencement of six 10-club Divisions at all 1st and 2nd XI levels.
- 2006 **Shepherd Neame** become sponsors of the Championship. Scoresheets and statistics directly onto Surrey Championship Play-Cricket website.
- 2007 4th XI League commenced with one Eastern Division of 8 clubs.
- 2008 ECB Premier 1st XI only, half the itinerary (nine games) played as 50-over matches.
- 2008 4th XI League increased to 18 clubs in two Division called East and West with 9 clubs in each.
- 2009 Registrations on Play-Cricket for the Premier and First Division of 1st XIs. Limited overs introduced for half the itinerary (nine games) for all 1st and 2nd XIs and Premier 3rd XIs.
- 2009 4th XI increased to 24 clubs in 3 Division, Premier, East and West with 8 clubs in each.
- 2010 4th XI increased to 30 clubs consisting of the Premier, East and West Divisions to 10 clubs in each.
- 2011 **Ryman** commenced sponsorship of the Championship.
- 2011 4th XI extended to 34 clubs in 4 Divisions. Premier, (10 clubs) Central (8 clubs), East (8 clubs), & West (8 clubs).
- 2012 Duckworth Lewis introduced into the Premier and First Division 1st XI 50 over matches.
- 2012 4th XI increased to 36 clubs in the four Divisions. Premier, (10 clubs) Central (8 clubs), East (9 clubs), & West (9 clubs).
- 2013 4th XI increased to 39 clubs in four Divisions. Premier (10 clubs), Central (9 clubs) East (10 clubs) and West (10 clubs).
- 2013 3rd XI split into four Divisions. Premier, Division 1 and Division 2 each with 10 clubs playing half the itinerary (nine games) as 50-over matches. Division 3 with 16 clubs to play all timed matches.