



**Meeting Date/Time:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

**Location:** Wimbledon CC – Lakeside Room

**Subject:** Surrey Championship Annual General Meeting Minutes

Apologies:	Daniel Yarnley (Chessington CC), Abbas Sheikh (Ripley CC) Denham Earl (DE)
Members Present:	Peter Murphy (The Chairman) Brian Driscoll (BD) Crispin Lyden-Cowan (CLC) Anthony Gamble (AG) Roland Walton (RW) Jeremy Beckwith (JYB) Chris Evans (CE) Graham Jackson (GJ) Phil Trayner (PT) John Bramhall (JB) Helen Ross (HR)
Clubs Not Present:	Chessington (Apologies Above), East Molesey, Farncombe, Guildford City, Malden Wanderers, Maori Oxshott, Old Whitgiftians, Ripley (Apologies above), Sanderstead, Sinjungrammarians, Staines & Laleham, Stoke D'Abernon, Streatham & Marlborough

Minute No.	Item	Action
	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
AGM 01/17	Apologies for absence noted as above.	
	<b>Chairman's opening remarks and welcome to New Clubs</b>	
AGM 02/17	The Chairman noted that previous meeting held throughout the year had been dedicated to discussing the proposals at tonight's meeting, and emphasised that the AGM gave clubs the chance to vote on these proposals rather than an opportunity for further debate.  The Chairman welcomed Hampton Hill and welcomed Merrow on their return to the League.	
	<b>Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	
AGM 03/17	Minutes taken as read.	
	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
AGM 04/17	No matters arising.	
	<b>Financial Report 2016 and Budget 2017</b>	
AGM 05/17	CLC reported that the league had made a slight profit in 2016.  It was proposed that the ticket price for the annual dinner in 2017 will remain the same as the league are happy to subsidise the very slight deficit the dinner makes.  The miscellanea figure in the accounts relates to Surrey Cricket affiliation fees, which are received from clubs before being passed on to Surrey.  Money spent on balls has reduced significantly due to a rebate negotiated with Readers.	

	<p>Printing costs will reduce as the Yearbook moves online, which should lead to an increased profit. As such it was proposed that subscription levels remain the same in 2017, with the potential of a reduction in fees in 2018.</p> <p>League Investments to be left as they are, current value of the investments is around £68,000 and this is available to be used as a buffer should the league fail to attract sponsorship.</p> <p>Woking and Horsell proposed the adoption of the accounts, Wimbledon seconded and the motion was carried by the meeting.</p>	
	<b>Changes to Rules and Playing Conditions Proposed by the Executive Committee</b>	
AGM 06/17	<p>Rules and Playing Conditions as detailed in 'Rules and Playing Conditions Amendments' document below.</p> <p><b>Changes to Rules and Generic Playing Conditions applying to all Tiers (2/3 majority to carry):</b></p> <p>a) Bonus Points – Amend: Constitution PC5 (A) <b>Motion Carried (2 against)</b></p> <p>b) Bonus Points – Insert Constitution PC5 (C) <b>Motion Carried (3 against)</b></p> <p>c) Mandatory Requirements – Insert Constitution R10 (D) <b>Motion Carried (Unanimous)</b></p> <p>d) Concession of Matches – Amend: Constitution PC11 (E) <b>Motion Carried (3 against)</b></p> <p>e) Overseas Exempt – Amend: Constitution PC12 (C) <b>Motion Carried (1 against)</b></p> <p>f) Dropping players for the last 4 games – Amend: Insert in R10E (and renumber all R10) a. Insert Constitution PC13 (J) (ii) <b>Motion Carried (2 against)</b></p> <p>g) Playing the highest sides – Amend Constitution PC11 (F) The rules allow for clubs to go out with, 9, 10 and 10 in their teams to fulfil all their team's fixtures on a weekend. <b>Motion Carried (2 Against)</b></p> <p><b>Changes to Tier 1, 2 and 3 Playing Conditions (simple majority to carry):</b></p> <p>a) Start times – Amend: a. Tier One Schedule Three – 1 (A) <b>Motion Carried (13 for, 5 Against)</b> b. Tier Two, Schedule Six – 1 (A) <b>Motion Carried (13 for 8 against)</b> c. Tier Three, Schedule Eight – 1 (A) <b>Motion Carried (31 for 12 against)</b> b) Match Formats (Golden Half Hour) - Insert at the end of Tier Three, Schedule Eight – 1 (C) <b>Motion Carried (unanimous)</b></p>	

	<p>c) Over Rates - In Tier Three, Schedule 7, para 1 the heading to read "Balls, players and over rates". New sub paragraph (C) to be added.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that Division Four first eleven games which are not panel umpired should be included in this proposal.</p> <p>Clubs should note on Play Cricket periods of play where they have left the field for rain.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried (3 Against)</b></p> <p>d) Power Plays – Tier One Schedule 2; Tier Two – Schedule 5</p> <p><b>Motion Carried (Unanimous)</b></p> <p>e) Match Formats for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Elevens – Amend Tier Three – on a one-year trial basis Schedule Nine to apply only to Division 5 1<sup>st</sup> X1's.</p> <p>a. Second Eleven</p> <p><b>Motion not Carried (20 For 24 against)</b></p> <p>b. Third Eleven</p> <p><b>Motion not Carried (14 For 25 against)</b></p> <p>c. Fourth Eleven</p> <p><b>Motion not Carried (10 For 19 Against)</b></p> <p>Prior to the vote, it was felt that the second eleven Premier League should be more aligned to First Eleven Division Five, and that this proposal could lead to the stifling of younger players looking to step up and play in club 1<sup>st</sup> Elevens.</p> <p>It was noted that the vote on bonus points in timed matches would not apply should 'Limited Overs Matches' only be voted in, however as these motions didn't carry the changes in bonus points would require to be considered.</p> <p>f) Bowlers Limitations – Insert Tier Two, Schedule 6 -5 and Tier Three Schedule 9-1 (H)</p> <p>Tier Two: <b>Motion Carried (For 13, Against 10)</b>  Tier Three: <b>Motion Carried (For 27, Against 24)</b></p> <p>a. (or if not approved)</p> <p>Tier Two: Not proposed as above motion carried  Tier Three: Not proposed as above motion carried</p>	
	<b>Overseas Players Registration</b>	
AGM 07/17	<p>The Chairman confirmed that the Home Office via the ECB are imposing a greater discipline on the entry into the country of overseas players. Clubs must ensure that their overseas players are in the country on the correct Visa. The ECB has released a new overseas registration form which will be mandatory for Premier Leagues to use in 2017, and will be conducting an audit of the forms during the upcoming season.</p> <p>AG noted that the league registration form will be updated to include all the ECB / home office information requirements. Clubs need to ensure that their overseas player has the correct documentation – if clubs are unsure they should check with the ECB / the Home Office.</p>	
	<b>Election of Officers and Executive Committee</b>	
AGM 08/17	<p>A: Executive Committee:</p> <p>I. Roland Walton – President</p>	

	<p>II. Peter Murphy – Chairman  III. Crispin Lyden-Cowan – Treasurer  IV. Brian Driscoll – Secretary  V. Denham Earl – Fixture Secretary  VI. Anthony Gamble – Registration Secretary  VII. John Bramhall  VIII. Chris Evans  IX. Helen Ross  X. Graham Jackson  XI. Olly Roland Jones  XII. Simon Robins  XIII. Phil Trayner</p> <p>B: The umpires panel have nominated Jeremy Beckwith for re-election</p> <p>Proposed and Seconded and voted in by all present at the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the meeting to note his intention to co-opt Alexandra Anderson to the Committee to strengthen the Rules and Playing Conditions Sub-Committee.</p>	
<b>Dates of Future Surrey Championship Meetings</b>		
AGM 09/17	<p>a) Balls and Yearbooks – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Wimbledon CC  b) Annual Dinner – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at KIA Oval  c) Council Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Wimbledon CC</p>	
<b>Any Other Business (Clubs)</b>		
AGM 10/17	Hampton Wick Royal felt that the timing of ECB Small Grants scheme is poor. GJ noted that the league is not running its own grant fund this season, but mentioned that the London Marathon Fund is an option for clubs looking for funding. GJ noted that the Surrey Cricket Foundation also offers grants to clubs twice a year.	
<b>Any Other Business (Committee)</b>		
AGM 11/17	<p>RW reported that Travelbag have committed to sponsoring the league in 2017, clubs and players are encouraged to book their holidays through Travelbag. Kempton, Camberley and Spencer players won the three awards at the annual dinner for a free holiday to Dubai. These players are encouraged to keep a blog about their experiences and send across any writings and photos to HR to put onto the Surrey Championship website. Discussions will be had with Travelbag regarding the amount of commission given to the league per holiday booked. CLC noted that Travelbag will do good deals if clubs quote “Surrey” when booking. Clubs are encouraged to promote Travelbag among their members.</p> <p>Further communications from Travelbag will be sent to clubs throughout the year.</p> <p>Any suggestions or support for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the league are greatly welcome. Any material or support to be sent to RW.</p> <p>BD asked clubs to return Club Information Forms to MB as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that the League will continue to consult with clubs and playing communities to ensure that the rules and playing conditions reflect the needs and wants of players.</p> <p>Ball order forms to be distributed to clubs shortly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting closed at 20.57.</b></p>	<p>Prize Winners</p> <p>Clubs</p> <p>Clubs</p> <p>DE</p>

# Proposed amendments to the League Constitution and Playing Conditions

## 1. Changes to Rules and Generic Playing Conditions applying to all Tiers

(These changes require a two thirds majority of all full member clubs present and voting)

Reference	Amendment
<b>Bonus Points</b>	<p><b>Amend: Constitution PC5 (a):</b></p> <p><b>TIME MATCHES:</b> The results of these matches played in the Championship shall be tabled in league form on the following points basis (including the provision of bonus points under the provisions of PC5 (c)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Win – 24 points</li> <li>• Lose – 0 points</li> <li>• Tie – 12 points to each side</li> </ul> <p>In a drawn game where the side batting second has received a minimum of 20 overs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For the side with the faster scoring rate 4 points will be awarded.</li> <li>•For the side with the slower scoring rate 2 points will be awarded.</li> <li>•Where both sides have an identical scoring rate 3 points will be awarded to each side.</li> <li>•In an abandoned match or drawn match where the side batting second has not received 20 overs 4 points will be awarded to each side, subject to the provisions in PC5(c) below.</li> </ul> <p><b>NB:</b> Scoring rate shall be determined by dividing the number of runs scored by the number of legitimate balls received.</p> <p>Note – The changes here only affect points for the draw, reflecting a view from a number of captains that the current points system undervalues the draw, which is a legitimate, albeit not a preferred, outcome in timed cricket.</p>
<b>Bonus Points</b>	<p><b>Insert Constitution PC5 (c)</b></p> <p>If a game is abandoned, and either one team or both teams have been awarded bonus points as defined herein, for either batting or bowling AND these points are greater than the points that would be awarded for an abandoned game (as defined in PC5 (a) and PC5 (b)), then these bonus points will be awarded to the side(s) that have accrued them, in place of the points for the abandonment.</p> <p>Note – This is a change from the current position under which a team accruing more than 4 bonus points on the field before a game is abandoned has the points it achieved in play reduced as a result of the abandonment.</p>

<p><b>Mandatory Requirements</b> R10 (d)</p>	<p><b>Insert Constitution R10 (d)</b></p> <p>“The Executive Committee reserves the right to impose discretionary fines on a member club that persistently fails to complete its basic compliances by the Wednesday Deadlines as defined herein, and will be intolerant of clubs that cause an unnecessary workload on volunteer results administrators and statisticians”.</p> <p>Note – This change is made in the light of an increase in non-reporting or misreporting of results since automatic fines for such misdemeanours were discontinued. The Executive Committee does not wish to revert to the automatic fining but will be tougher in imposing discretionary fines on persistent offenders.</p>
<p><b>Concession of Matches</b> Constitution PC11</p>	<p><b>Amend The Constitution - PC11 (e)</b></p> <p>£75.00</p> <p>Note – this is to increase the fee from £45 to £75 for late concession of matches. The fee has not been uprated for inflation for a number of years and this brings it into line with the fee payable under FBSCCL rules.</p>
<p><b>Overseas Exempt.</b> Constitution</p>	<p><b>Amend The Constitution PC12 (c).</b></p> <p>A player, who does not normally fulfil the criteria of being registered as an Overseas Exempt player (as detailed herein) may nonetheless be registered as an Overseas Exempt player if he fulfils <b>all</b> of the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has a right to work in the UK;</li> <li>b. Is contracted to an English first class county or has been invited by an English first class county and be able to provide satisfactory evidence of this from that County;</li> <li>c. Has signed the declaration at Appendix B of the relevant ECB regulations, declaring an intention to qualify for England.</li> </ul> <p>Note: This is to regularise the position on players who entering the UK to play for a county <u>and</u> who are committing themselves to qualify to play for England. This has operated as an administrative regulation in 2016.</p>
<p><b>Dropping of players for the last 4 games</b></p>	<p><b>Amend The Constitution – Insert in R10 (e) (and renumber all R10)</b></p> <p>For the purposes of PC 13 (j) (i) clubs must enter onto Play-Cricket each player that plays in any Championship match if at least one delivery has been bowled in that match. Failure to comply with this measure will result in the sanctions outlined in R (11) (b) of The Constitution and Playing Conditions.</p> <p><b>Insert Constitution PC13 (j) (ii)</b></p> <p>In assessing the number of matches that a player has played in for the purposes of PC 13 (j) (i), any match where at least one delivery has been bowled should be counted, and accordingly all clubs are required to enter the names of each of the nominated players, shared pre-match on the physical team-sheet, into the Play-Cricket result section for the match, for all Championship games where play has been called and any delivery, including an illegal delivery for the avoidance of doubt, has been bowled.</p>

	Note – This is to clarify what counts as a match for the purposes of the “12 match” rule, something which has not previously been defined.
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<b>Playing the highest sides</b>	<p><b>Amend The Constitution - PC11 (f)</b></p> <p>At all times selection of the higher XIs in a club must take precedence over lower XIs with 11 players playing in the higher XIs wherever practicable and any shortfall of players being in the lower XIs. In the event of a Member Club being unable to fulfil all its fixtures on any day, the playing of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture shall take precedence over the playing of the 2nd XI fixture which shall in turn take precedence over the playing of the 3rd XI fixture (if any) which shall in turn take precedence over the playing of the 4<sup>th</sup> XI fixture (if any) and so on.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt where clubs have teams which play in more than one Saturday league competition (whether the FBSCCL or any other) the order of precedence set out above must be strictly adhered to so that the team or teams lowest in the club’s hierarchy must be those that are withdrawn from their fixture(s). This is an important principle of fair competition within the League and teams which participate in a match in contravention of this playing condition will be deemed to have conceded that match, in addition to which the Executive Committee reserves the right to deduct points after taking account of all the circumstances.</p> <p>Note – This is to put beyond doubt the principle that a club’s lowest XI(s) must concede where that club cannot field all its sides on a given day. It makes clear that the Championship, the FBSCCL and any other League in which a club may have a team on a Championship match day are treated as one league for this purpose. This has always been the intention but there is a flaw in the current drafting which this amendment corrects.</p>

## Changes to Tier 1, 2 and 3 Playing Conditions

These changes require a simple majority of eligible clubs present and voting

<p><b>Start Times</b></p>	<p><b>Amend Tier One Schedule Three – 1 (a)</b></p> <p>Matches will start at 11am.</p> <p><i>NOTE – This Schedule covers time 120 over matches. If passed all other times set out in 1(a) – 1 (i) will be amended accordingly.</i></p> <p><b>Amend Tier Two, Schedule 6 - 1 (a).</b></p> <p>Matches will start at 12 Noon.</p> <p><b>Amend in Tier Three Schedule 8 - 1 (a) and Schedule 9 – 1 (a).</b></p> <p>All matches in 1<sup>st</sup> XI Division 5 and all 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches shall start at 12 Noon for all 18 weeks of the season.</p> <p>Note – The preference for earlier start times was expressed in captains’ meetings by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captains. For Tier 2 sides this means no change for limited over games while time games are brought forward by one hour. For Tier 3 1<sup>st</sup> XIs and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs this means bringing forward all start times in weeks 1-16 by one hour.</p> <p>The issue was discussed at captains’ meetings in terms of cricket below Tier 1, but it has been decided also to offer Tier 1 teams the opportunity to bring their timed matches forward (by 30 minutes) as the perception that players prefer earlier finishes probably extends to those teams also.</p>
<p><b>Match Formats</b></p>	<p><b>Insert at the end of Tier Three, Schedule 8 - 1 (c)</b></p> <p>Note: In matches starting at 12.00 overs only begin to be deducted from either innings once more than 30 minutes of cumulative match playing time have been lost as a result of weather and/or ground conditions.</p> <p>Note – The Golden Half Hour already exists in Tier One and Two matches, this amendment extends the opportunity to reduce time lost in rain-affected games to those Tier 3 teams whose limited over games start at 12.00, ie Div 5 1<sup>st</sup> XIs and all 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs.</p>
<p><b>Over Rates</b></p>	<p><b>In Tier Three, Schedule 7, para 1 the heading to read “Balls, players and over rates”. Add a new sub-para (c) as follows:</b></p> <p>Captains should ensure that their teams’ overs are bowled at an average of at least 16 overs per hour. On a one year trial basis the actual match start time should be updated in the play-cricket summary result and the start time of the second innings and the end times of both innings must be entered into the highlights box in Play-Cricket after each match.</p> <p>There was a strong feeling at the captains meetings that the League should be taking action to shorten games by improving over rates in non-panel-umpired games. The Executive Committee consider that this should be addressed initially by trialling a simple rule, without penalties attached for failure to comply, and to collect as much data and feedback</p>



	as possible during the season before deciding whether a similar measure or one with penalties for non-compliance should be introduced permanently.
<b>Bowlers Limitations</b>	<p><b>Insert Tier Two, Schedule 6 - 5 and Tier Three Schedule 9 – 1 (h).</b></p> <p><i>Note – if either of the two options put forward below is approved, only sub-para (i) will apply to Tier 2 as there are no 90 over matches in that Tier. For Tier 3, both (i) and (ii) will be added to Schedule 9.</i></p> <p>(i) In each innings of the match where the playing conditions state that the match is a 100 over match, no bowler may bowl more than 14 overs in an innings.</p> <p>(ii) In each innings of the match, where the playing conditions state that the match is a 90 over match, no bowler may bowl more than 13 overs in an innings.</p> <p><b>OR IF NOT APPROVED</b></p> <p>(i) In each innings of the match where the playing conditions state that the match is a 100 over match, no bowler may bowl more than 16 overs in an innings.</p> <p>(ii) In each innings of the match, where the playing conditions state that the match is a 90 over match, no bowler may bowl more than 15 overs in an innings.</p> <p>A majority of those giving their views at captains’ meetings felt that timed games can be unduly dominated by one or two bowlers. In some cases the participation and development of young players is thwarted. No firm view was reached on the overs limit so two options are put forward, one with a lower overs limit than the other. The Rules and Playing Conditions Committee consider that the limit should comprise a specified number of overs as operating on a percentage basis to deal with different lengths of innings would introduce unneeded complexity. It is not considered appropriate to apply a limit in Tier 1 cricket.</p>
<b>Power Plays</b>	<p><b>TIER ONE – Schedule 2; TIER TWO – Schedule 5;</b></p> <p><b>Delete Section 3 in each of the Schedules above and replace with:</b></p> <p><b>Restrictions on the placement of fieldsmen</b></p> <p>(a) At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than 5 fieldsmen on the leg side.</p> <p>(b) In addition to the restriction contained in clause 3 (a) above, further fielding restrictions shall apply to certain overs in each innings. The nature of such fielding restrictions and the overs during which they shall apply are set out in the following paragraphs.</p> <p>(c) The following fielding restrictions shall apply:  Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play. The semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semicircles shall be 30 yards. The semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. The fielding restriction areas should be marked by continuous painted white lines or ‘dots’ at 5 yard intervals, each ‘dot’ to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches in diameter.  At the instant of delivery:</p>

Powerplay 1 – no more than two fieldsmen shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 1 to 10 inclusive.

Powerplay 2 – no more than four fieldsmen shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 11 to 40 inclusive.

Powerplay 3 – no more than five fieldsmen shall be permitted outside this fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 41 to 50 inclusive.

(d) In circumstances when the number of overs of the batting team is reduced, the number of overs within each phase of the innings shall be reduced in accordance with the table below. For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the table shall apply separately to both the 1st and 2nd innings of the match.

Innings	Duration	Powerplay 1	Powerplay 2	Powerplay 3
4	20	4	12	
4	21	4	13	
4	22	5	13	
4	23	5	14	
5	24	5	14	
5	25	5	15	
5	26	5	16	
5	27	6	16	
5	28	6	17	
6	29	6	17	6
6	30	6	18	
6	31	6	19	
6	32	7	19	
6	33	7	20	
7	34	7	20	7
7	35	7	21	
7	36	7	22	
7	37	8	22	
7	38	8	23	
7	39	8	23	
8	40	8	24	
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	41	8	25
8	42	9	25
8	43	9	26
8	44	9	26
9	45	9	27
9	46	9	28
9	47	10	28
9	48	10	29
9	49	10	29
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	<p>(e) If play is interrupted during an innings, the table above should be used and the appropriate Powerplay takes immediate effect. For the avoidance of doubt this applies even if the interruption has occurred mid-over.</p> <p><i>Illustrations</i></p> <p><i>A 50 over innings is interrupted after 8.3 overs and reduced to 32 overs. The new phases are 7+19+6. Therefore the middle phase fielding restrictions take immediate effect when play resumes and last for a further 17.3 overs. The final phase begins after 26 overs have been bowled.</i></p> <p><i>A 40 over innings is interrupted after 18.5 overs and reduced to 22 overs. The new phases are 5+13+4. When play resumes, the final phase fielding restrictions apply for the remaining 3.1 overs.</i></p>		
	<p>(f) At the commencement of the middle and final phases of an innings, the umpire shall signal such commencement to the scorers by rotating his arm in a large circle.</p> <p>(g) In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, the square leg umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'.</p> <p>(h) In the event of the striker's end Umpire failing to call and signal No Ball when the fielding restrictions in this playing condition have been breached or when Law 41.5 has been breached (at the point of delivery, not more than two fielders other than the wicketkeeper shall be behind the popping crease on the on side), immediately the ball becomes dead the striker may draw the matter to that Umpire's attention. If the striker's end Umpire is able to verify the breach he shall call and signal No Ball. If the striker's end Umpire is unable to verify the breach then he shall confirm that the events of the delivery shall be unchanged.</p>		
	<p>Note - This amendment brings the powerplay regulations in line with the simpler version now used in the First Class game.</p>		
<b>Match formats for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XIs</b>	<p><b>Amend Tier Three – On a one-year trial basis Schedule Nine to apply only to Division 5 1<sup>st</sup> XIs</b></p> <p>If carried appropriate amendments to other schedules / playing conditions will be amended.</p>		

i.e. all 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches will be limited overs matches

Note - In the ECB survey 2016 a majority of players indicated a preference for overs cricket. This was discussed at the captains' meetings where the main support for switching to a full programme of limited overs games came from 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captains. The proposal to bring that change forward on a trial basis was signalled at the Council meeting.

**The above amendment would widen the trial to all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI matches.** This goes beyond what was put forward at the Council meeting (based on the captains' meetings) but the amendment provides clubs with an opportunity to reconsider their position. A separate vote will be taken for each level, ie for 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs, 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs and 4<sup>th</sup> XIs with entitlement to participate in each vote available to clubs with an XI playing at the relevant level within the Championship.

Assuming the change is approved for at least one level, for it to become permanent it will need to be confirmed at the 2018 AGM when a further vote will take place.