

The Surrey Championship – 2018 AGM.

Proposed Changes to Rules and Playing Conditions and the Constitution.

A. Rule clarifications, corrections of errors and other changes to reflect the new version of the Laws of Cricket – these are not substantive rule changes

Tier 1.

Schedule 2 1b - Replace “tea” with “the interval” – *clarification for consistency*

7c, d and Note - Replace Duckworth/Lewis with Duckworth/Lewis/Stern – *is now the correct name for this*

Tier 1 Schedule 2 and Tier 2 Schedule 5

6 - Delete label (a)

- Replace “Law 42 6 (a)(ii)” with “Law 41.6.1 – 41.6.2

- Replace “Law 42.7” with “Law 41.6.3 – 41.6.5”

6 (b) – Delete as this is now the new Law

This is to align our rules with the new MCC Laws.

Tier 1 Schedule 3 and Tier 2 Schedule 6

2 – Delete (a) – *just says the Law applies which it does anyway*

Delete label “(b)”

Replace “Law 42 6 (a)(ii)” with “Law 41.6.1 – 41.6.2”

Replace “Law 42.6 (a) (i) with “Law 41.6.1”

Replace “Law 42.7” with “Law 41.6.3 – 41.6.5”

Delete (c) and (d) – *now in the new Laws*

This is to align our rules with the new MCC Laws.

Tier Two

Schedule 5 1b - Replace “tea” with “the interval” – *clarification for consistency*

1e – Add “, and overs will only be deducted from the second innings” after “as reduced prior to the start of the match” - *clarification*

3e – Replace “Illustrations” with “Illustration” -*typo* . Replace “A 50 over innings” with “A second innings originally scheduled for 50 overs” - *clarification*

4c - change 7.20pm to 6.20pm – *correcting error*

7d Example - open bracket before "and 203" and "and 183" - *typo*

Tier Three

Schedule 7 1c should appear in Schedule 8 end of 1c(1) – (Sch 7 refers to both types of format, this relates only to overs matches so should be in Sch 8 3a - clubs in Div 5 1st XI or 2nd, 3rd or 4th XIs in the Championship - *incorrectly copied over from Tier Two, should be all clubs in these divisions*

Schedule 8 1a - Align beginning of sentences - *typo*

1b - Replace tea with the interval - *clarification*

2c - Delete “only” - *clarification*

6f Example - Open bracket before "and 203" and "and 183" – *see Tier Two - typo*

B. Proposals and suggestions for rule and playing condition changes

Tier One

OPTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Schedule 2 4b - Free Hits for all No Balls except over head-high bouncers

A rule change to come into line with the professional game

Schedule 2 7c – after “by the Duckworth/Lewis method” or “by the Duckworth/Lewis/Stern method” if amended as above add “using the version found on the play-cricket.com App”

If approved the whole of the Surrey Championship would be using the same version of Duckworth/Lewis. However, the version currently used in Tier One is a recently updated version of D/L/S used by the professional game reflecting the recent trend to be able to score very heavily in the latter stages of an innings. Approving this proposal would mean reverting to an old version of D/L.

Schedule 3 1l - change “10 overs” to “20 overs”

A rule change to create consistency with limited overs format

Tier Two

4b (1) - Free Hits for all No Balls except bouncers over head-high

A rule change to come into line with the professional game

Schedule 6 1h(iii) - change “10 overs” to “20 overs”

A rule change to create consistency with overs format

To introduce Duckworth Lewis into Tier 2 Limited Overs matches

Schedule 5 1(e) - Delete and replace with “Suspended matches.

- (i) First innings. When play is suspended during the first innings, the object shall be to rearrange the number of overs so that both sides have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 20 overs per side). See Note in paragraph 1 (c) above.
- (ii) Second innings. If, owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings, there is insufficient time for the side batting second to face

the same number of overs as the side batting first, then the number of overs to be bowled will be those that could be bowled by the scheduled close of play assuming a rate of 3.8 minutes per over subject to a minimum of 20 overs (with fractions of an over rounded up). The number of overs to be faced by the team batting second will never be increased after an interruption. See Note in paragraph 1 (c) above.

- (iii) In the event of a suspension occurring in the middle of an over, the number of full overs to be bowled will be calculated and any balls remaining to be bowled in the over during which play was suspended, will be added.”

Note - This is the same wording as in Tier One, Schedule 2 1(e),

and

7 – Delete and replace with “(a) A result can only be achieved if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 20 overs, unless the team batting second has scored more runs than its opponents or has achieved its target score as hereinafter defined.

(b) Save as hereinafter provided, the team that has scored the most runs shall win a match.

(c) If, due to suspension of play after the start of the match, the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than that originally allotted (minimum of 20 overs), then a revised target score should be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing, this revised target being calculated by the Duckworth/Lewis method **(using the version found on the play-cricket.com App)**. A par score will be determined and agreed by the scorers and set for the second innings. If this is exceeded a win for the team batting second shall result. If the par score is equalled then the match shall be tied. If after the restart of play it is discovered that the wrong Duckworth/Lewis target has been set and agreed by the scorers, the target score played to shall stand.

(d) If a match is abandoned before it has been played to a conclusion and before the team batting second has received its allotted number of overs (providing that it has received not less than 20 overs), the result shall be decided by the Duckworth/Lewis method as determined and agreed between the scorers.

Note: The umpires are only responsible for recalculating the overs and giving these details to the scorer/s. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that there is someone present at each match **who has access to the App** and is competent to make the Duckworth/Lewis calculations. If neither side has such a person then the umpires will abandon the match if there are weather interruptions after the match has started and the “golden half hour” has been used.

This is the same wording as in Tier One, Schedule 2 7 except for the additions marked in bold

Tier Three

Schedule 9 1e - part of over shall be considered a whole over

A rule change to bring consistency with Tier One and Tier Two, which would mean that a part over bowled in the first innings would count as a full over for the purpose of the minimum numbers of overs in the match. For example if a first innings lasted 50 overs and 4 balls, this would equate to 51 overs for the purposes of the minimum overs in the match and the second innings would then be a minimum of 49 overs (in a 100 over match).

To introduce Duckworth Lewis into Tier 3 Limited Overs matches

Schedule 8 1(f and g) - Delete and replace with “Suspended matches.

- (i) First innings. When play is suspended during the first innings, the object shall be to rearrange the number of overs so that both sides have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 20 overs per side). See Note in paragraph 1 (c) above.
- (ii) Second innings. If, owing to a delayed start to the second innings or a suspension of play during the second innings,

there is insufficient time for the side batting second to face the same number of overs as the side batting first, then the number of overs to be bowled will be those that could be bowled by the scheduled close of play (**7.20pm or 6.50pm for Rounds 17 and 18**) assuming a rate of **3.5** minutes per over subject to a minimum of 20 overs (with fractions of an over rounded up). The number of overs to be faced by the team batting second will never be increased after an interruption.

- (iii) (iii) In the event of a suspension occurring in the middle of an over, the number of full overs to be bowled will be calculated and any balls remaining to be bowled in the over during which play was suspended, will be added.”

and

6 (c) onwards Delete and replace with

“(a) A result can only be achieved if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least 20 overs, unless the team batting second has scored more runs than its opponents or has achieved its target score as hereinafter defined.

(b) Save as hereinafter provided, the team that has scored the most runs shall win a match.

(c) If, due to suspension of play after the start of the match, the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than that originally allotted (minimum of 20 overs), then a revised target score should be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing, this revised target being calculated by the Duckworth/Lewis method (**using the version found on the play-cricket.com App**). A par score will be determined and agreed by the **captains** and set for the second innings. If this is exceeded a win for the team batting second shall result. If the par score is equalled then the match shall be tied. If after the restart of play it is discovered that the wrong Duckworth/Lewis target has been set and agreed by the scorers, the target score played to shall stand.

(d) If a match is abandoned before it has been played to a conclusion and before the team batting second has received its

allotted number of overs (providing that it has received not less than 20 overs), the result shall be decided by the Duckworth/Lewis method as determined and agreed between the scorers.

Note: The umpires **and captains** are responsible for recalculating **and agreeing** the overs and giving these details to the scorer/s. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that there is someone present at each match **who has access to the App** and is competent to make the Duckworth/Lewis calculations. If neither side has such a person then the umpires will abandon the match if there are weather interruptions after the match has started and the “golden half hour” has been used.

*This is the same wording as in Tier Two, Schedule 5 except for the additions marked in bold - **the reference to the Note on Golden Half Hour in Tier Two, Schedule 5 is not applicable for Tier 3**>*

Constitution Amendments

A. Clarifications and corrections of errors – these are not substantive rule changes

R7 Amend to: “At all times a simple majority of those present shall be decisive for votes specifically for Rules and Playing Conditions contained in the Tier RPC’s. For Constitution Amendments (and for the avoidance of doubt Playing Conditions detailed in the constitution) or in the cases of membership of the Championship a two-thirds majority of those present and voting shall be required” - *clarification*

R10e - delivery instead of ball – *clarification – a No Ball or a Wide is a delivery but not a ball*

PC5c(3) – Delete stray " - *typo*.

- Complete dismissal also where player(s) have retired out - *clarification*.
- Insert “overs” between “of” and “recalculation” - *clarification*.

PC10(b) (ii) Amend to: “Possible disruption for any reasons of such facilities and main ground during the playing season, and such temporary facilities to be

provided where appropriate in such an event. For the avoidance of doubt any fixture requiring a main ground change or substitution must have the permission of the Grounds and Playing Facilities sub-committee, prior to such a change taking place” - *clarification*

B. Proposals for changes to the Constitution

R10f - replace 10 days with 5 days

A rule change to encourage captains to deliver more timely and thus more useful reports on the umpires.

PC9a - 3rd XI regional divisions for 2017 only – requires a decision on what will apply in 2018

PC13i - change “last 4” to “last 5”

A recommendation from Council Meeting

PC15a – after “penalty runs” add “, to make any penalties for slow over rates or to apply the onfield disciplinary sanctions in Law 42. Behaviour warranting such sanctions should however be reported to the Disciplinary Committee.”

This clarifies and extends the lack of powers of non - Panel umpires in the light of the new Law changes.