PROPOSED CHANGES TO MATCH RULES 2024

*The changes listed below at ‘A’ come from the proposed match rule changes sent out with the 2023 AGM agenda and passed at that AGM.*

1. **Permanent adoption of the rule changes made at the 2023 AGM under 11 d of the constitution (all changes to be adopted are in red print)**

*All match rule changes proposed at the 2023 AGM were adopted by the meeting and the changes set out below in red need to be permanently adopted under 11d of the constitution.*

**Divisions 1 and below.**

*These changes concerned the extension of DLS in rain affected matches down to division 6b and are contained in the 2023 match day handbook where the relevant page numbers are shown alongside the adopted changes.*

**2.1 becomes ‘Divisions 1-6b’** (page 24)

**2.1 (e) Target Score using DLS**

* **If someone from either side has the means to use the DLS method, either by using the DLS software on a laptop computer, or via an App, or via the DLS calculator accessed from the home page of the League website, then this will be used to calculate the target score of the side batting second resulting from a loss of overs under (c) or (d).**
* **In Divisions 1, 2A & 2B, where there is at least one panel umpire or in Divisions 3A to 6B, where there is at least one non-playing umpire, he must agree with the scorers and shall inform the captains of the Target Score before play is resumed.**
* **In Divisions 3A to 6B, in the event that there are no non-playing umpires then the captains and scorers together must agree the Target Score before play is resumed.**
* **In the event of a miscalculation of the Target Score the original score shall not be altered once the captains have been informed, unless there is a subsequent recalculation due a further loss of overs. The Target Score shall be displayed clearly on the scoreboard.**

Revised wording for 2.1 (g)

**2.1 (g) Decision not to use DLS**

* **If the umpires decide that it is not possible to obtain a Target Score by using the DLS method, then they shall inform both captains and the scorers no later than the start of the second innings.**
* **If, in matches in Divisions 3A-6B where there are no non-playing umpires, the captains decide that it is not possible to obtain a Target Score by using the DLS method, this decision shall be agreed before the match and the scorers informed.**
* **If DLS is not used, then the winner of the match will be the team scoring the higher number of runs per over (as calculated to two decimal places). If either side was dismissed before receiving the full allocation of overs the runs per over calculation shall be based on the**
* **number of overs the side was entitled to receive (either at the commencement of its innings or as reduced due to subsequent interruptions to play).**

(pages 25-26)

**Divisions Premier-division 2b.**

This change related to the situation where only one panel umpire was appointed and can be found on page 28 of the 2023 match day handbook.

**8 (b) Umpires‘ positions:**

* **If there is only one panel umpire, then the home club will be notified in advance by the panel coordinator and must provide an umpire for the match. If that umpire is qualified then he shall stand at both ends; if not then he shall stand at striker’s end only.**
* **Umpires’ positions: if there is only one non-playing umpire he shall stand at the bowler’s end throughout the match.**

**Premier and Championship divisions. ( the removal of the Premier Division top of the table play-offs)**

**Playing Conditions – remove rule 15 on page 8 of the 2022 Match Day Handbook and renumber 16 and 17.**

**B Changes proposed to the match rules .**

**Premier and Championship divisions only to be voted on by the top twenty clubs only under constitution rule 11 e. The relevant page number from the 2023 rules handbook is shown alongside the proposal where an existing rule is to be changed. All proposed changes in red.**

1. **The age of 13 years will replace the age of 12 years in rule 13.1 on page 8.**
2. **Replace the first sentence in clause 13.2 on page 8 with the following sentence. ‘Any player under the age of 14 at Midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season shall play in the Premier League or Championship only provided that the player has written consent from an independent level 3 coach and has written parental consent to play in open-age cricket.’**
3. **In match rule 4 on page 12 line 5 (timed matches) the words ’10 points each’ will be replaced by ‘6 points each’ and in rule 12 on page 21 in line 4 ( limited overs matches) the words ’10 points each’ will be replaced by the words ‘5 points each’**
4. **In clause 3.1.1 on page 14 (Duration of limited overs matches) replace ‘weeks 17 & 18’ in each case with ‘weeks 15,16,17 &18’**
5. **In clause2.8 b) on page 11 (number of overs required to have a match in rain affected timed matches) the following sentence shall be added at the end of that sub-clause ‘Unless the side batting second believes it can chase down the target score in fewer than 25 overs in which case then play shall commence at the re-scheduled start time as directed by the umpires.’**

**Divisions 1 and below.**

**In match rules 1 c) and 1 d) (start times for matches in all divisions below the Championship) on page 24 of the match day handbook) remove ‘(September matches 11.30 am) and (September matches 12.30pm) in the first line of each sub-clause.’**