**SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE AGM PROPOSALS 2018**

**PROPOSAL 1 – To elect Goresbrook Cricket Club to the SNEL**

The Executive Committee proposes to elect Goresbrook CC to the SNEL. If they are elected, their 1st and 2nd XIs will play in 1st XI and 2nd XI Division 3 respectively. Their 3rd XI will play in one of the regional 4th XI 1st Divisions.

**REASON** – To replace Basildon CC who have withdrawn from the SNEL.

**PROPOSAL 2 - The Form of the Championship**

The Executive Committee proposes to increase the regionalisation of the lower divisions to regionalise the current 3rd XI Division Two and Three for the 2019 season onwards.

League Rule 7.3 iii and iv to be amended as follows:-

*The League shall comprise the following:*

1. *The 3rd XI Premier Division and 3rd XI Division 1. Promotion and relegation shall apply as referred to in Playing Conditions in Appendix A following.*
2. *The remaining 3rd XI divisions and all 4th XI Divisions will be organised on a regional basis as from time to time arranged by the Executive Committee. Promotion and relegation between these divisions and to 3rd XI Division 1 shall be as referred to in Appendix A following.*

If this proposal is passed, other necessary changes will be made to Generic Rule 7b to adjust the number of promotions and relegations, with only the winners of the top regional divisions getting promoted to the non-regional divisions.

**REASON** – The introduction of regionalisation across the 4th XI Premier Division and Division 1 has been successful with no increase in the number of uneven contests. Further regionalisation will reduce travel times for more players in the SNEL.

**PROPOSAL 3 – Playing format for 3rd XI Division 2&3**

The Executive Committee proposes that the current 3rd XI Divisions 2&3 (Or the regionalised 3rd XI Division 2 East and West if Proposal 2 is passed) will play the same format as the current 4th XI Divisions. IE 85 over timed games and 40 over limited format. The 3rd XI Premier and Division 1 will play the same playing formats as 2018.

**REASON** – The introduction of shorter matches in 4th XI Premier Division and Division One has been successful. Further extending this to the lower 3rd XI Divisions will offer shorter matches for more players in the SNEL.

**PROPOSAL 4 – Fielding restrictions in 3rd and 4th XI limited over matches**

Shenfield CC propose (Seconded by Old Southendians) to modify the limited over regulations for 3rd and 4th XI divisions with the below clause added to the regulations.

*There must be at least 4 fielders inside the fielding circle at all times with a no-ball being called if the fielding team fail to comply.*

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for 3rd XI 45 over matches only.

**REASON** – To align with other limited over regulations and prevent teams from putting all fielders on the boundary.

**PROPOSAL 5 – Adoption of current ICC/ECB powerplay regulations for all 1st XI 50 over games and the League Cup.**

The Executive Committee proposes that the current ICC/ECB powerplay regulations for limited over cricket are implemented into all 1st XI limited over matches.

*Overs 1-10 – Maximum of 2 fielders outside fielding circle*

*Overs 11-40 – Maximum of 4 fielders outside fielding circle*

*Overs 41-50 - Maximum of 5 fielders outside fielding circle*

The playing regulations for these formats will be updated accordingly with adjustments to the overs above in the event of rain interruptions.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for 1st XI Premier division matches only.

**REASON** – To bring our limited over regulations into line with current first class and international regulations.

**PROPOSAL 6 – Coloured clothing and balls for 1st XI limited over matches.**

The Executive Committee proposes that limited over matches in the 1st XI Premier Division and Division 1 are played in coloured clothing using an appropriately coloured ball.

The playing regulations for this format will be updated accordingly.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for the 1st XI Premier Division matches only.

**REASON** – Coloured clothing and balls were successfully trialled in the 1st XI Premier Division limited over matches in 2018.

**PROPOSAL 7 – Pitch marking penalties**

The Executive Committee proposes that a penalty be brought in for 1st XI Premier and Division One for clubs with sub-standard pitches.

Generic Rule 9 iv to be amended as follows:-

*iii)  Throughout the season panel umpires provide marks for the standard of 1st XI pitches on their match report. On receipt of these marks the Executive Committee may choose to apply points penalties (up to a maximum of 25 points) to clubs in the following scenarios:-*

*Consistently achieving marks of 14 or below*

*One-off marks below 14*

In each instance the committee will gather further evidence alongside the umpires report before making a final decision.

Clubs will continue to be advised of their pitch marks if they are achieving low marks.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for the 1st XI Premier Division matches only.

**REASON** – The ECB set a minimum acceptable pitch mark of 14 for all Premier Division Clubs. This rule ensures that clubs with poor pitches may be penalised in the Premier Division and clubs that are likely to be promoted to the Premier Division from Division One may also be penalised where necessary.

**PROPOSAL 8 – Clubmark accreditation**

The Executive Committee proposes to extend the requirement for Clubmark accreditation to 1st XI Division Two clubs.

Generic Rule 7 f to be amended as follows:-

*Any club which does not have a valid ECB Clubmark accreditation by 31st October of the preceding season will only be allowed to compete in 1st XI Division 3*.

**REASON** – Clubmark accreditation is recognised by the ECB as a key criteria for Premier Leagues. Currently this is a requirement for Premier Division and Division One clubs but this is being extended to Division Two.

**PROPOSAL 9 – ECB Premier League requirements**

The Executive Committee proposes to add a requirement for SNEL Premier Division Clubs to meet the ECB requirements for Premier Divisions to the SNEL rules.

Generic Rule 7 f to have the below clause added:-

*Any Premier division club (Or a club being promoted from Division One) which does not meet the current ECB Premier Division club requirements (As communicated by the ECB on an annual basis) during any season may not be allowed to compete in the Premier Division in the subsequent season.*

**REASON** – The ECB set out key criteria (EG Junior teams at U11, U13 and U15) for Premier Division clubs on an annual basis and if these criteria are not met the SNEL may lose its accreditation and/or funding.

**PROPOSAL 10 – Generic Rule 20 – Result notification**

The Executive Committee proposes to harmonise the deadlines and penalties for results submissions across all matches.

Generic Rule 20 to be reworded as follows:-

1. *Each home team must enter an accurate summary result and scores on play-cricket (including details of all times and lengths of rain stoppages and, in limited overs games, changes to targets and any over reductions):-*

*1st XI matches – by 9pm on the day of the match.*

*All other matches – by 8pm on the Sunday following the match.*

*Failure to do so will result in a* ***one point penalty****.*

1. *Any 1st XI home team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 12 noon on the Monday following the match will have* ***five points*** *deducted.*
2. *Any 1st XI home team not ticking their box by 12 noon on the Monday following the match will have* ***one point*** *deducted.*
3. *Any 1st XI away team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 8pm on the Monday following the match will have* ***five points*** *deducted.*
4. *Any 1st XI home team not ticking their box by 8pm on the Monday following the match will have* ***one point*** *deducted.*
5. *Any non-1st XI home team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 8pm on the Wednesday following the match will have* ***five points*** *deducted.*
6. *Any non-1st XI home team not ticking their box by 8pm on the Wednesday following the match will have* ***one point*** *deducted.*
7. *Any non-1st XI away team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 8pm on the Friday following the match will have* ***five points*** *deducted.*
8. *Any non-1st XI home team not ticking their box by 8pm on the Friday following the match will have* ***one point*** *deducted.*

**REASON** – To give clubs more realistic deadlines and penalties for results reporting.

**PROPOSAL 11 – Points deductions for fixture concession**

Orsett CC propose (Seconded by Stanford-le-Hope CC) to amend the penalties applied for fixture concessions and to only apply points penalties to the conceding team and not all teams of the club. Generic Rule 8c will be amended to reflect this.

**REASON** – To avoid clubs putting out very weak and short sided teams to prevent points penalties in their higher teams.

**PROPOSAL 12 – To delete Generic Rule 18 – High full pitched bowling**

The Executive Committee propose to delete Generic Rule 18 related to high full pitch bowling as it is covered under the new Laws of cricket.

**PROPOSAL 13 – To delete a section of Generic Rule 3 – Tea and drinks intervals**

The Executive Committee propose to delete the section of Generic Rule 3 related to tea and drinks intervals as this is covered under the individual playing regulations for each format.

**PROPOSAL 14 – To correct Generic Rule 7a related to calculation of league positions.**

The Executive Committee propose to amend Generic Rule 7a as below to accurately reflect what happens in 4th XI Divisions.

*The Championship, promotion and relegation will be decided at the end of the season as follows:*

1. *The points awarded to all teams in the limited over and time based format matches will be aggregated into one composite league table per division. In the instance where there are an odd number of teams in the lowest 4th XI divisions league positions will be decided on an average points basis.*

**PROPOSAL 15 – To clarify the wording of Generic Rule 14c related to registration of 1st XI players**

The Executive Committee to simplify the wording as below:-

*No new players can be registered to play 1st XI cricket after week 9.*

**PROPOSAL 16 – To remove the financial penalties related to Generic Rules 2b, 4ii, 5d, 8c**

The Executive Committee proposes to remove the monetary element of the above Generic Rules related to team withdrawal, teamsheet submission, umpires report and fixture concession respectively since they no longer serve any purpose.