



In accordance with Rule C3(f), Notice is hereby given of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex County Cricket League, to be held at Hendon Golf Club (NW7 1DG) on Monday 2nd December commencing at 7.30pm, when the following business shall be transacted:

1. Apologies for absence
2. The results of the 2023 AGM were posted online and are taken as approved
3. Matters Arising from 2024 Spring Meeting – to be covered in Item 9(f)
4. Chairman’s Report
5. Hon. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Adoption of accounts
6. Registration Officer’s Report.
7. Umpires’ Panel Report
8. Election of Officers: Nominations for Chairman, Secretary, Chair of Playing Committee, Chair of Rules & Regulations Committee, Chair of Finance & Commercial Committee & Chair of Disciplinary Committee;
 - All of the current incumbents have indicated that they will offer themselves for re-election
9. Matters proposed by the committee under Rule C2(g)
 - (a) Use of pink balls in Division 1 Limited overs cricket. It is suggested that promoted clubs may be at a disadvantage having not previously used pink balls for their limited overs cricket and so it is proposed that pink balls are introduced for limited overs cricket in Division 1. (An amnesty would apply for spare balls in year 1 and in any future year where any club did not play in Division 1 in the previous season)
 - (b) Following an incident in 2024 and to allow for safeguarding of individuals, it is proposed that “All on-field communications” aside from that conducted privately between players from the same team is conducted in English. This would mean that all communication between players and umpires, on-field “raised voice” communications either intended by an individual(s) towards their own team or towards the opposition generally or specifically and non “raised-voice” communication between opposition players is conducted in English. We cannot set out specifically what the sanctions for breach of this would be, however, this would enable us to have stronger powers in circumstances where there is a dispute over an incident. (This item has also been proposed by Osterley CC)
 - (c) Wording to re-enforce the requirement for pitch covering in the period leading up to a game
 - (d) Allowing the Executive to suspend pitch marking penalties/pitch markings (across the board) in circumstances where the weather leading up to a Saturday the week has been sufficiently bad. We believe it is unfair that a club that has put in extra effort to “get a game on” is potentially penalised for having a pitch that may not be up to its usual standard.
 - (e) Bonus points for providing scorers. This was held-over from the 2024 Spring Meeting. Whilst the Executive want to encourage the use of non-playing scorers in MCCL matches, aside from mirroring the umpire scheme and

insisting on having a qualification we do not see how this could work without having some oversight. The opportunity for collusion is too easy.

(f) Penalty for playing an ineligible player in circumstances where the player has played for another MCCL team in the same season and the offending team did not know. This is a very tricky problem to solve. If an individual says they have not played for another club and they have and the first club they play for do not use play cricket then it is impossible for the second club to know. Even if the first club did use play cricket, if the player has made a new registration on play-cricket then the second could not reasonably have known. Whilst this is not a significant problem we are suggesting that if an offending club can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive that they use play cricket to record the statistics from all of their 3rd Tier matches that unless the Executive has reason to believe that the club has intentionally breached the rules or should reasonably have known that they were going to breach the rules, that there is no penalty. We hope that this will serve as an incentive for clubs to use play-cricket to record all their matches properly.

(g) The admission of Old Merchant Taylors CC to the MCCL in the 2026 season. OMT's have approached the MCCL Executive to join in the 2026 Season. They are a well-established club with excellent cricket facilities and it is the proposal from the MCCL Exec that their 1st XI join in Division 3; their 2nd XI join in Division 3; their 3rd XI join in Division 4A and their 4th XI join in Division 5A. As a consequence of this three teams will need to be relegated from each of those divisions at the end of the 2025 season as well as the divisions below (with the exception where divisions are regionalised).

(h) Following examples of attempted influence by clubs towards umpires, specifically but not exclusively in respect in pitch markings, over rate penalties and other match day penalties in has been decided that clubs are no longer allowed to make any contact with a match officials after the day of the game in relation to anything related to the match. Any contravention of this will be penalised with a minimum 5 point penalty. All communication with regard to matters relating to individual matches must be referred directly to the umpires panel secretary or chair.

(i) Any clubs found to have mis-used the umpires bonus point system will receive a **minimum penalty** of the removal of all bonus points accrued plus any future (umpire related) bonus points in the same season. It is imperative that clubs ensure that those using the match reporting system know and understand the process and rules, it will be deemed to be the fault of the club if incorrect entries are made, "innocently" or otherwise. Specifically we are referring to ensuring that the umpire that officiated the match is listed as having officiated the match, if the umpire is not listed (in the online drop down) then another name should not be selected under any circumstances. Any problems experienced by clubs should be communicated to the league secretary.

(j) Proposed changes to the Facilities Document (attached)

10. AOB including matters to be voted on proposed by member clubs between the notice of meeting and the AGM, for which the MCCL Executive will distribute to member clubs following formal receipt of the motion.

Notice is also provided to clubs that;

(a) A review of the pitch marking scheme and calculation methodology will be undertaken and presented to the Spring Meeting

(b) Players contracted to Middlesex CCC will only be eligible to play outside the Premier League if it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the MCCL Executive that the player has a historical connection to another club dating back to junior cricket. Other considerations that may allow an exception to the Premier League are length of affiliation as a senior player accompanied by a commensurate amount of actual matches played.

(c) Revised wording will be provided regarding the use of DLS

All clubs will be required to attend and are entitled to bring two representatives, non-attendance will be subject to the constitutional fine.