

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE – FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS 2025

Overview

This document has been prepared to assist clubs in understanding the requirements, expectations and preferences for the playing of 1st & 2nd XI cricket within the MCCL.

The MCCL are proud of the diversity of our league, and will work with clubs and the Playing and Grounds Sub-Committee, to improve the standard of playing facilities across our county, and to get the game on.

Please note that all criteria in this document are subject to special dispensation. For special dispensation to be granted, an action plan will need to be submitted to Chair of the Playing & Grounds Sub-Committee.

Promotion Requirements & Decision-Making Process

This document is managed by the MCCL Playing & Grounds Sub-Committee in conjunction with the MCCL Executive. All clubs are encouraged to maintain effective communication channels with the league and its officials.

Promotion from Division 4 to Division 3, and from Division 1 to Premier League, will only be confirmed if all items required at the higher division have been achieved by the end of the current (promotion) season. The MCCL Executive are currently in the process of determining appropriate sanctions for non-compliance with these criteria.

		Premier League	Div 1	Div 2-3	Div 4 and below	Status*
1	Decisions on the fitness of the ground for play prior to the arrival of the umpires must be under the control of the home club, with appropriate evidence provided in the event of a cancellation.	X	X	X	n/a	
2	Decision on the fitness of the ground after the arrival of the umpires must be under the control of the umpires.	X	X	X	n/a	
3	Previous year pitch score for 1 st XI Cricket as determined by the umpires must be greater than	31	28	28	n/a	
4	Boundary must be marked with a rope, or by a line and markers.	X	X	X	X	
5	Suitable sightscreen(s) must be available at both ends of the ground	X	X	X	n/a	
6	Covers must be available to protect the wicket both prior to and during the match	X	X	X	n/a	
7	Before the toss, it must be stated whether a roller is available to be used during the period between innings.	X	x	x	Div 4 – x; lower divs - n/a	
8	An appropriate practice area must be available for the opposition for the period from 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the match	X	X	X	n/a	
9	a) A scoreboard capable of displaying, as a minimum: Total, Wickets, Overs Bowled, Individual Batter scores, DLS, 1 st Innings score	X	X	n/a	n/a	
	b) A scoreboard capable of displaying, as a minimum: Total, Wickets, Overs Bowled, 1 st Innings score	n/a	n/a	X	X	

10	A covered area for scorers to sit with the availability of power for computerised scoring.	X	X	X	n/a	
11	Separate, secure, clean changing rooms for the 11 players on each team and separate changing room for umpires.	X	X	X	n/a	
12	Separate, secure, clean changing rooms for players and umpires.	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	
13	A minimum of four functioning clean and hygienic showers for use by the players and officials.	X	X	X	n/a	
14	Clean and hygienic male and female toilets that meet appropriate legislative standards.	X	X	X	X	
15	Tea to be provided for all players and officials. <i>(Please note if visiting clubs have specific dietary requirements, these should be communicated to the home club's captain by no later than mid-day Wednesday prior to the game).</i>	X (Lunch and Tea in all day games)	X	X	X	
16	A room or covered area must be available for players and officials to use throughout the day (shelter from inclement weather, consumption of lunch / tea, during breaks in play).	X	X	X	n/a	
17	Club must run at least a 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd XI in the MCCL.	X	X	X	n/a	
18	Club must have Clubmark Accreditation (or any similar Accreditation as titled by the ECB).	X	X	X	n/a	
19	Club must run a Women's or Girls' section as signed off by MITC Women & Girls' Partnership Manager	X	X	n/a	n/a	
20	Club must be affiliated to Middlesex in the Community	X	X	X	X	
21	Club must run 3 Junior hardball teams at age groups of U15 or below	X	X	n/a	n/a	

**exceeded, met, or below standard*

Penalties

Pitch marking points penalties are detailed below:

Premier League (pitch mark required 31):

- If average score is 30.5 or higher – warning
- If average score is between 28.5 and 30.5 – 10 point penalty at the start of the following season.
- If average score is less than 28.5 – points penalty TBC by MCCL Executive
- If average score is less than 24.8 (20% away from the level prescribed for the division), penalty at the discretion of the MCCL Executive, up to and including relegation by one division.

Outside Premier League (pitch mark required 28):

- If average score is 27.5 or higher – warning
- If average score is between 25.5 and 27.5 – 10 point penalty at the start of the following season.
- If average score is less than 25.5 – points penalty TBC by MCCL Executive
- If average score is less than 22.4 (20% away from the level prescribed for the division), penalty at the discretion of the MCCL Executive, up to and including relegation by one division.

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