

CGF LEAGUE AGM 2017 – RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

- Proposal 1: All games in Division 1 West and Division 2 West start at 1:30pm unless the captains agree otherwise.
- Proposal 2: When a fixture cannot be played on the date scheduled because of ground availability then it should normally be played on the next day (Sunday). Any variations to this rule must be agreed by the committee in advance. Re-arrangements must be agreed by April 1 each year (unless there is a compelling reason why a club were not aware of a ground problem). No games may be played after the Sunday following the last scheduled league game.
- Proposal 3: A proposal to re-schedule a game for any reason other than ground availability must be agreed by the committee in advance.
- Proposal 4: It is against the spirit of this league for a team to include any player who normally plays in a higher level of cricket, or would be expected to play at a higher level. While it is perfectly normal for clubs to move players, on form, up or down one team, higher team “stars” should not be selected to play for a lower CGF team, nor should players suddenly move down more than 1 team in the club (i.e. this league would not expect a 1st team player, of any standard, to be playing for the 3rd team). If opponents believe this has happened they may report the occurrence to the committee, who will investigate and may reverse the result, award points or declare the game null.
- Proposal 5: Anyone who played a league game (in any league) on a Saturday may not normally play in a CGF League game on the next day (Sunday). A club may seek an exception, in advance, to this rule, from the committee, giving the reason why the club needs to select players outside this. The committee will refuse the exception if it seems the requesting club is seeking to mix up teams in a way that goes against the spirit of the league and the level of the players and teams concerned.
- Proposal 6: When a team concedes a game, the opponents will be recorded as having won with the same number of points as the maximum awarded on the same weekend in the same division, or 20 points if no games are played on the same weekend in that division.
- Proposal 7: Where a new ball is used for each innings, each team will supply one new league ball. Each team bowls with the ball supplied by the opposition.
- Proposal 8: The away team makes no payment for tea. (However, teams conceding may be liable for tea costs).
- Proposal 9: The sanctions of MCC new Law 42 (see below) will usually only be applied in the CGF League by a neutral (appointed) umpire qualified at Level 1 or higher and trained in the application of this Law.

MCC Law changes that came into force Oct 2017

Major changes in the MCC Laws have recently come into force. The changes that will probably affect the game at CGF League level are as follows:

- Any full pitch ball above waist height of the batsman standing at the crease should be called a No Ball and is deemed to be dangerous (regardless of pace and even if it is very wide as well).
- After the first such ball, the bowler must be warned, and his/her captain told about the warning (actually no change from the previous Law).
- On the second occurrence, the bowler must be taken off and may not bowl for the rest of the innings.
- A ball bouncing more than once before it reaches the crease or the batsman should be called a No Ball. (NB if it bounces a second time between the crease and the stumps, that is legal).
- Helmets being worn are now considered to be a normal part of clothing. A batsman may be caught, stumped or run out after the ball has hit a helmet being worn. (A helmet on the ground is not included in the above; 5 run penalty still applies if the ball hits that).
- Non-striker leaving his/her ground early (backing-up). The bowler may attempt a run-out until the moment he/she "would normally have been expected to release the ball". (In the previous version of the Laws the run-out could only be attempted before the bowler entered the delivery stride).
- Scoring change: Runs taken off a No Ball are added to byes, leg-byes or the batsman as appropriate; only 1 No Ball extra goes in the No Ball extras tally.
- Maximum bat thickness and edge thickness is being reduced (but this will come in gradually in the amateur game).

The MCC laws have introduced an entirely new section (No 42) on players' conduct, and actions to be taken by umpires. There are penalty runs for dissent, obscenities and other misconduct, and players can be sent off for 10 overs or for the rest of the game. Without neutral and trained umpires at CGF level one feels this could be extremely provocative.

NB – In 2018 GCCL Division 1 will be trialling the DLS system for rain affected games. If that is a success, it will be used throughout GCCL in 2019, and CGF could follow suit if it turns out to be simple to use (e.g. phone app).