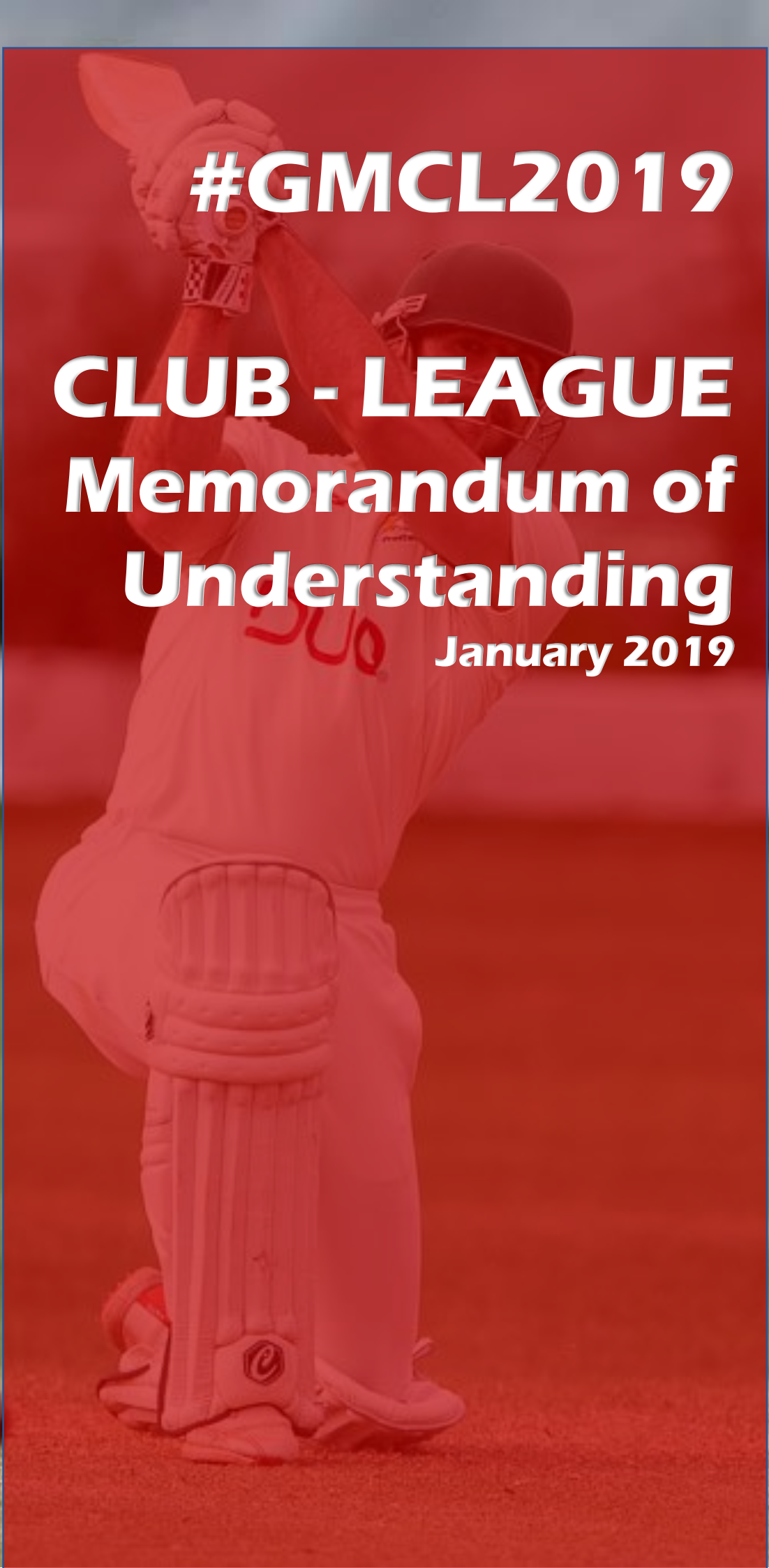




#GMCL2019

CLUB - LEAGUE Memorandum of Understanding

January 2019



Foreword

As we move into the fourth season of the Greater Manchester Cricket League we are now looking to take the next step and build on everything we have learned from the first three challenging seasons.

In order to improve the way we deal with such a large number of Clubs with such a wide range of abilities, wide range of ground standards and vastly differing levels of organisation and management structures we now want to set down what we, the Board, will do to help Clubs prosper and develop and in return what we expect from our member Clubs annually to enable the Club and the League to progress and improve the whole competition.

We know we cannot solve all issues immediately, but we are getting there thanks to our volunteer team of Board Directors and their support teams and the significant work being undertaken by the hard-working volunteers at our member Clubs.

The key to improvement is that club leaders provide and maintain their club and official's contact list and then ensure their committees or management boards, captains and players are fully aware of the requirements of being a member of the Greater Manchester Cricket League and, on the other side of the coin, the League is aware of its responsibilities and commitment to its member Clubs for the improvement of league cricket in Greater Manchester.

I commend this agreement to you, the Club leaders and look forward to your response and give thanks to those across the league who have worked so hard to put this document together.

Martin Kay

Philosophy

We want to ensure all our Clubs are as strong as they can be as we, the League Board, strive to be the best we can be, so we are all setting our standards accordingly.

We are committed to increasing the number of participants at Junior and Senior level and to reducing the number of players that drop out of the game by offering a wider range of competitions and opportunities to win competitions to suit all ages, gender and ability.

We want to ensure that those in and immediately below our Premier League can meet the facility standards needed for them to be a Premier League club and we will also set more detailed standards for facilities throughout the league tiers. We know that not everyone can meet our highest standards immediately so we must have different grades and expectations of facilities for all our teams. We will be supportive of each Club and their officials as they work towards meeting standards.

We will still provide the promotion route for teams who are successful on the field, but we will make sure that those Clubs that are progressing are aware of the standards required of them to climb the league and play at a higher level. At the lowest levels of our Saturday structure we will also work with teams that do not have their own ground, a situation that provides different challenges for their club management and the league but we will continue to support their full participation in the league.

Tough but fair cricket is key to the best competition and so we will also continue to be strong in the application of our disciplinary regulations and expect the same from our member clubs. Stronger, disciplined cricket will also attract the best Umpires, but the Club and League partnership is vital to achieve improvement.

Whilst we may set different standards in some areas for the different levels of the competition, we will apply the disciplinary rules consistently from top to bottom and we will also seek the same commitment and adherence to the relevant rules from every Club's management team.




So, to the detail of the agreement.

To ensure the League and all its Stakeholder Clubs achieve the highest standards possible:









The GMCL Board will

-  provide a league competition for all levels of ability, giving opportunity for every club to raise their standards on and off the field of play, in order to rise up the structure.
-  provide a range of cup competitions to give every team a fair chance of winning a cup every season by competing against similar standard teams.
-  set regulations for player eligibility, game rules and disciplinary rules and enforce those regulations equally, fairly and appropriately across the whole competition irrespective of the standard of competition.
-  set standards for ground improvements across the whole structure and advise Clubs of where they stand and what is expected of them in the short and medium term.
-  reduce the number of Sunday League / Cup clashes to increase the number of fixed dates for Sunday League games to reduce the number of rearrangements.
-  strive for maximum participation at junior level by providing a range of competitions over the whole season.
-  continue the development of the junior structure after successful changes in 2018
-  strive for excellence at Junior Level by providing a Winter Academy to supply our junior Inter-League teams, supporting borough teams and a pathway to county teams.
-  support those Clubs and their players wanting to play every game, every week by setting heavier punishments for those Clubs whose activities or behaviours impact on their fellow member Clubs such as fielding ineligible players, forfeiting games, or calling off games unnecessarily.
-  publish Senior League fixtures no later than the 31st December for the coming season.
-  publish Junior League fixtures no later than the 7th April with the first junior fixture on or around the 21st April.
-  via the GMCL Umpires Association, provide Umpires to as many matches as is possible depending upon the number and quality of Umpires available.







and

-  improve the way we deliver information and news, through improved technical solutions
-  improve the promotional activity of the Board for League and Clubs
-  improve the way we facilitate club to club communication including more face to face meetings.

In return we ask that Clubs

-  only register teams for which they have sufficient players for the whole season and provide a guarantee that they will complete the fixture calendar for the season with every team registered.
-  provide a guarantee that they will not forfeit any matches except in exceptional circumstances.
-  inform the League no later than the 31st October of the Senior teams they are entering into the Saturday and Sunday competitions.
-  inform the League no later than the 31st January of initial entries into each Junior age group and to provide a firm commitment by the 31st of March.
-  ensure that all their players are fully aware of the disciplinary regulations and that they work with the league to reduce the number of incidents.
-  be the first part of the procedure when dealing with disciplinary reports.
-  play the game as it was intended to be played with respect for the competition and respect for your opponents at all times.
-  when requested must provide a Club Umpire for the Saturday competition in accordance with League rules.

and

-  set stretching targets for their ground improvement that can be achieved year on year
-  set targets for medium and long term developments at their clubs.
-  set targets for increased junior participation at their club
-  keep up to date with our web news and requests for information and provide accurate and complete responses on time.
-  to pay invoices (LCB fees/balls/handbooks/presentation tickets) within the reasonable time requested on the invoice.
-  if applicable to lodge with the League a copy of your cricket professionals contract three days prior to the start of the season.

In signing this document the club confirms their agreement to uphold the requirements and intentions of this MoU for the purpose of improving the League and their Clubs.

CLUB NAME:

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Chairman

Print Name:Signature

Email:Tel No:

Secretary

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Treasurer

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Club Captain on behalf of the Club's players

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Club Junior Contact

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Child Welfare Officer

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By signing this document you agree that the League can share your information for the purposes only of GMCL administration.