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## **Memorandum of Understanding Review 2020**









### **Introduction**

The Board at the Annual General Meeting held in January 2019 published a Memorandum of Understanding which all Clubs involved with the Greater Manchester Cricket League signed up to as did the Board.

The MoU set out for Clubs clearly the requirements of being a member of the League and at the same time made it clear what the Board would do to ensure the smooth running of the League and its continued development. The requirements of the MoU remain in place and all Clubs Officials, Players and others are encouraged to remind themselves of these requirements. The MoU is available through the Leagues website.

This document is a review of the MoU and an assessment of the progress of each of the requirements identified within it.

### **The GMCL Board said it would.....**

-  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.
  -  we have introduced new competitions in our Sunday Divisions to all clubs to play either a 18 or 12 game season
-  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.
  -  we have introduced new cup competitions.
-  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.
  -  we are introducing for season 2020 a revised player registration process, which will reduce the incidence of players playing who are not appropriately registered.
  -  Our Disciplinary rules have been improved to reflect the revised ECB standards and as a result we have seen more clubs taking direct action rather than the League being involved.
-  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.

- ✚ we have published a comprehensive standards document, which is due to be implemented in season 2020.

- ✚ This is available for viewing via the Leagues Web site and all involved in the games must read this document and understand its implications.

- 🏈 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.

- ✚ this has been achieved by introducing flexible play by dates and the opportunity for clubs to play the number of games that suit them.

- 🏈 strive for maximum participation at junior level by providing a range of competitions over the whole season.

- ✚ the number of junior teams entering our competitions continues to grow.

- 🏈 continue the development of the junior structure after successful changes in 2018

- ✚ we have involved more coaches and club junior coordinators in the organisation and development of our junior structures.

- 🏈 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.

- ✚ we have reviewed the Winter Academy and have decided not to offer this opportunity in 2020 but we will review alternative opportunities during 2020

- 🏈 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.

- ✚ we have been strong in the implementation of our disciplinary and behaviour standards, but we have further work to do.

- 🏈 publish Senior League fixtures no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December for the coming season.

- ✚ this has been achieved.

- 🏈 publish Junior League fixtures no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> April with the first junior fixture on or around the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

- ✚ this is to be actioned

- 🏈 via the GMCL Umpires Association, provide Umpires to as many matches as is possible depending upon the number and quality of Umpires available.

- ✚ this is an area of continued effort by our Umpires and we will continue by supporting the Umpires in their development.

- 🏈 improve the way we deliver information and news, through improved technical solutions

✚ this is an area that we work hard on but we still consider we can do more

🏏 improve the promotional activity of the Board for League and Clubs

✚ we will continue to offer our clubs commercial opportunities.

🏏 improve the way we facilitate club to club communication including more face to face meetings.

✚ this is an area for further improvement

**In return we ask that Clubs .....**

**Please consider your Clubs response to these requirements:**

🏏 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 31<sup>st</sup> October of the Senior teams they are entering into the Saturday and Sunday competitions.

🏏 inform the League no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> January of initial entries into each Junior age group and to provide a firm commitment by the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

🏏 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.

