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GREATER MANCHESTER CRICKET LEAGUE

GMCL  
Captains & Senior  
Officials Meeting  
Season 2023

## Key Rules Summary

# Registration and Eligibility

All players (including pros and overseas) must be registered on CricHQ (by 31<sup>st</sup> July OR 31<sup>st</sup> May if named pro, Cat 3 or anyone who has played 1<sup>st</sup> class or List A in last 3 years).

Transfers from other clubs - form and consent from other club.

No player is eligible to play until they have registered on CricHQ, paid the fee and has an acceptable photograph.

If transferring from another club then consent must be received by email from an official at the club the player is leaving to [players@gtrmcrcricket.co.uk](mailto:players@gtrmcrcricket.co.uk) stating the player owes no money or has no bans in place.

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# Registration and Eligibility

### Starred Players (used for Eligibility)

Must be completed before the start of the season.

If **3 or more teams**: 16 starred players – List A 5 players– all paid and overseas players plus other best 1st teamers (these cannot play below 1st team) and then another 11 players (List B) made up of the remaining 1st team regulars and the best 5 2nd teamers – can't play Sunday league or Sunday cups

**3 or more teams** (where 1st team is in Div3 or below) – List A of 5 players as above and then List B of just 3 more 1st team players

**2 teams** – just List A of 5 1st team players

NOTE – Update starred player list on 30th June

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Starred Players (used for Eligibility)

Junior Exempt Players (JEPs)

These are Cat 1 players U17 on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept in the year prior to the season (1/9/22 for the 2023 season and so on) and not county or county academy U16s or above in the current or previous season

NO playing restrictions whatsoever on JEPs (except cannot be loan players and cannot play in the Sunday development division)

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# Registration and Eligibility

Cat 3 players (one per team – generally only 1st team but OA can play in 2nd XI Sat league only (even if starred).

Eligibility league, cup and GMCL20 - see infographic

<https://www.gtrmcrcricket.co.uk/pages/gmcl-guidance>

Penalty for ineligible players:

result reversed if win and also 3 penalty points (rising to 5 where 2nd and subsequent offence which will be strictly enforced – no appeals unless manifest error)

## Key Rule Changes

# Deputy Professionals

If named pro has not arrived for 1st 4 games, can have deputy for those games. 6 In Prem 2 for 2023 only

Illness/injury – medical certificate required

Return for international duty – anytime

Return for 1st class (for any games, training camps etc)– last 4 games only (must have deputy if this occurs) 6 in Prem 2 for 2023 only

NO deputy where named pro contract not lodged, must be same quality band, no deputy if contracted return, no compassionate leave returns

**Applications to be made on the new google form which clearly outlines the requirements in each case**

3 consequences:

Fines – depends if home or away and how late the forfeit is.

## Key Rule Changes

Multiple breaches leads to league meeting with club and ultimately relegation/expulsion

## Forfeiture

8 penalty points (rising to 10 points for 2nd and subsequent) – where more than 1 team in league the 8 points is 5 against the forfeiting team and 3 against its club's most senior team (and then 5 and 5 for 2nd and subsequent)

## Key Rule Changes

### Teas

Teas are mandatory in Premier 1, Premier 2 and Championship.

**Please make sure your club has completed the google form so we can publish details with the intentions for each club.**

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## Key Rule Changes

# Umpires

Umpires fees to continue to be paid at the toss.  
Each captain pays one umpire.

### **Fees:**

**Prem & Prem 2 - 50 Overs - £70.00**

**Champ, Div 1, 2 & 3 - 50 Overs - £60.00**

**Sunday Leagues - 40 Overs - £50.00**

**GMCL Cups – 45 Overs - £55.00 / 40 Overs - £50.00**

**GMCL20 - £40.00**

Club umpires fees agreed by each club

If only 1 umpire then gets 1.5x standard rate

If only 1 club umpire where 2 rostered, then breaching club pays the 1.5x the “normal” rate (ie 1.5x £60 (50 overs), £55 (45 overs) or £50 (40 overs))

Call off before scheduled start time 50%, after that 100%

## Reminders

Clubs must supply a copy of their Professional's contract (Financial information redacted) to the GMCL Board prior to the start of the season.

Email to:

**professionals@GtrMcrCricket.co.uk**

Failure to do so will result in your club being barred from employing a Deputy Professional.

Fielding circle is to be 30 yards for all competitions.

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## Reminders

# Overs Maxima

Saturday Competitions remain at no more than 30%

15 overs in 50 over matches

14 overs in 45 over matches

Sunday Competitions no more than 25%

10 overs per bowler

Cup Competitions no more than 20%

9 overs in 45 over matches (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cups)

8 overs in 40 over matches (Sunday Cups)

4 overs in GMCL20

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## Reminders

Automatic leg side wides in Premier 1 down to and including Division 3. (ie. NOT in Division 4's, 5's or any Sunday Divisions).

Automatic leg side wides in all 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cup matches.

NOT in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI Cups.

If a batsman plays a switch hit or gets into a position to play such a shot, he shall be deemed to bring the ball equally within his reach on the leg and off side, and a ball missing the leg stump is therefore not automatically a wide.

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## Reminders

### Ground Standards

Pre-season ground inspections.

Monthly reports throughout the season will be issued.

Should a club not meet the minimum standards for the Division - their team may be relegated, or promotion may be refused.

### Scorers

If a club fails to have a scorer, it pays the other scorer £25 (on top of what they get from their own club).

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## Reminders

# Player CricHQ Registration

All players must be registered on CricHQ prior to playing in any GMCL match.

All players playing in senior cricket (including juniors) must upload a passport style photo to their profile.

Players must be added to the relevant squad(s) to make it easy for scorers to find players and add them to the team prior to the match.

All players over 18 years of age must pay the £10.00 registration fee each season.

## Reminders

# Player Transfers

All new players in GMCL must register with the league using the new player google form.

Any player transferring from one club to another must:

- Complete the new player/transfer google form.

- Ask an official from their current club to email **players@GtrMcrCricket.co.uk** confirming you have no debts and no bans. (No screenshots or forwarded e-mails - strictly direct mails to the league)

Responsibility for completing the forms is the player's and for transfers the responsibility for contacting an official of their old club to ask for a clearance is the player's.

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## CLUB LIAISON OFFICERS (CLO)

### FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR CLUB OFFICIALS

Any club CHAIR, SECRETARY or TEAM CAPTAIN with a general question or request for information should use the divisional CLO for the appropriate division as their first point of contact.

## Reminders

### CLO's

The CLO role is to support your teams and the club, and if it is correctly mailed to them, they will be able to provide a swifter response to enquiries.

Please note that mails from any other source (other than Chair, Sec or Captain) will not be responded to by CLOs.

Please see NEW Contact Us page under Club Officials Tab on GMCL website.

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## Reminders

Please urge as many club officials, captains and players to sign up to the newsletter. Don't miss any key information.

Captain's Reports – Must be completed after every GMCL league and cup match.

Umpires will again be submitting reports on Captains on how they handle and control their players, payment of fees etc.

Feedback and suggestions. You can put forward any suggestions or rule amendments via the league website. These are monitored and discussed regularly at Board meetings.

My email: **players@GtrMcrCricket.co.uk**

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# **“Equality, Diversity & Inclusion” (EDI)**

The GMCL along with the Lancashire Cricket Foundation is fully aware of its responsibilities to ensure we take every step possible to eradicate discrimination from the game. That is why the Board of the GMCL recommends that every Club familiarises itself with the LCF's EDI action plan, which can be found on the LCF website.

We would also recommend Clubs look at the EDI Content Hub, which is an online resource for the game, again there is a link to the hub via the LCF website.

We hope all clubs take advantage of these sites to keep up to date with these important issues.

Ian Pickles,  
Equity Director

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# Any Questions?

Don't forget the team cards before you leave.