



Bassetlaw and District Umpires' Association

NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2011 / 2012 meeting dates agreed to be held at Cuckney Cricket Club. All dates are Saturdays
1st October 2011 - Annual General Meeting
5th November 2011
3rd December 2011
7th January 2012
4th February 2012
3rd March 2012
31st March 2012 – due to Easter weekend this is the best available date.

C.R.B. IS CHANGING

On 11th February 2011 the Government announced it was radically changing the requirements of CRB and the Vetting and Barring scheme. Almost 9½ million people have CRB clearance for one thing or another. The Government believe the system to be far too bureaucratic and is introducing legislation to change much of it, however, this still has to go before Parliament and it will be early next year, 2012, before it becomes law. In the meantime if your CRB is due for renewal please ensure that you carry on and renew it, it is still, at present, a requirement. As soon as the BDUA are informed of any change we will inform you.

Disciplinary Report Forms

You will all have received your fixtures for the first half of the season and your League Handbooks along with this newsletter. Also there will have been included in your pack the new Disciplinary Forms, the standard disciplinary form now named the Hearing Report Form, which is called this simply because an offender will have to attend a disciplinary hearing, and the Accumulated Offence Form, again called this simply because if he accumulates 3 of these he will be banned. There is also an Instructions to Umpires—Accumulated Offence Form sheet, which sets out why this new form was introduced and how it should be used. Please read this carefully along with the disciplinary section of the handbook. I can hear some of you now saying this is a waste of time and that nothing is done to stop bad behaviour, well it is time to stand up and be counted and use this form as it is intended it should be used. The clubs have shown that they wish something to be done by passing this at the AGM, it is now up to us to play our part and to use this initiative to help our game be played in the spirit that it is intended it should be played.

Keith Scholes has recently resigned from the Management Committee. Keith is leaving the area due to work commitments. He is moving to Scotland to continue his employment with A G Barr the makers of Irn Bru. On behalf of everyone at the BDUA I wish Keith all the very best for the future and no doubt he will be able to find some cricket to umpire up there and who knows he may well be back in the seasons to come. This has left a vacancy on the Management Committee, who have decided not to co-opt anyone to fill that vacancy but to wait until the AGM when all Officials are up for election.

Umpires changing room & other ground facilities

At a recent winter meeting it was suggested that we re-introduce a “Ground Facilities Report” to be completed by umpires at every match they officiate at. Along side this the League Management Committee have introduced a new disciplinary reporting procedure to include a new “Accumulated Offence form”.

The BDUA Management Committee have discussed these matters in great detail and whilst the introduction of a Ground Facilities Report was very worthy, it has concluded that they do not wish to weigh down umpires with too much paperwork. Therefore we will not be introducing a “Ground Facilities Report”.

However, this does not preclude umpires from reporting poor changing and other facilities. I would urge all umpires to report to the BDUA Secretary any poor facilities that they encounter during the season.

Umpires Progression within the BDUA and Nottinghamshire

Level 1 and level 1a courses are conducted by ACO Nottinghamshire at venues within the county and have open access for anyone. For progression to a level 2 course, individuals should be seen as ready to join the Reserve list of the Nottinghamshire Premier League by our assessors in consultation with the county-wide assessment procedures and the County Performance Officer. All individuals seeking to progress to Level 2 must hold at least level 1a qualification.

This is how it is, it is not our decision or ACO Nottinghamshire's decision, it is how the ECB wants it.

The ECB don't want to spend money on courses for individuals to 'aimlessly' move up the qualification ladder merely for the sake of saying they are qualified. The ECB only want individuals to qualify when they reach a higher level. Where does that leave aspiring BDUA umpires? All we can recommend is that you get yourselves qualified to level 1a which could enable you to progress through the Bassetlaw League and ultimately be ready for nomination to the Premier League Reserve list. We can assure you that if you are good enough the BDUA will recommend you.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact ACO Nottinghamshire Appointments and Performance Officer, Peter McKenzie on 01909 733094.

Reproduced below is the ECBACO Training and Progression Programme as published in September 2010 that took effect in January 2011.

ECB ACO offers the following programmes:

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| Introductory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for supporters, parents and players who want to know more about the game of cricket as either an Umpire or Scorer. • No prior knowledge or experience is required • Duration is 2-4 hours • An ECB ACO 'Certificate of Attendance' is awarded on successful completion |
| Young Officials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for individuals between the age of 14 and 25 who would like to umpire or score • No prior knowledge or experience is required • Duration is 2-4 hours • An ECB ACO 'Certificate of Attendance' is awarded on successful completion |
| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for umpires and scorers who wish to umpire or score matches for their Club or introductory-level League cricket • No prior knowledge or experience is required • Duration is 12-16 hours, usually weekly evenings, or over one or two weekends • An ECB ACO 'Level 1 – Umpire' Certificate is awarded on passing a 50 question, multi-choice examination • An ECB ACO Level 1 – Scorer' Certificate is awarded on successful completion of a match record based on a script provided. |
| Level 1A (*A* = Advanced) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant for an umpire or scorer who has passed Level 1 and wishes to progress to the League panel • Level 1 pass is required • Duration is 10-12 hours • An ECB ACO 'Level 1A' Certificate is awarded on successful completion and discussion of the course workbook |
| Level 2C (*C* = County) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-development opportunity for those who do not wish to progress through L2 to L3 • By invitation only • Level 1 and Level 1A passes are required • Coursework is the 6 L2 modules to be completed in candidate's own time-scale • Certificates of attendance will be given for each module completed, and a 'L2-County' Certificate awarded on successful completion of all. |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For suitably experienced and qualified umpires and scorers who wish to progress and who are known to their County • Level 1 and Level 1A passes are required • Duration is 10-12 hours • An ECB ACO 'Level 2' Certificate is awarded on successful completion of the course, followed by acceptable assessments, and a concluding interview and discussion of their course workbook |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For highly experienced Level 2 umpires and scorers who aspire to multi-day cricket - By invitation only - Duration is 6 half-day modules over 18-24 months - An ECB ACO 'Level 3' Certificate is awarded after successful completion of the course and the presentation of a technical report. |