

NE SCOTLAND CRICKET SCIO

Also known as Aberdeenshire Cricket Association

Scottish Charity No SC048890

Amendments proposed to draft operational rules

Rule 1.1 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that following “the NE Scotland Cricket SCIO” be inserted “also known as “Aberdeenshire Cricket Association”

One of our main concerns is the disappearance after 134 years of reference to the Aberdeenshire Grades. We would propose that there is reference made in the rules to its past existence if it could be included in some way, eg SCIO(ACA)

Rule 2.1 – proposed by Ellon, Inverurie and Methlick – that from the final sentence be deleted the concessionary phrase “Save in exceptional circumstances”

Rule 3.1 proposed by Ellon, Inverurie and Methlick - that for the suggested text be substituted

“At the end of each season promotion and relegation shall take place as follows:

- a) The two teams finishing at the top of each Grade (other than the highest) will be promoted to the Grade above;
- b) The two teams finishing at the bottom of each Grade (other than the lowest) will be relegated to the Grade below;
- c) Additional promotions will be applied as may be required to provide a balanced structure. The Board has the power to modify this procedure in any year where, as a result of changes in playing membership, the total number of teams in the Grades in the following season is expected to change by two or more sides.”

The thinking behind this being that Clubs are aware of what they are playing for at the start of a season and that the previous season is dealt with before thought is given to the make-up of the season ahead..

Rule 6.1 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie, Methlick - to the suggested text add

“In determining whether a club has achieved an acceptable standard, appropriate allowance shall be made where pitch preparation and/or ancilliary facilities are the responsibility of a local authority or other unrelated third-party provider.”

The reason for this suggestion is because of the situation at the Links (no changing and no toilet) Sheddocksley and Kings College (facilities that close early) and Duthie Park (no changing)

Rule 6.4 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – to the draft text add

“In no case should players be permitted to run up or down the central or batting zone of an artificial pitch.”

Rule 6.5 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that to the draft text in square brackets before “rain or player injury” be inserted “lost ball, drinks,”

The thinking behind this is that they could be fairly lengthy delays and thus severely affect the over rate for that hour.

Rule 8.2(d) – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick - to the list of those whose permission is required before a loan player can be fielded following his Club” be inserted “the opposition”; and following “also has a game” insert [in line with previous ACA Management Committee interpretation], “a free date in the previously-determined scheduled programme of fixtures, or no game as the result of their Club having been scratched to”

Rule 11.3 –proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that the final sentence of the first paragraph of this Rule – “Games may not be reduced” - be modified to apply to Grades 1 and 2 only, with captains in Grade 3 having the right “in exceptional circumstances” to agree a reduced length for a game when neither Club has a full side at their disposal.

Rule 12.1 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that for “No bowler may bowl more than 9 overs” be substituted ““No bowler in Grades 1 and 2 may bowl more than 10 overs and no bowler in Grade 3 more than 12 overs, to be reduced pro rata.... [remainder of rule as proposed]

The reason for the difference being that it could be more difficult for Clubs in Grade 3 to find 5 bowlers.

Rule 12.5 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that this proposed rule be deleted

We do not think that this will be handled satisfactorily as not every game will have a neutral umpire

Rule 13(a) -- proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that this proposed rule be deleted

Rule 13(b) and (c) -- proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that these proposed rules apply to Grades 1 and 2 only

Rule 14.1 --- proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that winning points be maintained at “30”

We don't see the need for change.

Rule 14.2 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick – that bonus points be maintained as at present – batting one on scoring 40 and one per 15 runs thereafter to a maximum of 10; bowling one per wicket taken to a maximum of 10 where a team is all out.

We believe the thought for change was so that the losing team earned less than half the number of points the winning team earned, whereas we think that if the losing team earns 20 points it must have been a damned good game.

Rule 22.0 – proposed by Ellon, Dunecht, Inverurie and Methlick -from the proposed text delete "reference in an online Captain's report may be deemed to satisfy this requirement "

The thinking behind this is that there is adequate alternative facility for individuals or Clubs to be reported without doing it by means of a captain's report.