

North West Cricket Officials Association

Latest News

Several matters have arisen since our last meeting, the main one being the concussion guidance which supersedes the laws

- Rob Hales the chairman of the LACO has sent out the following message

In the last Over and out publication from the ECB there was a link to the latest guidelines re concussion which was originally issued in 2021 which you may not have seen. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THIS BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS** The link is provided below

The email states

“If there is a ball strike on a player (with or without a helmet) then the umpires act under law 20.4.2 to call dead ball and this will take place from the moment the head strike occurred”

In the detailed guidance it states **“Therefore where a blow to the head occurs HOWEVER MILD (emphasis added) the umpire shall proceed with the following steps “**

1 Either umpire shall immediately call and signal dead ball irrespective of the state of play.

The implications of this are:

- a) Any runs scored after the blow shall be disallowed
- b) Should the batter be caught after the ball has struck his head or should they be caught after the ball has struck a fielder the batter shall be given not out

This guidance must be adopted immediately. Should an umpire be found not to have followed such Governing body specific guidance and a player subsequently suffers a reaction that umpire could be held legally responsible.

Rob's advice is you read the whole protocol which provides further advice on what you should do next.

The link is

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2022/02/14/8ffa5674-a3cf-4d88-823c-8862556e8e09/Managing-the-Risk-of-Concussion-in-Recreational-Cricket-V0.3.pdf>

Any questions please contact him on rhales100@btinternet.com

- At the training day a question was raised about a batter running down the pitch before the bowler reached his delivery stride. There are a couple of players who do this. If this happens you call dead ball during the bowler's run up. A batter can advance down the pitch to play at the ball but must get off a.s.a.p. but this is once the bowler has reached his delivery stride.
- I have attached some scenarios for use with play cricket scorer App as further practice in the calculation of DLS
- A reminder that matches on the 20th 27th and 28th have been rearranged, Premiership and championship from the 20th will now be played on June 30th,

Conference games will be played on September 1st

ALL MATCHES DUE TO BE PLAYED ON THE 27TH April will be played on September 21st (the season has been extended by one week)

Ramsbottom Cup matches due to be played on 28th April will be played on Sunday May 5th

Please update WTU if you can do these games

- If you have paid Your subscription of £10 then thank you very much but if you have not then please do so a.s.a.p.
- If you wish to improve your grading then you have until April 30th to apply . You need to contact Dave Cowburn email davecowburn16@yahoo.co.uk. If you are not sure what your grading is it will be on WTU

Lets hope we can soon get under way with some cricket

Regards

Karen