

North West Cricket League

June News Letter

1. Whalley C.C. have applied to and been accepted by the Northern Pyramid. We wish them all the best for the future.

The Executive have been aware of this possibility for a number of weeks and met as soon as their resignation from the NWCL was confirmed. Promotion and relegation will remain as planned for this season, and a recruitment campaign for clubs for the 2027 season will be intensified in the coming weeks & months.

Proposals for the 2026 season covering the Premier, Championship and Conference leagues will be presented to clubs in due course, with plans to be finalised following the conclusion of this season.

2. Links to Grounds Courses.

<https://www.thegma.org.uk/learning/courses/level-1-cricket-grounds-maintenance-04-2023-l1-cricket-grounds-m/>

<https://www.thegma.org.uk/learning/courses/level-2-cricket-surfaces-applied-turf-culture-01-2023-l2-cricket/>

3. The Hamer Cup final will be at Read C.C.

4. Entry to next season's Lancs KO will be the top four teams in the Premiership plus the Hamer Cup winners. If the Hamer Cup winner are in the top four, the team in fifth place will be entered.

5. Prior to the AGM the Executive will be reviewing the number of League & Club and Executive meeting and considering the option of some of these being held via Zoom.

6. The Grounds Committee have been or will be in touch with clubs regarding ground and facility developments.

7. Reminder of Zoom meeting for first and second team captains on 1st July at 7.30pm

Meeting ID 567 780 2925

Passcode NWCL2025

8. Advance Notice of Umpires Course;

Date – Sunday, 3rd August 2025

- Times – 10am to 4:30pm
- Venue – Mawdesley CC, School Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk, L40 3TG

For more information and to register a place, please refer to this link.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/AvON80>

9. It is recommended clubs carry out a risk assessment regarding their boundaries particularly where they are not fully compliant with ECB Guidelines.

10. Safeguarding.

So far this season, we have had a number of incidents involving scorers being intimidated or threatened by players. This behaviour is completely unacceptable in all circumstances but particularly when it involves scorers under the age of 18. Please can all clubs remind all members that abuse of scorers will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary actions.

If you have any concerns about a child or adult at risk or the behaviour of an adult towards either of these, you should share these immediately. It is natural to feel a little anxious about reporting a safeguarding concern, but remember, it is not your responsibility to decide if abuse or neglect has taken place, but you do have a duty of care to share any concerns you have. If it is an emergency and someone is at immediate risk, then call the Police or Children's Social Care in your area.

When reporting safeguarding issues, please remember the process below:

a. Speak to your Club Safeguarding Officer who will then report the incident to the League by emailing safeguarding@nwcl.co.uk

b. A low level concern form also needs to be completed here
<https://app.smartsheet.eu/b/form/f97b0e50b8454335bc349551c3b10b44>