**SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE AGM PROPOSALS 2019**

**PROPOSAL 1 – Entry to league**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend Rule 8.1 i of the League constitution as below: -

Application for Full Membership of the League shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than 15th October. Full Members shall be elected by a two-thirds majority at an Annual General Meeting under Rule 6.3. On election, new Members shall not commence active membership of the League until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting ~~following that~~ at which their election took place. The 1st Xl and any lower XIs of any club so elected shall be entitled to become part of the League.

**REASON** – To correct this wording to the current practise.

**PROPOSAL 2 – Fixtures**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend Generic Rule 1 and League Cup Rule 3 to the below:-

**Generic Rule 1**

Each side of Member Clubs of the League shall play all other sides in its respective Division twice during the Season unless the weather makes it impossible for an arranged fixture to take place. One match will be in the limited over format and the other will be in the time-based format.

In 1st XI Division 3 and the Regional Divisions 14 there may not be 10 teams in each division and therefore teams may not play some teams in the division twice in the season.

In 1st XI Division 3 the league season will consist of 20 weeks – the first 5 games of the season will be in the timed format, the next 10 games will be in the limited over format and the final 5 games in the timed format.

In all other divisions the league season will consist of 18 weeks - the first 5 games of the season will be in the timed format, the next 9 games will be in the limited over format and the final 4 games in the timed format.

**League Cup Rule 3**

All Essex League Clubs in the 1st XI Premier Division and in Divisions 1 and 2 shall be eligible to participate in the Competition.

**REASON** – To reflect that 1st XI Division 3 is not a division of 10 as a result of the new constitution adopted at the SGM. Also to allow for an extension of the league season for that division during the League cup weekends, as they will not be eligible to participate in that competition.

**PROPOSAL 3 – Fixtures**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend Generic Rule 3 to the below:-

All matches in each Division shall be played on Saturdays designated by the Executive Committee, such days to be not earlier than the last Saturday in April and not later than the second Saturday in September.

**REASON** – To modify the dates of the season to allow for 1st XI Division 3 to start in April where needed.

**PROPOSAL 4 – Divisional numbering**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend Generic Rule 7 a to d, Rule 10 and Rule 15 to reflect the new Divisional numbering reflected in the new constitution adopted at the SGM.

**REASON** – To align the league constitution and generic rules.

**PROPOSAL 5 – Clubmark**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend Generic Rule 7 f to the below:-

Any club which does not have a valid ECB Clubmark accreditation (Or equivalent ECB accreditation) by 31st October of the preceding season will only be allowed to compete in 1st XI Division 3.

If the Executive Committee, in consultation with ECiC, determine that the club has made sufficient effort to attain Clubmark status and there are extenuating circumstances, that club’s 1st XI will play in 1st XI Division 3 and there will be no further sanctions applied.

If the Executive Committee, in consultation with ECiC, determine that the club has not made sufficient effort to attain Clubmark status and there are no extenuating circumstances, the club’s 1st XI will play in 1st XI Division 3 and they must gain Clubmark status by the following 31st October. If they fail to do this, the Club and all of their teams will be expelled from the league with no exceptions.

**REASON** – To align the Clubmark accreditation requirements for existing clubs to that of any club wishing to join the league as an Associate or Full Member Club

**PROPOSAL 6 – Overseas players**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend Generic Rule 10a i to reflect the new ECB qualification period for overseas players to Category 1 changing from 4 years to 3 years.

**REASON** – To align the league rules with ECB regulations

**PROPOSAL 7 – 2nd XI limited over matches**

The Executive Committee proposes to amend the playing regulations for 2nd XI Limited over games so that any amended target scores as a result of adverse weather are calculated using the Duckworth Lewis calculator within the ECB Play cricket app.

**REASON** – To implement this change to allow for simpler regulations and a universal calculator.

If this proposal is passed the same proposal will be voted on for all 3rd XI Divisions (now Divisions 9-12).

If the 3rd XI proposal is passed the same proposal will be voted on for all 4th XI Divisions (now named Divisions 13 East and West and 14 East and West).