

Eastern Premier League Rules 2020

Part 1: League Administration and Club Requirements Rules 1-14 and Appendices 1 - 3

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1. OBJECTIVES

The League shall be known as the Eastern Premier League (hereinafter referred to as “the League”).

The objectives of the League shall be:

- (a) To provide a forum for the top qualifying clubs in the East of Scotland to compete in a league competition, with the aim of increasing participation and improving standards of club facilities.
- (b) To promote Club Cricket at its highest level to all stakeholders.
- (c) To ensure that Clubs comply with the playing & training facilities and coaching standards detailed in the Rules below.
- (d) To ensure each member club within the League meets the requirements of the Eastern Premier League Criteria.

2. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- (a) The League is arranged by and played under the auspices of Cricket Scotland with the East of Scotland Cricket Association (ESCA) and the Strathmore & Perthshire Cricket Union (S&PCU).
- (b) The League shall be administered by the East League Management Group (ELMG) on behalf of ESCA and S&PCU
- (c) The ELMG shall administer the League in accordance with these Rules. The ELMG shall be the sole interpreter of the Rules with the power to discipline or sanction any club or player in breach of the Rules (including the right to deduct points) with the proviso that any decision can be subject to appeal to the CS Appeals Committee.
- (d) The ELMG may relieve a club from the consequences of a failure to comply with any provision of these rules where that failure is shown to be due to mistake, oversight or other excusable cause. Where the ELMG so relieves a club from the consequences of a failure to comply with a provision of these rules the ELMG may impose any condition it thinks fit in order (i) to ensure that an equitable result is achieved, and (ii) to ensure future compliance with the rules.
- (e) Each club shall be a fully subscribed member of Cricket Scotland prior to the start of each season.

3. COMPOSITION OF LEAGUE

The League shall comprise ten teams, or in exceptional circumstances a suitable number as determined solely by the ELMG.

At the end of the season the following provision will apply:

Eastern Premier League

- The bottom club will be relegated to the top Regional League of ESCA or S&PCU, whichever is applicable.

Top Regional Leagues

- The leading eligible first XI team in these Leagues will play off against each other to determine which club is promoted to the Eastern Premier League.

Any additional League vacancies, arising either from failure of member clubs to comply with the Rules of the League, or from voluntary resignation from the League, shall be filled, on merit, from clubs throughout the East of Scotland on the decision of the ELMG. Such clubs will be those, which, in the opinion of the ELMG, best meet the playing standards sought from member clubs.

4. REGIONAL LEAGUES

- (a) "Regional League" shall mean the following leagues: The East of Scotland Cricket Association League; the Strathmore and Perthshire Cricket Union.
- (b) "Regional League Clubs" shall mean any club playing in either of the Regional Leagues.
- (c) Any Regional League club wishing to obtain membership of the League by participating in the end of season play-offs (or by any other means) must be satisfying the requirements of the Eastern Premier League Club Criteria (See Appendix 3) by 30th June in the season they are wishing to be promoted.
- (d) Any Regional League club wishing to obtain membership of the League must have a Second XI playing regular league cricket.
- (e) Any Regional League club wishing to obtain membership of the League by participating in the end of season play-offs (or by any other means) must have finished in the top 4 league positions of the regional league in the season they wish to be promoted.

5. LEAGUE PLACINGS

- (a) League placings will be determined by expressing the points awarded as a percentage of the 10 maximum result points available in all completed matches.
- (b) In the event that more than one team shall have an equal percentage – their placings will be determined by their net run rate (NRR) in all completed matches. If this does not separate the sides, then their placings will be determined, firstly, according to the points gained in matches between the sides, and secondly if still equal, according to their respective cumulative NRR in the matches between the sides.
- (c) If this fails to separate the teams then the ELMG will arrange for the teams to compete against each other in order that a decision is reached, but only if this is required to establish the winner of the League or the club to be relegated from the League.
- (d) A team's NRR is calculated by deducting from the Run Rate per 100 balls scored by that team throughout the season, the Run Rate per 100 balls scored against that team throughout the season.
- (e) Only those matches where results are achieved will count for the purpose of NRR calculations.

6. COMPLAINTS

- (a) Any complaint by one club against another club must be notified to the ELMG in writing within seven days of the event, otherwise they may be considered time-barred by the ELMG.
- (b) A complaint will not be time-barred if the club making the complaint can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the ELMG that (i) it could not reasonably have become aware of the event which is the subject of the complaint within seven days of the event occurring, and (ii) that the club has made the complaint within seven days of becoming aware of the event.
- (c) On receipt of the complaint the ELMG will, where appropriate, as soon as practicable invite reports from all parties involved. Any such report which has been requested must be back in the ELMG's hands within seven days of its letter requesting the report.
- (d) Once all reports have been received, and once any additional information has been obtained, a meeting of the ELMG will be convened, if appropriate, at the earliest opportunity to consider the matter. Any member of the ELMG with an interest in the case will not take part in that meeting. Any club which is involved may attend the meeting.
- (e) After the meeting the decision of the ELMG will be communicated as soon as practicable to all parties involved. Any decision of the ELMG can be subject to appeal to the CS Appeals Committee.

- (f) For the avoidance of doubt, this rule relates to complaints by one club against another where the complaining club seeks a remedy (such as, for example, an award of points) against the accused club. Nothing in this rule shall disentitle the ELMG from investigating any matter and, where appropriate, sanctioning a club in default notwithstanding the fact the complaint by the complaining club is time-barred.

7. DISCIPLINE

All clubs are expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour as laid down by the current CS Code of Conduct (see Appendix 1). Any club or player found in breach of the Code may be liable to such action as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Cricket Scotland Disciplinary Committee. Any club or player has the right of appeal to the Cricket Scotland Appeals Committee where identified in the Code of Conduct.

8. SANCTIONS

8.1 Power to Impose Sanctions

Subject to:

- (i) the particular procedures laid down in Rule 8.4, and
- (ii) the particular penalties set out in Rules 8.2, 8.3, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8.

If any member club fails to comply with any of the provisions of these rules then the ELMG shall have the power to impose any sanction upon the club including, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, any one or more of the following sanctions:

- (a) to require the club to carry out such remedial action as the ELMG deems appropriate within such time limit as to the ELMG shall seem reasonable in all the circumstances.
- (b) to order that the club be deducted points whether for the current season or for the following season and
- (c) to disqualify the club from membership of the League.

For the avoidance of doubt, the ELMG may suspend the operation of a sanction or part of a sanction for such time as it shall consider appropriate to afford the club an opportunity of securing compliance with the particular rule which has been breached.

8.2 Failure to Comply with Eastern Premier League Club Criteria (see Appendix 3)

- (a) The club shall be warned and must rectify the failure by the start of the following season.
- (b) Failure to rectify by the start of the succeeding season of the initial warning under 8.2 (a) will result in a points deduction for that season.
- (c) Failure to rectify thereafter may result in the club being disqualified from the League under Rule 8.1 (c).

8.3 Breach of Rule 10 (Fixtures)

If a club cannot raise a team and fails to fulfil a fixture it will be subject to a sanction by the ELMG. Full points shall be awarded to its opponent and no points awarded to the conceding club. On the second occasion a club in any division cannot raise a team and fails to fulfil a fixture it will be expelled from the League and all matches played by that team declared null and void.

8.4 Breach of Rule 11 (Playing Conditions)

- (a) Where, in the opinion of the ELMG, there is ongoing concern about playing conditions at a club and it appears to the ELMG that a long-term solution is required to resolve the concern, the following provisions shall apply:
 - (i) In the first instance the ELMG shall attempt to agree with the club a plan for remedying the breach and a timescale within which that remedy is to be implemented; but
 - (ii) If no such agreement is reached or if the club fails to implement an agreement which has been reached then the club shall be liable to sanction in accordance with Rule 8.1, provided always that prior to any sanction being imposed the club shall have the opportunity to be heard either in person or by written submissions.
 - (iii) If a pitch is deemed unfit / dangerous for play by the umpires prior to play or once a game has started the matter will be referred by the umpires to the ELMG and the home club may be deducted 10 points. The visiting team will not be awarded any points in such an eventuality. Any subsequent abandonments will result in a doubling of the previous points penalty. This rule will not be applied where abnormal weather conditions have influenced the nature of the ground either prior to the game or once the game has started.

- (b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this Rule (8.4) shall prevent the ELMG from imposing sanctions in accordance with Rule 8.1 for a breach of Rule 11 where, in the opinion of the ELMG, the breach does not require a long-term solution and was caused by fault on the part of the club.

8.5 Breach of Rule 13 (Match Administration)

The following provisions shall be applicable in the cases of clubs which are in breach of any or all of their obligations under Rule 13 (Match Returns):

- (a) on the occurrence of the first such failure the club shall be warned about its future conduct
- (b) on the second such occurrence the club will be deducted two (2) points.
- (c) on the third such occurrence the club will be deducted a further four (4) point
- (d) on the fourth such occurrence the club will be subject to sanction by the ELMG in accordance with Rule 8.1.

8.6 Breach of Rule 15 (Players) and Rule 16 (Player Registration)

In the event of any breach of Rule 15 and / or Rule 16 the ELMG reserves the right to deduct points from the club concerned. A minimum penalty of 1 point will be automatically imposed for any such breach. The maximum points which can be deducted shall be the maximum points which were available to the team from the game(s) in which the breach(es) occurred.

8.7 Failure to Provide Scorer

All member clubs must provide a competent scorer for every match. A failure to do so shall give rise to sanctions on the following scale:

- (a) on the occurrence of the first such failure the club shall be warned about its future conduct.
- (b) on the second such occurrence the club will be deducted a further two (2) points
- (c) on the third such occurrence the club will be deducted a further four (4) points
- (d) on the fourth such occurrence the club will be subject to sanction by the ELMG in accordance with Rule 8.1.

8.8 Disqualification of Clubs

The following shall apply where a club is disqualified under Rule 8.1(c):

- (a) If any club is disqualified under Rule 8.1(c) during the course of a season all results in all League matches in which the disqualified club participated in that season shall be declared null and void.
- (b) If any club is disqualified under Rule 8.1(c) after the end of a season then the following shall apply:
 - (i) all results from all League matches in which the disqualified club participated in that season shall continue to apply for all purposes (subject to paragraph (ii) below) notwithstanding that club's subsequent disqualification.
 - (ii) the disqualified club (or clubs as the case may be) shall, for the purposes of relegation within or from the League be deemed to finish in the last place (or the last places as the case may be);
 - (iii) the ELMG shall be responsible to do anything necessary to ensure that the correct number of teams shall play in the League in the following season including (without prejudice to the foregoing generality) inviting Regional League Clubs to become members of the League.

8.9 Right of Appeal

Any club which is sanctioned in accordance with this rule may appeal to CS under the appeals procedure set up by them. Any Club submitting an appeal must also lodge a bond of £100 which will be returned to the Club if the appeal is successful.

9. YOUTH PLAYING AND COACHING REQUIREMENTS

All existing League clubs and all clubs wishing to become members of the League must operate a youth coaching and playing programme in accordance with the Eastern Premier League Club Criteria on Participation (Section 2 of Appendix 3) and Coaching (Section 3 of Appendix 3).

All clubs should have an appointed Child Protection and Wellbeing Officer (CPWO) who should meet the Cricket Scotland requirements for a CPWO which includes being a member of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme for their club.

10. FIXTURES

- (a) The ELMG shall arrange fixtures for the League.
- (b) If any club finds that their ground is unavailable after the fixtures are issued, they will be responsible for finding a suitable alternative venue, which must be acceptable to the ELMG. If clubs are unable to find a suitable alternative venue, then they may be liable to forfeiture of the game and the points awarded to their opponents.
- (c) If any club finds that, within 7 days of any particular fixture, its ground is 'out of bounds' due to extenuating circumstances as agreed with the ELMG, it may request permission to find a suitable alternative venue, which must be acceptable to the ELMG. If that club is unable to find a suitable alternative venue then the match will be cancelled and declared null and void.
- (d) No alteration to the fixtures so arranged shall be permitted other than with the prior consent of the ELMG.
- (e) Fixtures will be arranged on the basis of
 - each team playing all other teams in the League on a home and away basis, giving a total of eighteen scheduled League Matches
 - a fixture which is not played, or which is deemed to be uncompleted in terms of Rules 17 to 21 inclusive shall not be re-arranged.
 - Clubs having 4 or more players away on a single match day on International duty (Scotland, Scotland 'A' or Scotland U19) may seek a re-arrangement of the game as follows:
 - The club and its scheduled opponents MUST arrange to play the match within the next 4 Sundays (including the Sunday immediately post the original scheduled date). If there are not 4 Sundays left in the season, then the number of Sundays available will be reduced to the maximum number available PRIOR to the original scheduled end date of the season. Should the final Sunday of the window fall on a Scottish Cup tie then the ELMG will rule on the date/result of any game
 - The default date for the match will be the final Sunday of the window above.
 - Any ruling by the ELMG is deemed to be final.

11. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- (a) In all matches the Laws of the Marylebone Cricket Club (*2017 Code 2nd Edition- 2019*) shall apply except as amended in these Rules. Law 42 will apply even if only one CS appointed umpire is in attendance.
- (b) All clubs are responsible for providing facilities, which comply with League standards. The provision of sightscreens (Rule 11.6), covers (Rule 11.8) and at least one roller (Rule 11.10) is mandatory.
- (c) Before the toss the home side should inform the visiting captain what roller(s) is (are) available.
- (d) Any League club whose facilities do not meet the requirements given below may be subject to sanctions as detailed in Rule 8.
- (e) Every League club requires to have a minimum of one person who is qualified:
 - (i) to at least I.O.G. (Institute of Groundsmanship) Level 1 (parts A and B) and is also active in ground preparations for that club or
 - (ii) by experience. Qualification by way of IOG certification requires to be evidenced by means of the production of certificates and, if by experience, by application to the ELMG for accreditation.
- (f) Umpires and Captains will submit a completed Pitch Report Form (Use the form on *Who is the Umpire* application: <https://www.whostheumpire.com>) on the performance of the pitch in every match. Each pitch is expected to achieve a rating of 'Satisfactory' or better and clubs are expected to achieve an average pitch rating of 'Satisfactory' or better throughout the season. Failure to achieve the latter may lead to a sanction by the ELMG in accordance with Rule 8.4

11.1 Cricket Balls

The grade of ball to be used in all matches shall be laid down by the ELMG.

11.2 Pitch and Square

- (a) All pitches must be of grass.
- (b) The square must be well maintained and in good condition with the whole of it being mown to a length not exceeding 16 millimetres ($\frac{5}{8}$ inch). The pitch must be prepared to the highest standard possible and clearly distinguishable from the remainder of the square. The length of grass on the pitch on the day of the match must be no more than 6 millimetres ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) and shall be marked and rolled before play. Any holes or ruts on the square caused by previous matches must be levelled, filled and firmed before a subsequent match.
- (c) The pitch must be appropriate for matches of at least 100 overs duration. The bounce of the pitch should be true and predictable throughout the match and should not produce excessive spin or movement off the seam. The pitch shall not be watered during the match.
- (d) The popping crease shall be marked to a minimum of 3.65 metres (12 feet) to conform to Law 7 and the protected area for the bowlers follow through (Law 42 - 11b) shall be indicated with markings off the playing surface 1.52 metres (5 feet) in front of the popping crease and also on the bowling crease 30.5 centimetres (1 foot) either side of the middle stump. The crease shall include markings for off side wides. (see Appendix 2) The width of the crease markings shall be no less than 12 millimetres ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch) and no more than 25 millimetres (1 inch).
- (e) Stumps must be properly matched sets in good condition and with matching bails. The stumps shall be pitched by the Home Club at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start with holes adequately watered to allow easy resetting by the umpires. The pitch shall be swept and re-marked (and rolled if requested) during the interval between innings.
- (f) Any club which fails to have the required mandatory pitch markings, 30 yard circles, and boundaries marked as per rule 11.2, 11.4 and 11.5 will be subject to a report by the umpires. In addition, failure to remark the pitch during the interval between innings will be reported by the umpires. The umpires will inform the captain of the home team of any such report(s). The home club may be subject to sanction (see Rule 8).

11.3 Outfield

The outfield must be well maintained and adequately drained. It must be mown to a length not exceeding 19 millimetres ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch) with no noticeable grass cuttings. Balls should be able to run true and the outfield must be free of holes, ruts or other obstructions which might pose a hazard to fielders.

11.4 Boundary

The boundary must be clearly marked by rope or white line. Where a rope is used, markers may also be used, but where a white line is used, markers must also be used. Such markers shall be at regular intervals not more than 18.3 metres (20 yards) apart. Alternatively, where a gutter is used the edge shall be cleanly cut; if a picket fence or advertising boards form part or all of the boundary they shall be secure and in good condition. No boundary shall be less than 45.75 metres (50 yards) from the centre of the match pitch without explicit dispensation being given by the ELMG.

11.5 Fielding Circle

The fielding semi-circles shall have as their centre the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each of the semi-circles shall be 27.45 metres (30 yards). The semi-circles shall be linked by two straight lines parallel to the pitch. The fielding circle shall be marked by white dots 4.5 metres (5 yards) apart, covered by circular white plastic or rubber (but not metal) discs 180 millimetres (7 inches) in diameter.

11.6 Sight Screens

- (a) The structure and non-reflective surface of the sightcreens must be in good condition. They must measure a minimum of 4 metres (13 feet) wide and 3.65 metres (12 Feet) high and must be completely outside the playing area. Screens must be properly positioned outside the boundary before the commencement of play and provided at both ends. The screens may be mobile or fixed but must be of sufficient width and height to allow the batsmen to see the bowler's delivery from either over or around the wicket without impediment. These requirements may be waived if local practice or the contours of the ground preclude the provision of sightcreens.
- (b) A rope or boards should be provided to define the boundary and the roped/boarded area must be of sufficient size to allow screens to be moved from side to side without adjusting the ropes/boards.

11.7 Scorebox

- (a) The numbers on the board should show at least: Total (or information sufficient to inform the team batting second of the runs they require to win the match); Wickets; Overs Bowled; First Innings Total; Duckworth Lewis Stern Score; where possible indicate which Powerplay is in force by displaying 'P1'(etc) and be of adequate size to be seen from the far side of the ground.
- (b) The scorebox should, ideally, be visible from the Pavilion, players' viewing area and playing area. Umpires should be able to see the scorers' signals clearly, and the scorers should be able to see at least 90 per cent of the playing area. The scorebox must be clean, tidy and reasonably comfortable, with adequate table and chairs and full protection from the weather. The system for changing the numbers should be easily accessible to the scorers, simple to operate and in full working order.

11.8 Covers

- (a) Covers must be used to protect the pitch from rain, both during the match and in the preceding days as appropriate. Arrangements should be made for ground staff or other helpers to put the covers in place as quickly as possible.
- (b) Wheeled covers are recommended. However, plastic sheets/tarpaulins can be used provided they are well maintained and, overnight prior to a match, are laid over an underlay (hessian / coconut matting etc). It is recognised that use of an underlay may be difficult if the pitch requires to be covered during a match. Such underlay must cover the pitch area as a minimum. Whichever covers are used they must protect an area of at least 22.56 metres x 3.66 metres (74 feet x 12 feet).

In addition to the match-pitch,

- Clubs are encouraged to make every effort to ensure that bowlers run-ups are covered protecting an area of 5 metres (length) x 3 metres (width) as a minimum behind each set of stumps.
 - In addition, Clubs are also encouraged to make every effort to ensure that an area adjacent to each side of the match pitch to a size of 25 metres (length) and 3 metres (width) is covered (including wicket ends).
- (c) Whichever method of covering is used, it must not allow water to seep through and clubs will be required to show that their covering arrangements are adequate to protect the pitch, taking into account the contours and draining characteristics of the ground.

11.9 Drying Equipment

A supply of sawdust, cloths, brushes and forks must be available to minimise lost playing time due to wet conditions. Additional covering for areas likely to cause a delay in play (e.g. the ends of previously used pitches) should be provided whenever possible. Other drying facilities such as squeegees/soppers etc. can also be used.

11.10 Rollers

At least one roller must be available for use during the match. However, it is recommended that a light roller, 75 to 100 kg (1.5 to 2 cwt), and a heavy roller, 500 to 1000 kg or more (10 cwt to 1 ton or more), be available to the captain of the batting side.

11.11 Practice Facilities

- (a) Clubs should ensure that they have access to good quality practice facilities (CS may inspect) for mid-week practice for senior players and either mid-week or weekend practice for junior players (minimum 1 permanent net of suitable standard or roll on cage). Net practice facilities should be available for use by both sides (a minimum of one net) before matches.
- (b) Any grass nets must be in good condition with true and predictable bounce. Artificial net pitches should be regularly maintained and rolled where appropriate to ensure true and predictable bounce.

11.12 Changing Rooms

- (a) Changing rooms must be well ventilated, lit and decorated, with heating whenever possible. Changing facilities must be provided for the visiting side with a separate facility, of a similar standard, for the umpires.
- (b) The rooms should be of adequate size and with suitable seating, tables or shelving for bags and equipment. Changing rooms should be easily accessible from the playing area, whilst preserving the privacy of the players, and should allow viewing of the playing area whenever possible. Flooring must be suitable for bare feet.
- (c) The changing rooms should have adequate security to ensure the security of equipment and possessions.

11.13 Showers

Adequate clean and hygienic showers shall be available and conveniently located to allow private access by players and umpires.

11.14 First Aid

A first aid kit must be available at all times for treatment of minor injuries. In the event of an injury occurring which is so severe that it would require the use of a stretcher, the player should not be moved until professional medical help is available.

11.15 Public Telephone

A public telephone in working order must be available for access of the ground by the National Press. A mobile phone will be acceptable provided that the number remains the same throughout the season and it is notified to the ELMG prior to the start of the season.

11.16 Commercial Advertising

Clubs are permitted to have advertising on each sleeve of shirt / sweater, front of shirt / sweater and across the shoulders on the reverse of the shirt / sweater.

In line with ICC regulations the following applies to the sizing of all logos:

- Sleeves – 10 sq inches (64.5 sq cm)
- Front of shirt / sweater – 32 sq inches (206.45 sq cm)
- Back – maximum height of advertising 2.93 inches (7.5 cm)

11.17 Teas

Teas are to be provided by the home club and should be available as requested by the match umpires from 2.00pm onwards for matches starting at 12 noon, and from 3.00pm onwards for matches starting at 1.00pm or when the start time is delayed by weather.

12. UMPIRES

- (a) **Accommodation**
Ideally, there should be separate accommodation provided for the umpires, of a same standard to the players' dressing rooms.
- (b) **Equipment**
As stated in 11.2 (e), clubs must provide a properly matched set of stumps and bails in good condition. In addition, there should also be made available, spare stumps and bails in case of breakages, bowlers' markers and drying cloths.
- (c) **Match Fee / Travelling Expenses**
The rates to be paid for the umpires' match fee and travelling expenses will be intimated to clubs by the ELMG prior to the start of each season. In matches where only one umpire is available, that umpire will be paid one and a half times the agreed match fee.
- (d) **Payment**
Clubs will be invoiced in advance of the season for an amount that ESCOA will use to re-imburse the umpires match fees and expenses. Any monies due/overpaid will be adjusted upon completion of season.

The ELMG reserves the right to impose sanctions on any club that fails to provide ESCOA with their monies in good time.
- (e) **Team Sheets and Toss**
Umpires should be present at the ground no later than 45 minutes prior to the start of play. At least one umpire shall be present at the toss which shall take place between 15 and 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. Team sheets must be exchanged by the captains and a signed copy handed to the umpires before the toss can take place. Another copy must be handed to the scorers.
- (f) **Umpires' Reports**
Before leaving the ground, the umpires will advise the captain of a team that will be reported under the Rules for failing to bowl their overs in the prescribed time or which does not meet the requirement of providing a scorer (Rule 8.7). They will also advise the captain when they intend to lay a charge against a player or players of his team under the Code of Conduct. Should they intend to lay a charge against the Captain, then the umpires may advise a club official as well as/in stead of the Captain.

A completed Umpires Report form must be completed on Who is The Umpire application (<https://www.whostheumpire.com>) by end of Sunday night. Umpires should also upload a copy of the teamsheets to Who is The Umpire by end of Sunday night.

13. MATCH ADMINISTRATION

(a) Short Scores

The home club must provide summary details of a game immediately following its end or cancellation – and no later than 10.00p.m. on the day of the game - for updating the CS web-site. The details of the submission method will be provided, as determined by the ELMG, prior to the start of the season.

(b) Statistical Returns

Returns will be made by the home side using the prescribed scorecard submission form on the CS web-site. In all cases, the form must be completed for every fixture where any play has taken place and submitted no later than 5.00p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the match. The details of the submission method will be provided, as determined by the ELMG, prior to the start of the season.

(c) Captains Pitch Reports

The captain of each team must complete the 'Captains Report on Pitch' and submit it via 'Who's the Umpire'. In all cases, the form must be completed for every fixture where any play has taken place and submitted no later than 5.00p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the match.

(d) Captains Reports on Umpires

The captain of each team must complete the 'Captains Report on Umpires' and submit it via 'Who's the Umpire'. In all cases, the form must be completed for every fixture where any play has taken place and submitted no later than 5.00p.m. on the Wednesday immediately following the match.

(e) Penalties will be imposed on any club that fails to comply with either Rule 13 (a), (b), (c) or (d) above, as provided for in Rule 8.5. No exemptions will be given for any such failure.

(f) Any club that fails to comply with either Rule 13 (a) or (b) with the required level of detail and accuracy on a regular basis will be given a written warning that further such failures will result in penalties being imposed as provided for in Rule 8.5.

14. WEATHER ISSUES PRIOR TO MATCH

(a) In the event of inclement weather in the week leading up to a match causing damage to either the pitch or its surrounds, the home side shall advise the visiting side as early as possible that the match may be in doubt. However, no game shall be called off until the morning of the match unless it is agreed by any member of the ELMG or by a member of the ESCOA Umpiring Panel that an earlier cancellation is appropriate.

(b) A responsible official of the home side shall, as early as possible on the morning of a match, check the state of the ground and the pitch. If it is clear that prospects of play are unlikely, the home club shall contact the visiting club and advise accordingly in order that unnecessary travel expenditure may be avoided. In this context it should be remembered that the important point is not whether the pitch is playable at the time of inspection but whether play may be possible within 4 hours 50 minutes after a scheduled starting time of 12 noon, or 4 hours 20 minutes after any other scheduled starting time. If it is possible, the home club may call in a member of the ESCOA Umpiring Panel to give an independent assessment of the likelihood of play being possible.

(c) Should the visiting side wish to travel, however, that will be their right. Under these circumstances the home side must continue to take whatever steps are within its power to ensure the pitch is playable either through the use of covers, blankets or by spiking or any other method.

(d) The visiting team should travel if there is the slightest chance of play so that any steps taken by the home side to make the pitch playable might have the chance to take effect.

(e) The Umpires appointed for the match must be kept informed by the home club of all events as they unfold.

(f) Any home club which does not make sufficient efforts to make the pitch and ground playable may be sanctioned by the ELMG.

N.B. Each member club must have a copy of these Rules displayed at the ground on Eastern Premier League match days.

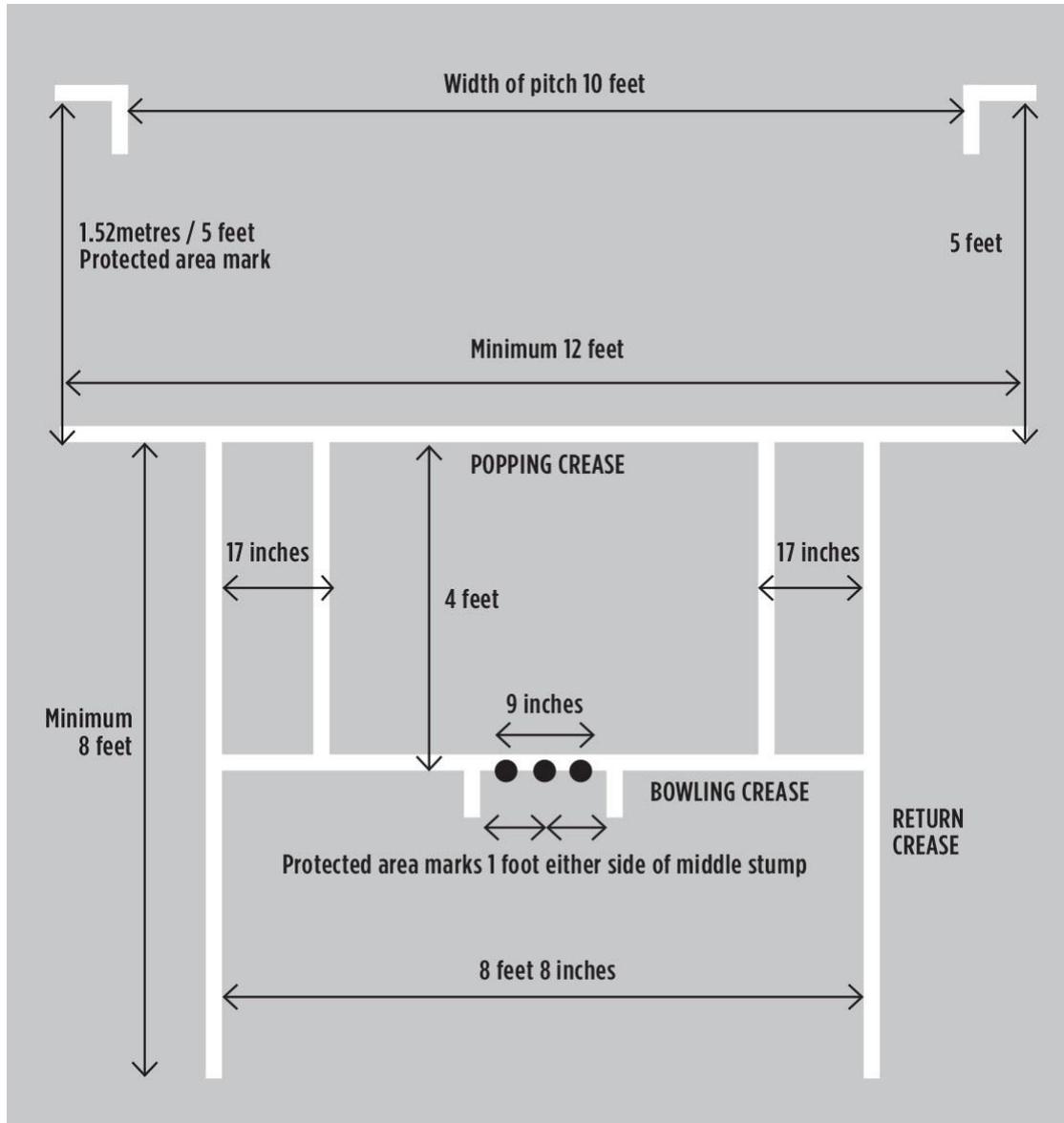
- 1 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws as defined here: www.lords.org/mcc/laws. The Captain may be held to account for behaviour of his/her players and team.
- 2 It is the responsibility of each Club to acquaint their officials and players with the appropriate current Cricket Scotland Codes of Conduct (which is available on the Cricket Scotland Website).
- 3 Players and team officials shall not at any time engage in conduct unbecoming which could bring them or the game into disrepute.
- 4 The Cricket Scotland Disciplinary Code shall apply to players, team and club officials as appropriate.
- 5 Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- 6 Players and team officials shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of the code or upon any hearing, report or decision arising from such breach.
- 7 Players and team officials shall not engage, directly or indirectly, in betting, gambling or any form of financial speculation on the outcome of any cricket match to which this code applies and in which the player is a participant or with which a team official is associated or on any event which shall be connected with any such cricket match the purpose (or pretended purpose) of which is to benefit such player or team official either directly or indirectly, whether financially or otherwise. Players and team officials shall not accept any form of inducement which may be considered to be likely to affect the performance of any player involved in any such cricket match adversely.
- 8 Application, Interpretation and Enforcement of the Code

The Code shall apply to players and, where applicable, to team officials for all tournaments played under the jurisdiction of Cricket Scotland Limited.

Breaches of the Code shall be deemed also to include a breach of any Cricket Scotland Regulation in force from time to time.

Additional Crease Markings - see Rule 11.2 (d)

As a guideline to the umpires for the calling of wides on the offside the crease markings, as detailed below, shall be marked at each end of the pitch. It is recommended that such lines, especially on pitches lying east/west, be marked in a dark colour, e.g. dark blue or black.



Please note that the back edge of the bowling crease should bisect the stumps.

1. Facilities

Criteria	Requirement	Notes
Grass square	Mandatory	A minimum of 8, but ideally at least 10 strips.
Square and pitch mown to specified lengths	Mandatory	As per the EPL Admin rules specification 11.2 (b).
Outfield mown to specified lengths and free of holes/ruts obstructions	Mandatory	As per the EPL Admin rules specification 11.3.
Boundary marked	Mandatory	Rope, boards or white line must define the boundary. Must be minimum 50 yards from centre of pitch unless exception given by ELMG
Club Groundsman	Mandatory * *Players/Volunteers MUST provide service during games if no groundsman available.	Groundsman: Qualified to I.O.G level 1 (or by experience) and active in ground prep. Players/Volunteers MUST be trained in use of equipment.
Outdoor Nets	Mandatory	Minimum 1 permanent nets of suitable standard or roll on cage.
Sightscreens	Mandatory * * May be waived if local practice or the contours of the ground prevent use of sightscreens	Moveable or permanent sightscreens (min of 4 metres wide and 3.65 metres high). Must be completely outside the playing area.
Covers	Mandatory Side sheets and run up covers: Desirable	Ideally rolling covers, but pitch cover sheets may be used if necessary
Drying Equipment	Sawdust: Mandatory Cloths: Mandatory Brushes: Mandatory Forks: Mandatory Squeegee/Sopper: Desirable Coverings for areas likely to cause delays: Desirable	Must be available throughout the match
Rollers	Mandatory	At least one of (but ideally both): Light Roller 75kg to 100kg Heavy Roller 500kg to 1000Kg or more
Changing Rooms	Mandatory	Separate rooms for Home Team, Away Team and Umpires
Showering and toilet facilities	Mandatory	Must be clean and hygienic.

Scoreboard	Mandatory Total, Wickets, Overs Bowled, 1st Innings Total, DLS score	Must provide a separate location for scorers with view of the 90% of pitch and clear sightline to umpires
Tea Room	Mandatory	Must provide a room where teas can be served.
First Aid Kit	Mandatory Desirable to have a qualified first aider in attendance at each match	Must be appropriately stocked
Telephone	Mandatory	Mobile OK as long as number remains the same all season

2. Participation

Second XI	Mandatory	Must compete in Cricket Scotland recognised league.
Junior Teams	All Stars: Mandatory* U10 Softball: Mandatory* *1 out of the 2 MUST be run U12 Softball: Mandatory# U12 Hardball: Mandatory# #1 out of the 2 MUST be run U14 Hardball: Desirable U16 Hardball: Desirable Girls: Desirable	Must compete in local leagues and festivals. Must not scratch > 20% of playable matches. These criteria MUST be evidenced by Scorecards and League tables where appropriate. Each club to provide the ELMG with a report by end of week 10 and end of week 19 detailing their evidence of Junior criteria
Women & Girls Section	Desirable	
Holiday Camps	Desirable	
Summer Training	Weekly sessions throughout Season: Mandatory	Evidenced with report detailing dates, numbers and session plans.
Winter Training	A programme of sessions over the winter: Desirable	
Schools/Community Programme	Mandatory	Each Club to provide an agreed Programme with their CS Regional Development Officer. It is the Clubs responsibility to approach the CS RDO to facilitate this.

3. Coaching

Junior Section	Head Junior Coach UK Level 2 qualified (or equivalent) : Mandatory *	Must be registered with Cricket Scotland in the CS Coaches Association.
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	* May be waived by exception on request to ELMG	
Junior Section	1 qualified coach to each participating junior team/group: Mandatory * * May be waived by exception on request to ELMG	Club to provide note to ELMG with the name of the coach(es) and the participating junior team/group. All coaches must be registered with Cricket Scotland in the CS Coaches Association.
Junior Section	Coach/Player Ratio of 1:10: Desirable	Evidenced with report detailing dates, numbers and session plans.

4. Governance

Child Protection and Wellbeing Officer (CPWO)	Mandatory	CPWO must also be a member of the PVG scheme through the club.
Junior Coaches	Mandatory	All Junior Coaches must be a member of the PVG scheme through the Club
Club Sustainability	Mandatory	Each Club to provide an agreed Programme with their CS Regional Development Officer. It is the Clubs responsibility to approach the CS RDO to facilitate this
Pre Season Umpires Meeting	Mandatory	A senior member (ideally Captain) of the club must attend the Umpires pre-season meeting. Sanctions may be imposed as per rule 8.1
Mid Season and End of Season Junior Participation Report	Mandatory	Each club to provide the ELMG with a report by end of week 10 and end of week 19 detailing their evidence of Junior criteria.