

MATCH RULES

1. LAWS

TVCL Matches shall be played according to the Laws of Cricket (2017 Code – 3rd Edition - 2022), and any subsequent new Laws or amendments, and such experimental laws as from time to time may be applied to Club Cricket or may be decided upon by the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall liaise with the Umpires Sub-Committee (“USC”) before making any such decision.

- Law 41 (Unfair Play) - will be fully implemented in Divisions 1 to 4 by the Panel or Club Umpires (Player Umpires are excluded).

Dependent on the offence and in line with the Laws the Umpire may issue a warning, a suspension from bowling, 5 Penalty Runs and subject to Report to the DCSC. See **Appendix 3** for a breakdown of the list of offences.

This shall additionally include: Subject to Law 41.3.2.1 - The use of saliva to polish the ball, which is now banned, the only natural substance allowed being sweat. A 5 penalty runs sanction of Law 41.3.4.2 will apply if saliva is used in Divisions 1 to 4.

To confirm, in Divisions 5 & below, the only occasion for 5 Penalty Runs to be awarded is for the ball hitting a helmet (inclusive of any other player equipment placed behind the wicketkeeper and stumps) on the ground (Law 28.3.2).

- Law 42 (Players’ conduct) - the application of in-match penalties shall only be applied by TVCL Panel Umpires and only in Divisions 1, 2a & 2b. Otherwise any misconduct is to be reported as a complaint after the match as per the Discipline, Complaints & Appeals Procedures.

2. FIXTURES

- 2.1) The fixture schedule of all TVCL Matches is co-ordinated by the Fixture Secretary. TVCL Matches are contested, within the TVCL Season, between Member Clubs as a “Home Team” and “Away Team”.
- 2.2) All TVCL Matches are to be played on Saturdays allocated by the Management Committee and as published by the Fixture Secretary. The fixtures between the Member Clubs shall take place on consecutive Saturdays in the TVCL Season commencing on the Saturday fixed by the Management Committee.

However, a Home Team in Divisions 8 & below only, **excluding the last 4 fixtures of the season (Rounds 15-18)**, shall be allowed to host that weekends Saturday fixture on the Sunday (same weekend) provided that the following conditions are met:

- a) The Home Team notifies the Away Team of the request, no later than 1 week preceding the original fixture date.
- b) the Away Team agrees to play on the Sunday.
- c) The Home Team notifies the Management Committee / Result Secretary of the agreed change, no later than 10pm on the Monday preceding the original fixture date.

Once a fixture date has been changed per these conditions, the fixture date may NOT be changed back to the Saturday in the week prior to the fixture.

If the Away Team does not agree to a change of date, the Match must continue to be played on the Saturday as originally allocated.

Note: Such change of fixture date overrides the Designated Venue conditions in 3.3 & 3.4.

- 2.3) If a Member Club is playing in the final of a recognised major cricket competition on the same weekend as a TVCL Match (this includes the preceding Friday) that weekend's TVCL Match involving the said Member Club may be rearranged for a later date, not later than the Sunday prior to the last Saturday of the TVCL Season, subject to the prior approval of the Management Committee. Any other required variation of fixture dates allocated, shall be subject to the approval of the Fixture Secretary, and at least twenty-eight calendar days' notice of such variation must be given by and to both Member Clubs concerned.
- 2.4) If any Member Club withdraws a Team during the Season, any points gained (or deducted) due to fixtures with that Team, shall be removed from the relevant League Table, however the match and player statistics will continue to be valid.

3. DESIGNATED VENUES

- 3.1) All TVCL Matches shall be played at a Venue that has been designated by Member Clubs by the **28th February** prior to that TVCL Season and subsequently approved by the Grading & Standards Sub-Committee ("GSSC") and the Management Committee. The specific oval allocated to a Home Team (in the event of more than one at a Venue) shall be that Home Teams "Designated Venue". Only in accordance with Match Rules 3.3, 3.4 & 3.5, shall it be permitted for TVCL Matches to be moved from their Designated Venue.
- 3.2) No pitch shall be used which is considered unsatisfactory for the purpose by the GSSC. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a penalty being imposed.
- 3.3) Any Home Team wishing to play a match at a Venue other than its Designated Venue must first obtain permission from the Management Committee. Applications to the TVCL Secretary should normally be submitted not later than 1st April in order that the GSSC may have the opportunity to consider the suitability of the alternative Venue and if there is any effect of the change on other TVCL Matches.
- 3.4) In exceptional circumstances only, a late application for a change of Venue may be made, which should in any event be received and addressed to the TVCL Secretary by no later than **10:00pm on Wednesday** preceding that TVCL Match. The Management Committee is not bound to grant permission to a late change to the Venue and will only do so where such a change does not affect the playing arrangements for another TVCL Match scheduled to be played at the same Venue on the same day.
- 3.5) In the event of a Home Team being unable to play a TVCL Match at their Designated Venue owing to restrictions imposed, for example because of foot and mouth disease, no postponements shall be permitted. However, the Teams shall be permitted to a late change to the Venue of any TVCL Match that would otherwise have to be 'Cancelled' due to such restrictions. The new Venue must be acceptable to both Teams. Any additional Venue hire costs, other than those normally incurred by the Home Team, shall be shared equally by both Teams. Member Clubs are expected to make every effort to find a suitable alternative Venue.

4. VENUE (PITCHES, OUTFIELD AND SURROUNDS)

- 4.1) All Member Clubs are expected to ensure that their Venue is prepared and fit to play TVCL Matches, including the pitch, outfield and surrounds.
- 4.2) All TVCL Matches in Divisions 1-4 shall always be played on grass pitches.
- 4.3) All TVCL Matches, in Divisions 5 & below, shall always be played on a grass pitch, unless such a pitch is already known to be unfit or unavailable by the Wednesday preceding that fixture.

In such case, the Home Team shall advise the Management Committee of the issue, and further must advise the Away Team before 10:00pm on the Wednesday prior to that TVCL Match, that it will instead be played on an artificial surface and advise of any restrictions on the use of normal cricket footwear. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being imposed by the Management Committee.

Furthermore, Home Teams in Divisions 8 & below, may be permitted by the Management Committee to regularly use an artificial surface (subject to a review by the Grading & Standards Sub-Committee). However, it is still mandatory for the Home Team to advise/remind the Away Team each week by the Wednesday Deadline of any restriction on footwear.

- 4.4) The pitch must be fully prepared and correctly marked as per the Laws. As shown in appendix C of the Laws, the popping crease must be a minimum of 12 feet (3.66m) in length. The bowling crease must be 8 feet 8 inches (2.64m) in length, and must be 4 feet (1.22m) behind and in parallel to the popping crease. The return creases must be at right angles to both the popping crease and bowling crease and must be marked from the popping crease to a minimum of 8 feet (2.44m) behind it.

Note: extending the length of the popping crease, on both sides of the pitch, may assist Umpires for any run-out appeals.

- 4.5) Home Teams are expected, where possible, to refresh the pitch markings between innings.
- 4.6) Boundaries must be defined, and markers used if available. Sightscreens are to be aligned prior to the start and must be positioned outside of the boundary at all times.

5. PITCH COVERS

- 5.1) All Member Clubs with Teams in Divisions 1-3, must have full length pitch covers and also covers for the bowlers' run-ups for a minimum of 10 metres. The Management Committee or GSSC shall have the right to visit any Member Club that has a Team(s) in the aforementioned Divisions in order to inspect the covering facilities and to take any action that is considered appropriate.
- 5.2) Before the start of play such covers as above shall be used at the discretion of the Home Team and its Grounds Authority to protect the pitch and bowlers' run-ups as may be required.
- 5.3) Once the TVCL Match has commenced, full covering of the pitch and bowlers' run-ups may be used as and when requested throughout any break in play at the request of either of the Captains, and the Umpires shall be notified.

6. PLAYER CLOTHING

All players participating in TVCL Matches shall wear predominantly white clothing, including any under garments with longer sleeves.

N.B. Sponsors logos, Member Club badges which are not white, but are discreetly worn, are acceptable.

7. ECB SAFE HANDS – CRICKET’S POLICY FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The TVCL fully endorses, and requires all Member Clubs to observe, all youth mandates, directives and guidance issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board and requires all Umpires, Scorers, Captains and Officials to ensure that they are enforced, in particular those listed below (for convenience more details are shown separately outside these Rules in “Appendix 1 – ECB Guidance Notes”)

- ECB Guidelines on Changing Rooms and Showering Facilities
- ECB Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players
- ECB Fielding Regulations
- ECB Fast Bowling Directives

The ECB Fielding regulations and Guidance on Cricket Helmets must be adhered to and enforced by the Umpires and Captains. Play shall be **suspended** by the Umpires and/or Captains should any such young player breach these requirements. Play will only recommence once appropriate protective equipment has been fitted, or the player has moved from the close fielding position. Umpires will be allowed to add on time for any such stoppage with regards to any Over Rate calculation.

8. UMPIRES

- 8.1) All Panel Umpires should be members of the ECB ACO. All Umpires who officiate regularly, but are not members of ECB ACO, also need to be DBS checked as per ECB Safe Hands Guidelines.
- 8.2) Panel Umpires will be appointed for all TVCL Matches in Divisions 1 & 2. Member Clubs will be advised of Panel Umpire appointments in advance.
- 8.3) Member Clubs with Teams in Divisions 3 & below are expected to each provide a TVCL Registered Club Umpire (or a Panel Umpire) per TVCL Match.

Subject to availability, Panel Umpires can be allocated upon request by Member Clubs. All such allocations shall be at the discretion of the Umpires Sub-Committee (“USC”).

Note: The Management Committee reserves the right to appoint Panel Umpires to any TVCL Match at its sole discretion.

In the event that one Team does not provide a TVCL Registered Club Umpire (inclusive of a Panel Umpire), the TVCL Registered Club Umpire provided by the other Team will officiate from the BOTH ends for the whole match, unless they waive the right to do so at the Toss. Any refusal by a Captain to comply with this rule shall incur a 25 point penalty deduction.

- 8.4) In Divisions 3 & below, each Team that provides a TVCL Registered Club Umpire (inclusive of a Panel Umpire) shall be awarded 1 bonus point per TVCL Match they stand in.

Should a Team claim to have a TVCL Registered Club Umpire officiating for their Team erroneously when submitting the post-match documentation, they shall be penalised as follows:

Offence	Penalty
First	None (a warning!)
Second & any subsequent cases	£20 fine on each occasion

- 8.5) No Team shall refuse to allow a Panel Umpire or a Club Umpire (provided that they are not a player serving a suspension) to officiate in a TVCL Match.
- 8.6) All Panel Umpires shall be entitled to receive expenses at a value as determined by the Management Committee.

Member Clubs with a Team in Divisions 1 & 2 only, shall be invoiced by the TVCL for the upfront payment to the TVCL and not to each Umpire directly, as per the procedure notified by the Management Committee. In the event of any over payment due to inclement weather cancelling fixtures, a reconciliation will be conducted at the end of the TVCL Season to return the difference.

In any other Divisions where Panel Umpires may be appointed, the umpire expenses procedure is as follows.

Payment may either be in cash on the day, should both parties be amenable – otherwise the Umpire will need to supply their bank details to the Member Club on the match day for electronic payment. In such case, the electronic payment should normally be concluded at the latest on the Tuesday following the fixture.

**Note: Should a Member Club make the request, a Panel Umpire must sign an expense claim form prior to being paid.*

- 8.7) In the event of a TVCL Match being Cancelled before the start time due to inclement weather, or for any other reason, each Panel Umpire appointed shall be notified immediately the decision to Cancel has been made.

Payment of Expenses, per 8.7, shall be adjusted based on the following scenarios:

Expenses	Payable by	Scenario Description
None	n/a	Match is called off in the morning. Home Team informs both Umpires who acknowledge that they are not to travel to the ground.
50%	Home Team only	Match is called off in the morning. Home Team are not able to contact Umpire(s) / or are not informed – so arrive at the ground to find the Match has already been called off.
50%	Home & Away Team to pay one Umpire each*	Umpire(s) arrives at the Venue to start their duties. However, the Match is then cancelled before the scheduled Start Time.
100%		Due from the scheduled Start Time (provided the Match has not already been cancelled).

- 8.8) Failure by a Team to pay Panel Umpires as designated above shall be reported by the Panel Umpire(s) and may render the offending Team liable to a financial penalty being imposed on it by the Management Committee as it deems appropriate.

9. SCORERS

- 9.1) A scoring facility shall be provided at the Venue which has adequate light, is comfortable and clean, and has adequate cover in the event of inclement weather.
- 9.2) All Member Clubs are expected to make every effort to provide one Scorer for each of their Teams. Ideally two people should be scoring during each TVCL Match at all times.
- 9.3) In Divisions 1 & 2, a competent scorer shall be provided by each Team, who will be available to score and who shall take no part on the field of play during that TVCL Match.
- 9.4) In Divisions 1 & 2, each Team that provides a dedicated Scorer in accordance with 9.3 shall be rewarded with 1 bonus point per TVCL Match they attend.

10. POST MATCH ADMINISTRATION

- 10.1) The format of communications shall be determined by the Management Committee prior to each TVCL Season.
- 10.2) Following the conclusion of a TVCL Match, even if Cancelled or Abandoned, in all Divisions the **Home Team** is responsible to ensure that the Match Result Form ("MRF") is submitted on the same day, as soon **as possible** but no later than **11:59pm** in all cases (even if the MRF is submitted by the Away Team using an electronic scoring interface the Home Team is responsible to check that it has been uploaded correctly).

Should the MRF be originally submitted with an incorrect Match Result, the Home Team shall be liable to a fine.

Should the MRF have not been submitted (or has been submitted, but with an incorrect Match Result), the submission / correction must be received no later than **11:59pm on Tuesday** after that TVCL Match, otherwise the Home Team will be deducted **5 Penalty Points**.

*(Additionally, if a TVCL Match is to be Cancelled (Forfeited) prior to the fixture, the MRF should be submitted as soon as possible by either Team, but it is the **Home Team** which is responsible to ensure that this has been submitted prior to this deadline.)*

- 10.3) Following the conclusion of a TVCL Match, except in the instances of a Cancelled Match, the following reports must be submitted by no later than **11:59pm on Tuesday** after that TVCL Match:
- The **Home Team** must complete and submit a Match Scorecard ("MSC").
 - Both **Home & Away Teams** must complete and submit a Captain's Form ("CF").

Should either the MSC or the CF have not been submitted by the following weeks **11:59pm Tuesday** deadline the Team responsible will, in addition to the fine, be deducted **5 Penalty Points**.

Separately or in addition, should any “UNKNOWN” players remain on the MSC after a further weeks Tuesday deadline, **Each Team** still with “UNKNOWN” players, will be deducted **5 Penalty Points**, and shall be referred to PESC as a deemed breach of Player Eligibility rules for selecting an ineligible player.

- 10.4) In Divisions 1 to 4, except for a Cancelled Match, both **Home & Away Team Captains** shall each separately assess the performance of the Panel Umpires standing and must submit the electronic “Umpire Assessment (WTU)” performance report by no later than **11:59pm on Tuesday** after that TVCL Match.

Important note – the report is only required to be completed for Panel Umpire appointments (Note: some panel umpires occasionally stand as club rather than panel umpires in lower Divisions. On these occasions they will be listed as a ‘club umpire’ on the ‘Umpire Appointments from WTU’ page on TVCL16 and will not appear on appointments on WTU. An assessment is not required in these cases.) (WTU = WhosTheUmpire).

- 10.5) Panel Umpires shall complete and submit the Umpires’ Form (“UF”) at the end of each TVCL match to assess various criteria including Knowledge and Discipline (both Captains), Team Discipline (both Teams), Outfield, Pitch, Umpire Facilities, and Hospitality. Each of these should initially be given a mark of 3 (in the middle of the range of 1 and 5) and then any deductions made where the Umpires observe shortcomings, or additions for good behaviour etc.
- 10.6) A fine of **£20** will be levied against the Member Club for each and every infringement of Match Rules 10.2, 10.3a, 10.3b and 10.4 by its Teams, and will be payable by invoice (TVCL Constitution 5.6).

11. MATCH RESULTS AND POINTS

11.1) Match Result definitions

Each Team's position in their Divisional Table shall be determined by reference to the total number of Match Points and Bonus Points it gains during the TVCL Season base on these Result types.

Match Result Definitions	
Win <i>(Traditional)</i>	When one Team bowls out the other Team for less runs than it scored in the first innings, or when one Team scores more runs than the other Team achieved in the first innings.
Tie <i>(Traditional)</i>	When the scores are level at the completion of the Match Duration regardless of how many wickets have been lost by the team batting second.
Draw <i>(Traditional)</i>	When the Team batting second is not "all out" and has not scored more, or the same, number of runs than the Team batting first, provided that all the available overs were completed.
Win <i>(Win/Lose)</i>	The Team that scores more runs in their innings (as maybe adjusted by DLS / ARR or Penalty Runs) than the other Team.
Tie <i>(Win/Lose)</i>	When the scores are level (or 1 less than the Target or Revised Target Score) at the completion of the match regardless of how many wickets have been lost by the team batting second.
Loss	Should the other Team achieve a Win.
Abandoned	When play had started, however little, and where neither Team were able to achieve a Win or a Tie due to the scheduled overs not being able to be completed due to adverse playing conditions.
Cancelled	Should there have been no play whatsoever.

11.2) Match Points

Traditional Match Result	Match Points	Bonus Points Available
Win	25	No
Tie	15 (each)	No
Draw or Loss	0	Yes
Abandoned	7 (each) *	Yes *
Cancelled (Washout)	7 (each)	No
Cancelled (Forfeited)	25 ‡ (for the opposing Team)	No

Win/Lose Match Result	Match Points	Bonus Points Available
Win	22	No
Tie	15 (each)	No
Loss	0	Yes
Abandoned	7 (each) *	Yes *
Cancelled (Washout)	7 (each)	No
Cancelled (Forfeited)	22 ‡ (for the opposing Team)	No

* For Abandoned TVCL Matches, each Team shall be awarded a minimum of 7 Match Points. However, should a Team have achieved more than 7 Bonus Points, then that Team shall be awarded that number of Bonus Points only and zero Match Points.

‡ Exception for Cancelled (Forfeited) TVCL Matches: The Opposing Team shall only be awarded 7 Match Points for a Cancelled (Forfeited) result, when ALL the Remaining Fixtures in that Division have a Match Result of either “Abandoned” or “Cancelled (Washout)”. Remaining Fixtures excludes cancellations due to Match Rule 3.5 as well as any Cancelled (Forfeited) results in that Division.

11.3) **Bonus Points**

Traditional Match - Bonus Points							
Total Runs Scored	Points (Batting First)	Points (Batting Second)	Total Wickets Taken	Points (Bowling First)	Total Wickets Taken	Points (Bowling Second)	
100	2	1	2	1	2	1	
125	4	2	4	2	4	2	
150	6	3	6	3	6	3	
175	8	4	8	4	8	4	
200	10	5	10	5	9	5	

Note: 5 Bowling Bonus Points shall be awarded to the bowling Team, when a batting Team is “All Out” even if the batting Team has fewer than eleven players.

Win/Lose Match - Bonus Points			
Total Runs Scored	Points Batting	Total Wickets Taken	Points Bowling
75	1	1	1
100	2	3	2
125	3	5	3
150	4	7	4
175	5	8	5
200	6	9	6

Note: 6 Bowling Bonus Points shall be awarded to the bowling Team, when a batting Team is “All Out” even if the batting Team has fewer than ten players.

11.4) **Alternative Arrangements**

In the event of a Team being unable to play a TVCL Match owing to restrictions imposed for example because of foot and mouth disease, no Match Points shall be awarded to either Team. The final positions in any Division where such a Cancellation occurs, for example shall be determined by the Management Committee on an average Points per match basis, by dividing the total number of Points gained by a Team by the number of TVCL Matches played not affected by foot and mouth restrictions.

12. CANCELLED (FORFEITED) FIXTURES

- 12.1) In the event of a Member Club being unable to fulfil all its Teams fixtures on any day due to a lack of availability, the playing of the highest Level/Divisional fixture(s), inclusive of the HCPCL, shall always take precedence.

If this rule is breached, all lower Teams of that Member Club shall also forfeit their Matches. The offending Member Club may also be subject to further disciplinary action by the Management Committee upon review.

- 12.2) Should a Member Club need to forfeit a Match, the opposing Team will be awarded Match Points for a Cancelled (Forfeited) result subject to Match Rule 11.2. The Team that forfeits the Match shall be penalised with a **5 Penalty Points** deduction on every occasion.

- 12.3) The Member Club forfeiting a TVCL Match shall first notify the Opposing Team and receive acknowledgement. Subsequently they shall notify the relevant Divisional Results Secretary without delay that the fixture has been forfeited. The Home Team shall also submit the result on the Match Result Form without delay.

- 12.4) **However, in addition**, if a TVCL Match is forfeited after **10:00pm on Wednesday** prior to that Saturday (or within an equivalent period prior to a fixture arranged for any other day), the Member Club that forfeits the TVCL Match shall have a further **5 Penalty Points** deducted at the absolute discretion of the Management Committee. The offending Team may also be subject to further disciplinary action by the Management Committee upon review.

Failure to notify the Opposing Team (and Divisional Result Secretary) without delay of the decision to forfeit a TVCL Match shall render the offending Member Club liable to a fine of **£20** and additionally the need to reimburse the Opposing Team all reasonable costs incurred. Any disputes as to costs are to be resolved by the Management Committee.

Note: any travel expenses so incurred by an Away Team will be based on 4 cars travelling the distance between their Home club and the Venue.

- 12.5) Should any Team forfeit a TVCL Match on **FIVE** occasions in the same TVCL Season, the Member Club will need to re-apply to the Management Committee before the 31st October for that Team to be considered for entry in the League for the following Season.

Additionally, should any Team forfeit a TVCL Match on **SEVEN** occasions in the same TVCL Season, the Management Committee may withdraw that Team from the League with immediate effect.

- 12.6) If a Member Club fails to honour a TVCL Match for any reason, excluding the whole process described in Clause 13, which is not considered satisfactory by the Management Committee then the opposing Team will be awarded Match Points for a Cancelled (Forfeited) result subject to Match Rule 11.2.

Note: Except in exceptional circumstances a Team will be deemed to have failed to honour a TVCL Match where that Team are not ready, have not arrived and prepared to commence the TVCL Match by the Latest Start Time as listed in Match Rule 13.1. In such circumstances only after that time has passed may the game be declared as "Cancelled (Forfeited)" by the Opposing Team.

13. CANCELLED (WASHOUT) MATCHES

13.1) TVCL Match shall commence no later than the Latest Start Times as shown in the table below:

Format	1:00pm Starts	12:30pm Starts
Win/Lose Matches	4:30pm	4:00pm
Traditional Matches	3:22pm	2:52pm

13.2) The Home Team shall make every effort to ensure the Fitness of the Ground ready for the original Start Time, and shall continue to do so up and until the Latest Start Time. Venues with Pitch Covers shall ensure that they are used ahead of any inclement weather. Mopping equipment is also recommended to be made available.

13.3) TVCL Matches shall not be called off due to a lack of Fitness of the Ground (caused by the weather) prior to the Latest Start Time applicable, except when:

A. Between 8am & 12pm: The Home Team can advise the Away Team not to travel due to adverse conditions, but that they must offer the Away Team the chance to travel to inspect the ground conditions for themselves. Should the Away Team agree that no play shall be possible that day, and decline to travel, the Home Team shall submit the Match Result Form as a Cancelled (Washout) once they have received that confirmation.

If the Away Team advise that they wish to travel (continue to travel), then the Match cannot be deemed Cancelled until after the Away Team Captain arrives at the Venue for an inspection.

B. After 12pm: Should one Panel Umpire or in the absence of any Panel Umpire, one TVCL Registered Club Umpire, deem that no play at all shall be possible before the Latest Start Time, then they shall determine that the Match is to be deemed a Cancelled (Washout), and will notify both Captains accordingly.

C. After 12pm, in the absence of either a Panel or TVCL Registered Club Umpire, the Captains alone are responsible for any decision.

i) Should both Captains agree, then the Match can be decided as a Cancelled (Washout) at that time.

ii) However, should either of the Home or Away Captains believe that the match can commence by the Latest Start Time, then the Match may NOT be cancelled until that Latest Start Time.

(Note: If the Toss has not yet taken place, the decision shall be taken 15 minutes before the Latest Start Time)

In the event that Both Captains have not agreed to deem the Match as Cancelled prior to the Latest Start Time (where there is no Panel or TVCL Registered Club Umpire present), if a Team only has 5 (or less) players at the Venue to commence the Match at that Latest Start Time, then that Team shall be deemed to have Forfeited the Match.

D. Otherwise, if the none of A, B or C are fulfilled, and where no play has commenced at all due to a lack of Fitness of the Ground (caused by the weather) by the Latest Start Time, then the Match

shall only then be declared as Cancelled (Washout) because the minimum Match Duration cannot be completed.

- 13.4) To note, at all times, the consideration of the fitness of the ground for play shall be strictly controlled by the application of the Laws of Cricket. The potential weather forecast shall not be applied by either the Umpires or Captains when making any such decision.

14. THE TOSS, TEAM SHEETS & BALLS

14.1) The Toss:

The Captains, and any Umpires, shall meet normally 30 minutes prior to the start time, for the Toss to be made. All Member Clubs are reminded that Captains need to introduce themselves to Umpires, whether Panel or Club appointed, upon their arrival.

The Toss shall not commence until the Pitch has been prepared and marked by the Grounds Authority. However, in the event that the Pitch is altered for any reason after the Toss, but before the TVCL Match has commenced, then the Umpires shall arrange for a new Toss to take place, and the commencement of the TVCL Match to be delayed accordingly.

In the event of the Toss being delayed due to the late arrival of players (not the weather), then once a minimum of 7 players from both Teams have arrived at the Venue, then the Toss must commence without further delay even if the designated Captain has not yet arrived. Play should then commence within 15 minutes of the delayed Toss.

14.2) The Balls:

The Home Team at all Divisions shall provide the following and they must be available for inspection and approval by any Umpires and both Captains not later than at the meeting for the Toss:

- A) 2 new TVCL balls
- B) At least 6 spare TVCL standard balls of variable use and wear.

In the event that the Home Team does not have 2 new TVCL (same or better grade) balls available, the TVCL Match may continue with lower grade balls, should Umpires and both Captains agree, but the Home Team will forfeit the Toss.

14.3) The Team Sheet:

A Team Sheet shall be completed before the Toss is made as required by the Laws.

No player may be changed on the Team Sheets after their submission without the consent of the opposing Captain. Once the TVCL Match has started, no changes are permitted.

In Divisions 1-3, a Team Sheet shall be completed on official cards provided by the Management Committee and submitted to the Panel Umpires before the toss is made. In the absence of Panel or Club Umpires, the Team Sheets are to be exchanged between the Captains.

Prior to the commencement of the TVCL Match, any Umpires must be notified by each Captain as to the age group of all players participating who are in the Under 19 age group or younger irrespective whether the player is a fast bowler or not. This requirement also covers any young player who may subsequently take to the field as a substitute fielder.

14.4) Drink Breaks:

Drink Breaks will be agreed by both of the Captains, with any Umpires, at the meeting for the Toss.

1) In Traditional Matches normally:

- Following the 26th over of the first innings.
- Following the 24th over of the second innings.

2) In Win/Lose Matches normally in the mid-point of either innings.

Umpires, in the interest of time, may call the drinks break early should there be a fall of a wicket in the preceding over.

In the event of hotter weather, a 2nd drinks breaks may be agreed for each innings. Umpires will factor in sufficient additional time to cover such additional drinks intervals with regards to any Over Rate calculation.

14.5) Last Over:

Umpires shall call the last scheduled over of each innings and ensure that the call is understood by the batsmen in possession, the Captain of the fielding Team and by the Scorers.

14.6) Tea Interval:

Up to 30 minutes shall be allowed for the Tea Interval between innings, or at a time agreed by both Umpires, or by both Captains in the absence of Umpires.

The Home Team shall provide, at its own cost, a beverage such as Tea, Coffee or Squash etc. for both Teams and Officials (Umpires, Scorers and D/L Managers).