



This season MCCL matches will be played using the 2019 regulations:

www.middlesexccl.com/uploads/WebConsitution2019Final.pdf

With the amendments listed below:

AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE RULES AND PLAYING CONDITIONS FOR 2020

1. Following the vote of the Clubs and the Government's decision to allow recreational cricket to resume, the League Executive has exercised its power under Rule C2j and made the following amendments to the League rules and playing conditions in order to facilitate cricket in the shorter season in compliance with Government and ECB guidelines in respect of Covid-19.
2. The Rules and Playing Conditions for 2019 shall apply with the following exceptions.

Structure of the League

3. In line with the vote of the Clubs, there will be no promotion and relegation for 2021 based on the results of the 2020 season.
4. This document applies to 1st and 2nd XI cricket only. Work is continuing on the format of cricket at 3rd Tier level.

Registration

5. The amendment to the Rules that was signalled and agreed in principle at the 2019 AGM will apply, so as to give the Executive more flexibility to impose penalties in the event of transgression. The Executive will act flexibly and sympathetically if any Club genuinely is adversely affected by Covid-19 related incidents.
6. In addition, the final deadline for registration of players for the 2020 season in Rule F24 shall be amended from 31 July to 31 August.

Incentive for providing 2nd XI umpires and extension of DLS to all 1st XI cricket

7. These measures will not be implemented for 2020. DLS will apply in the Premier Division only.

Fixtures

8. Fixtures for Weeks 11-18 will take place as originally published. Fixtures for Week 10 (11 July) will now be played in new Week 19, 12 September. Any Club whose ground is not available on 12 September must advise Nick Brown by 1800 hours on Thursday 16 July. The match will be moved to another date (not a Saturday) to be agreed by the Clubs and approved by the Executive. The date of the match shall be any time before 12 September; it shall be fixed by 25 July at the latest.

Playing conditions

9. All matches will be limited overs format according to the 2019 playing conditions. So Premier Division games will be of 50 overs' duration per side played in coloured kit with a pink ball; and other 1st XI divisions and all 2nd XI divisions will be of 45 overs' duration per side played in whites with a red ball.

10. The ECB's guidelines on guarding against Covid-19 (see https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/6/4/1/7/6/files/672476_ecb-return-to-cricket-plan-in-step-4_july2020_007.pdf?utm_campaign=11632775_23062020_RecGame_update&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Email_AdHoc&email=0xD7B2156074AF2447D726DF62313946954D4F9BEC1D9FC4B2236A965EA5D9C73C&dm_i=1FT6,6XBWN,7G0ASW,RUD11,1) will apply. In particular the Fielding Captain shall be responsible for sanitising the ball after every 20 minutes or 6 overs (whichever comes first). Umpires have been instructed to allow two minutes for every sanitisation break other than where a drinks break is taken at the same time.

11. All players must adhere to the social distancing guidelines; and must not apply saliva or sweat to the ball or share equipment. Bowlers wishing to discard items of kit must personally place such items at least one metre clear of the boundary. Players wilfully or repeatedly contravening the guidelines may be regarded by the umpires as having committed an offence under Law 41 or 42 and disciplined accordingly.

12. In order to comply with the guidance on sharing equipment, the requirement in the Premier Division to provide hard copy DLS sheets for captains and umpires is suspended for 2020. However, the tables should be sent to captains and umpires by electronic means (e-mail or WhatsApp) instead as agreed by them on the day of the match.

13. The requirement to produce signed team cards is also suspended for 2020. However, teams will be required to furnish the names of their teams electronically (e-mail, WhatsApp or text) to the umpires before the toss. Those supplying the information will be regarded as having signed the usual printed ECB card.

14. As the various protection measures against Covid-19 will inevitably make the game last longer than normal, starting times will be adjusted as follows:

<i>Week</i>	<i>Premier Division</i>	<i>All other divisions</i>
11-17 (18 July – 29 August)	1130	1200
18 (5 September)	1100	1130
19 (12 September)	1030	1100

Umpires' Panel

15. The Umpires' Panel will do its utmost to appoint two umpires to every 1st XI League game. However, it is possible that there may be a few matches in the lower divisions with only one panel umpire. If an umpire feels unwell and, in line with the Covid-19 guidelines, needs to withdraw from a match, the Panel will do its best to rearrange and cover. However, there may be occasions where the withdrawal is at such short notice that this cannot be achieved.

Contingency Plans

16. The Executive reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in the event of changes to Government or ECB guidelines.

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Further Amendment

16. In all delayed or interrupted matches where the number of overs to be received by each side requires to be adjusted, all calculations shall be based on one over for every 4 minutes rather than one over for every 3.75 minutes. This is to allow for the time taken for sanitisation breaks to be taken into account; and no further time allowances for sanitisation breaks will be made in these circumstances.