

Introduction

The possible change to a 'silo' structure was not well received by those who attended the pre-SGM meeting on Monday (approx. 15 clubs)

On reflection, we do not think that we presented the high level pros and cons clearly enough (or with no intended bias) in advance of the pre-SGM meeting.

To note: the Management Committee is not advocating either staying with the mixed format or moving to the silo hybrid format. Just that we are giving you the choice to review and agree what you believe 'now' is appropriate for the future.

As per our mandate from the AGM, we are presenting two ways to accommodate the feeder league and then letting you the clubs decide. We would like all our Member Clubs to ponder this subject from both perspectives, even if only to cement your views and then vote accordingly at the SGM.

In brief summary on the next page, we have listed what we see are the Advantages of each option.

Advantages of Each Structure

Advantages of staying with the Mixed structure:

- The current structure currently works. “If it ain’t broke then don’t fix it”
- The divisions can be deemed more competitive for the current strengths of Member Club teams.
- The only ‘stale’ division is the HCPCL Premier Division at the top of the pyramid.
- There is more scope for playing against different clubs and on different grounds each year.
- Currently ‘where possible’ can allow for regionalisation up to Level 4.
- Some other leagues that use the pure Silo structure are considering switching to the mixed structure for the reasons set out above.

Advantages of changing to the Silo “Hybrid” structure:

- Aim is to create a distinct single aspirational pathway for all clubs and restore the primacy of 1st XI cricket.
- It would remove the future possibility of 2nd XIs getting stuck at the top of Level 1 (and 3rd XIs getting stuck at the top of Level 2 or 3).
- It would remove the ‘structural restriction’ that currently exists at the top of Level 2 (where only the Champion can be promoted from A & B), though adds a potential restriction at Level 5.
- By restoring the primacy of 1st XI cricket, the League Structure may in future help smaller/medium sized clubs keep their best 1st XI players rather than losing them to bigger clubs’ lower XIs (and QED to survive the current downturn in participation).
- It would allow in future for Match Rules, Player Eligibility + Grading & Standards to be targeted more easily than in a Mixed Structure where you need to cater for the differing capabilities in the same Division.

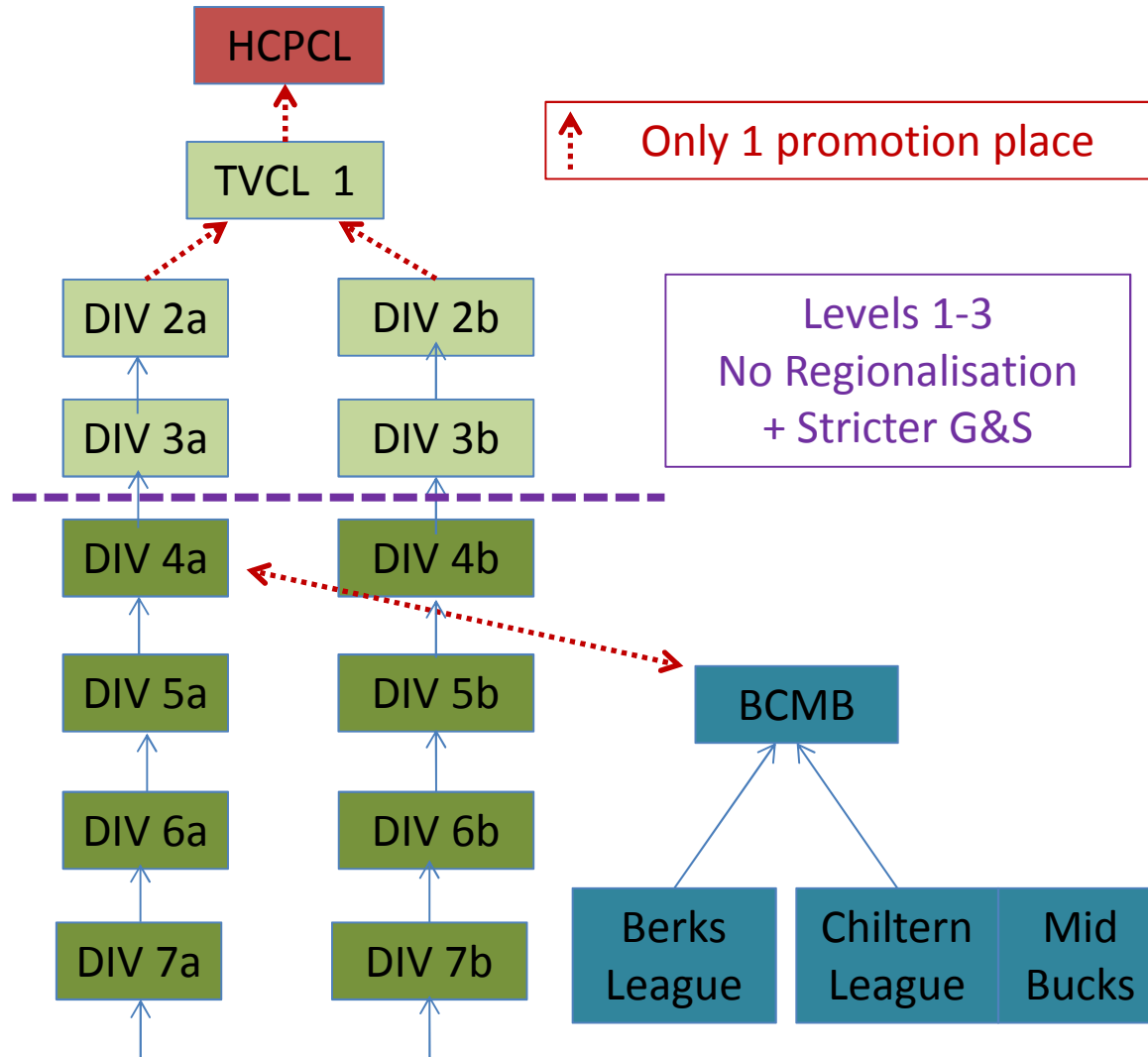
TVCL SGM Structure Proposal

Following the League Expansion project, and now with the introduction of our own underlying Feeder Link League as approved at the AGM, we currently have the opportunity & critical mass to review our structure and confirm for the future:

- Option 1 – is the default solution where the Feeder links into Level 4 of the current Mixed Structure. To vote for (to retain) this structure option – vote ‘No’.
- Option 2 – is the alternative Hybrid Structure to enable the creation of a ‘non-mixed’ 1st XI pathway, fed by the BCMB and a TVCL Mixed lower structure. To vote for this change – vote ‘Yes’.

{Option 2 requires a 67% majority for change}.

SGM(1): Feeder into Mixed Structure

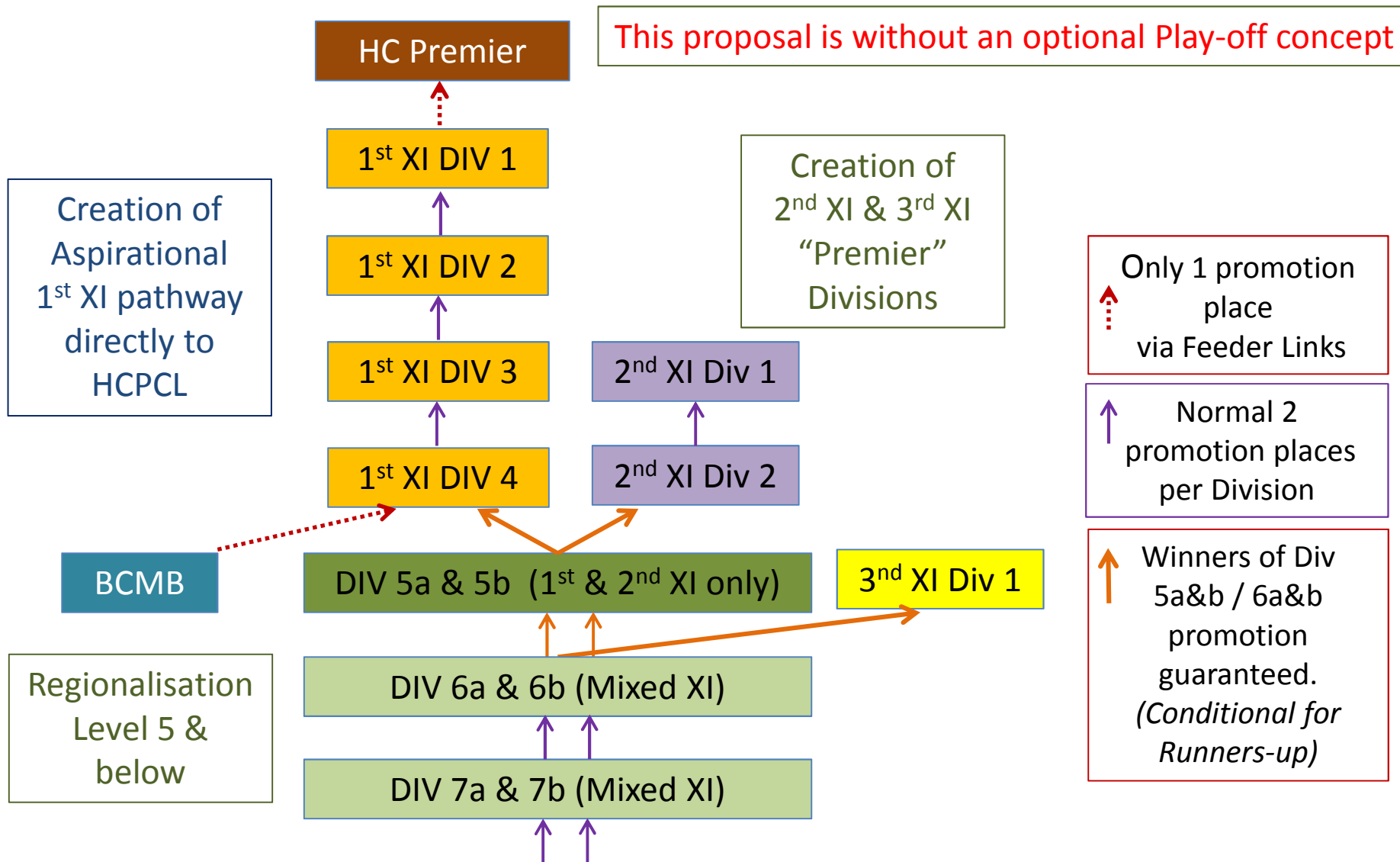


Standard* Relegation of:
5 Teams from Level 4

Standard* Promotion of:
4 Teams from Level 5
+
1 Team from BCMB

(*subject to HCPCL & BCMB
eligibility)

SGM(2): Feeder into Hybrid Structure



Addition to Format of the League

Following the positive vote at the AGM, there is now a requirement to add a new Clause to Format of the League confirming the arrangements, regardless of the structure option selected.

Therefore, a new clause 3 will be inserted as follows (& subsequent clause re-numbered accordingly).

3. FEEDER LINK WITH THE BCMB

3.1) The champion (or runner-up) of the Berkshire, Chilterns & Mid Bucks League (“BCMB”) shall be eligible for an invitation into the TVCL for the next season.

3.2) For any BCMB 1st XI to be eligible for promotion to the TVCL they must meet the gradings and standards set out by the TVCL. The Management Committee’s decision on the eligibility of BCMB Clubs to join the TVCL will be final and not subject to appeal.

3.3) Should their champion be deemed eligible, they shall be invited to join for the following season. They have the option to decline the invitation.

3.4) Should the champion not be eligible or decline the invitation, provided that their runner-up is deemed eligible the invitation will be extended to them.

3.5) If neither champion or runner-up are eligible or accept the invitation, no other team will be promoted. The lack of promotion will not impact any BCMB XI’s that may be due for relegation.

3.6) The BCMB 1st XI accepted into the TVCL shall be deemed as an Associate Member and subject to the rules and regulations of the TVCL. Their team shall be placed into Level 4 of the TVCL structure.

3.7) With reference to the table in clause 2.4, if no BCMB Team is due for relegation from Level 4 in any season, but there is an eligible invitation, then the number of Teams relegated from Level 4 & below shall be increased by 1. Conversely, if no BCMB XI is due to enter, but there is a relegation, the number of promotions from Level 5 & below shall be increased by 1 accordingly.

3.8) Once a BCMB 1st XI has entered the TVCL championship they will be subject to the promotion and relegation rules within the TVCL championship. Only should they be due to be relegated from Level 4, would they then return to the BCMB.