



THAMES VALLEY CRICKET LEAGUE



Established in 1972, The Marrant Thames Valley Cricket League is an important component of the ECB Premier League structure

TVCL 2021 - Live Streaming Protocol – All Divisions

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1. The Club filming the game must obtain prior approval from BOTH Teams (and BOTH Panel Umpires if any) – at least 24 hours prior to the Match commencing, though ideally as soon as possible.
2. ECB Safe Hands Management Protocols MUST be followed – Parental consent received as maybe needed for such players (from both Teams).

(With the increasing prevalence of Live Streaming, we would recommend that Clubs ensure that all their Players have given such consent now, and at the beginning of each season, so as to remove any doubts/checks required on a case by case basis. A consent from any Umpires similarly would be practical)

3. Signs must be clearly situated to inform Spectators that there is filming taking place.
4. Cameras can be located in any position including on the sight screen, subject to any Home ground regulations and agreement with the umpires operating in that Division.
5. Re-confirm / ensure all permissions and signage are in place at the Toss before the match, prior to any filming commencing. If any Party refuses at the Toss – then no filming can be conducted.
6. **Use of Live Streaming Footage to argue any Umpiring decisions is forbidden.**

We cannot allow for Umpires to be denigrated or matches to be disrupted in any form by the intervention of players (or spectators) citing errors or perceived errors based on amateur video-evidence.

All Umpires in all Divisions are instructed that they must make their decisions based solely on what they see on the field; and that in no circumstances should they look at video replays during the Match.

Any player(s) who have been deemed by the Panel Umpires (or a TVCL Registered Club Umpire) to have disrupted a TVCL match with a request to review video footage will be cited with a Level 3 disciplinary offence (e.g. a 4 Match Ban). Captains will be held responsible for any such action from their clubs' spectators as well as their own players.

A disciplinary offence will still be able to be applied even after the Match has finished whilst the Umpire is at the Venue, should the Umpires be confronted by players or spectators "at the bar" with any such video footage to challenge their decisions made during the Match.

However once the Match has finished, the Umpires can at their sole discretion, request to review any footage after the Match as a development tool or to help them to compile reports.

7. TVCL's Social Media Policy must be fully observed at all times with the regards to Publication by a Club of clips of the Live Streaming Footage. Any such footage and commentary which calls into doubt the decision made by an Umpire shall be subject to a minimum 10 point penalty for that Clubs Team and maybe subject to further disciplinary action.
8. Clubs are responsible for the actions of their Participants. In the event of any Disciplinary cases caught on camera, the footage may be used (for or against you).