



Umpires Sub-Committee and Panel

Season 2016 will see the Umpires Sub-Committee ("USC") organise the Umpires Panel for as many TVCL Matches as possible in the top 3 Levels. Special appointments for particular matches can be made, either at the request of a Member Club, or at the Management Committee's discretion if Umpires are available. In 2016 Umpires will be supplied to Division 3A.

Member Clubs are urged to provide good and separate facilities for Umpires, whether Panel appointed or otherwise.

The TVCL Appointments Officer will use www.whostheumpire.com ("WTU"), the ECB approved electronic notification system, to notify panel umpires of their appointments. Captains will receive an email approximately 5 days before each fixture giving details of the appointed Panel Umpires. Captains can also access WTU to view appointments for their Teams at any time during the season. Contact numbers for individual Panel Umpires are listed in the handbook and on the TVCL website.

Captains must individually mark panel umpires standing in matches in any Division. Captains are required to do so by completing the Captains Umpire Assessment form on WTU by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday following the match. A separate form is required from each captain for each umpire.

The information submitted in these forms will be available to be viewed by the umpires, County Performance Officers and the TVCL Appointments Officer. The marks are analysed and acted upon to ensure that due standards are maintained.

Member Clubs are informed of umpiring expenses prior to the start of each season and must make these expenses available before the start of play. For the 2016 Season this remains at £40 per match for each appointed Panel Umpire. As per Match Rule 7.6, it is the responsibility of the Home Team to pay Panel Umpires in Divisions 1, 2A & 2B. In Division 3A each side is to pay one umpire. Beyond that, it is the requesting Club which pays the Panel Umpire, whether playing at Home or Away.

For cancelled matches, please refer to Match Rule 7.7, if any match is cancelled after the arrival of the umpires (but prior to the start), then they will be entitled to half the expenses payable. It is expected that Panel Umpires should try to make contact with the Home Captain before travelling if the weather is poor and play is in doubt.

Panel Umpires together make a single report on ground, facilities, pitch conditions, behaviour and attitude of players, captaincy and over rates. These also assist the Management Committee to ensure that adequate overall standards are being maintained. The USC is reluctant to appoint Panel Umpires to grounds where facilities, including changing accommodation and showers, are considered to be inadequate.

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Procedure for Handling Incidents of Poor Performance by Non-Panel Umpires

Below is a general guideline to be applied to all Club Umpires (other than "player umpires") in TVCL Matches where Panel Umpires are not standing:

1. Member Clubs are advised of the need to ensure that their appointed Club Umpires are fully advised of the Laws of Cricket and that they can be reasonably expected to work at all times within the Spirit of Cricket.
2. In the event that any captain has a need to make a complaint about a particular Club Umpire, they should be reported as soon as possible to the TVCL Secretary in writing.
3. Following a first report of a complaint, the D&C Sub-committee will talk to the Member Club about the possibility of any remedial action.
4. Should there be a second similar complaint from another Member Club, the D&C Sub-committee may ban that Club Umpire concerned from standing in future TVCL Matches until remedial attention has been undertaken by their Member Club.
5. The Member Club will be responsible for sending their Club Umpire to an appropriate umpire training course, and the Club Umpire will be expected to take and pass any examination associated with that course.
6. Once the D&C Sub-committee have received proof that the relevant examination has been passed, the Club Umpire will immediately be informed that they are eligible to stand in TVCL Matches again.