



THAMES VALLEY CRICKET LEAGUE



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

TVCL Social Media Policy

From time to time, the Management Committee becomes aware of comments made publicly (primarily on social media these days), which can be deeply disrespectful to clubs, teams, players, umpires and individuals within the TVCL community. The Management Committee therefore wishes to remind all Member Clubs of the following clauses in our Discipline & Complaints Procedure:

At all times:

*2.1.8. Participants shall not make any public or media comment which is detrimental to the TVCL or about Member Clubs and Umpires participating in TVCL Matches. In this instance, media shall include press, radio, television, external websites, club websites, social networking sites and club match day programmes. **Member Clubs are responsible alone for Participants commentary not directly related to TVCL organised activities.***

2.1.9. Participants shall not subsequently disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this Code outside of these procedures.

2.1.10. Member Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of its Participants.

To be clear, the Management Committee will take no action should the negative comments not be directly related to a TVCL Match. E.g. any other organised cricket fixture by other leagues/competitions or between the clubs themselves is not within the TVCL's remit of responsibility.

Should any Participants not "think twice" before quoting / posting any potentially defamatory remarks in public media, then this could lead to them being subject to a breach of the TVCL's Code of Conduct.

Furthermore, if such is witnessed, we strongly advise all member clubs and players to not engage in further escalating the issue and to refrain from further Social Media posts on that thread so as not to also become the subject of disciplinary action.

The Management Committee expects each Member Club to make all their Members/Participants aware of this prohibition on derogatory commentary in public media. Should anyone experience a justified incident within or related to a TVCL Match, ideally Member Clubs can resolve any such disputes themselves. However, only if this is not possible, it needs to be raised within the formal Complaint process to the TVCL (email/letter in writing), and not debated online.