

Men's Section Committee Handbook - Appendix H

League Administration

The Section Committee will administer the league squads according to the following policy (as sanctioned by the Management Committee April 2013). This policy has been introduced in order to provide a fair and open policy for the administration of league and competition squads:

1. The Section Committee will select the members for each league squad.
2. All playing members will be considered for selection by the Section Committee.
3. The Section Committee will select the members in order to attain the strongest squad.
4. Where there is more than one squad in the same league, the higher squad(s) will be limited to the minimum workable number required.
5. Where there is more than one squad, the higher squad(s) will be selected in order to form the stronger squad but consideration will be given to ensure the lower squad(s) is(are) viable.
6. The Men's Section Committee will consider the selection of members in their first year of membership for league and competition squads based upon experience and ability.
7. The Team Captain will be responsible for selecting the teams for each fixture.
8. Every member of the squad will be selected to play, where practicable, an equal number of fixtures.
9. The nominated reserve will be expected to travel with the squad to the fixture.
10. The nominated reserve will where practicable be selected to play the following week.

Notes on League Administration

Item (4)

- It is important to note that members registered for a higher team can not play for a lower team.
- Experience has shown that a team of 12 players is easily workable but it may be possible to run with fewer. The optimum number of players for any team will depend on the availability and commitment of the players.
- Currently members of a lower team may be called up to play for a higher team. There is no limit on the number called up for a particular match but any member may only be called up twice in a season in order to remain in the lower team.
- If a member plays for a higher team on a third occasion that member must then be re-registered with that higher team.
- When deciding the number of players to form the A-Team due regard needs to be taken to avoid frequent 'transfer' of players thus avoiding de-stabilising the lower team(s) and excessive administrative overhead for the team captains.
- However, at the beginning of the season it is feasible to register the minimum number (10) of players for the higher team(s) whilst allowing 'ring-fenced' stronger players to play for the lower team(s). During the first few weeks the ring-fenced players can be 'played-up' on three occasions and then re-registered with the higher team.

Item (6)

- Assessment of experience and ability of prospective new members will normally be made at the initial interview with the Captains. Prospective new members who are not County bowlers could be advised to provide a 'referee'. The referee could be an experienced member of MEBC who would then be able to make the assessment.

Item (9)

- If a member of a team drops out before the match it is not always appropriate for the Travelling Reserve to be selected in his place.
- The league rules state that travelling reserves are not permitted to stand in for a 'Skip' during a match.

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Availability and team Declaration

To help maintain player availability throughout the season the Men's Section Committee will:

- Ensure team members are surveyed for their availability for all the fixtures in the season.
- In order to make best use of the 'Play up Rule', where there are two or more teams in the same league a combined minimum workable number of players will be selected to play in the League and asked for their availability for all the league fixtures at the same time.
- It will be essential to emphasise that players will not normally play more than once per week in that league.
- The Section Committee will select the members for each league team and ring-fence players in the lower team(s) to play for the higher team(s) when needed.
- Before the start of the season the Team captains will circulate a provisional list of players for all the fixtures.
- The provisional list of players will include where possible at least two reserves for each fixture.
- The formal team sheet will be displayed on the notice board when possible two weeks in advance of each fixture. Team members will be assigned rink and play positions.

Team names

Where there is more than one team in any league the County will label the teams as A, B, C etc.

Excess of players

Where there is an excess of members wanting to experience league match-play on a regular basis, the Men's Section Committee will create a squad of reserves. The Reserves will:

- a) Be expected to participate in training activities.
- b) Be occasionally offered the opportunity to play for the Kennet and KLX League teams.
- c) Where appropriate eventually be placed into a league squad.

Members who are available on a less regular basis and those who would be prepared to simply offer support when needed would be included on the reserve list.

Contact Details

It will be a condition of team membership that each team member will provide the team captains with the following information:

1. Landline number
2. Mobile number
3. Email address

These details will not be shared with other squad members.

Emails when circulated will be sent Blind Carbon Copy (Bcc).