



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Newsletter May 17, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Sorry there was no newsletter last week which was due to the fact we were waiting for the important announcements from the Government, the ECB and Sport England. In view of the amount of detail in each of those, it was felt that clubs would be suffering from information overload if we added a newsletter to that list of essential reading.

The document which has drawn most interest from clubs is the ECB guidance regarding outdoor net practice. It is important that those clubs who choose to introduce this follow the advice to ensure the health and safety of all participants.

The ECB advice was sent direct to all clubs but just in case you have not seen it or want to take a closer look, it can be found on the league website by following this link

https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2020/05/15/9fd6d8b4-cde2-4bf7-9cec-695f7d5a18ee/ECB_guidelines_return_to_activity_in_a_cricket_club_setting.pdf

Just by studying the detail involved for two people to take part in net practice shows the enormity of the challenge that lies ahead if the suspension of recreational cricket is to be lifted to allow any play this season.

It is to be hoped that the return of net practice is not seen as an indicator that we will be playing league cricket again soon. It is fair to say that as time passes that we feel increasingly pessimistic about the prospects for this season.

That does not mean we have given up hope, as we continue to work and evaluate the challenges that a return to playing cricket might bring. No individual or club will be compelled to take any action that puts at risk their health and well-being. When the time is right, we will consult with our clubs, players, umpires, scorers, and club officials if a date for the lifting of the suspension of recreational cricket emerges.

It is vitally important that as the Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League community remains united at this difficult and frustrating time. We must help and support each other as we need to maintain 48 financially viable clubs.

The league will continue to pass on advice on funding and urges every club to take full advantage of the various schemes they are eligible for.

We urge everybody to stay safe so that we maintain a strong and healthy Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League community.



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Support or sponsors and advertisers

We are pleased to report that our league sponsors Gordon Rigg Garden Home and Leisure have been able to re-open their garden centres at Walsden and Rochdale. With travel restrictions having been eased, this is an opportunity to show support for Gordon Rigg. They open from 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and 11am to 5pm on Sunday.

As a league we feel it is vitally important for the league community to support our sponsors and advertisers at what are clearly difficult times for them. We recently introduced a strap on the front page of the league website which links to the adverts of the companies who were due to have adverts in our league handbook. They are: All Rounder Cricket, Runswick Bay Cottages, PC Sports, Bespoke Scoreboards, ASK, Pennine Trophies, Thompson Davis, Stabler, Bedford Mowing Services, Mini Travel Executive, Cleckheaton Sports & Ray Spencer Photography,

An additional strap is now being added to all news content which provides users with the opportunity to link to the advertiser's website.

Let's support those companies that support us!

On-line umpiring course is game changer



We are pleased to report that the new on-line ECB ACO training courses for umpires and scorers have been a big hit and we urge all clubs to promote these strongly.

From your own home you can study at your own pace and ultimately help the Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League as there is always a shortage of umpires and scorers.

Attending a weekend or midweek course has often been claimed to be an obstacle to potential candidates, now that problem has been removed and there are no course fees too.

The three courses that have been released are Umpire Stage One, Basics of umpiring and Basics of scoring. The Umpire Stage One course is designed to give an overview of the basic Laws of the game and how to apply them and introduce the principles of field craft and match management.



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This course is an ideal introduction for new club umpires, a refresher for existing umpires and the first step for those who aspire to umpire at higher levels. To get started get your place at <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/fnqrf1>

The Basics of Umpiring course is aimed at club umpires who just need to know the key laws and basic field craft as well as those players who umpire 5 or 10 overs at the weekend.

To get started get your place at <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/jnqlsg>

Basics of Scoring is a course designed to provide you with all the skills needed to start scoring. It covers the basics of scoring a game of cricket such as scoring symbols, umpire signals, dismissals and gives a helpful overview of the Laws of the game.

To get started get your place at

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/c/express/b3ff5124-d7fd-4e6b-acb4-806ca3d33e56>

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History of the CYCL

The hunt is on for old records and lists of winners from the old Central Yorkshire League. We want to create a section within the league website to reflect the outstanding team and individual achievements. Wee looking for old handbooks, pictures and averages from past seasons. It is important that this material is not lost for ever.

Management Board member Peter Arundel is leading the project and would like to hear from former CYCL clubs and players who have information that could assist in the compilation of a league history. You can contact Peter by emailing; paparundel@gmail.com

In an effort to revive memories of the old CYCL, Peter Arundel are going to provide articles for the website on the top players they faced while playing in the competition.

Registration and Transfers

Whilst there is no cricket at the moment, we are now effectively approaching week six of the season and there are still clubs who have not completed their registrations on Play-Cricket. In fact, there are clubs who have not registered enough players for two teams.

We are also in receipt of some transfer forms which cannot be authorised because there is no record input on Play Cricket for these players.

We ask all Clubs to check their list of Registered players on Play Cricket and input any new registration or transfers at your earliest convenience.

In the event that we can start the season at some point during the summer, we would appreciate if clubs can work on getting their registrations up to date.

It was Mid-November when the training sessions were held, which gave clubs ample time to complete the work required during the winter months.

Each player registered with the League needs a valid photo on their record. Currently there are 186 registered players without a photo. On your club's workflow, it will show your registered players without a photo. If any club needs any assistance then email registrations@bradfordcl.com or philipradcliffe1106@gmail.com

We are aware that the vast majority of clubs are as up to date as possible and we sincerely thank these clubs for the efforts and support during the winter months

The League are here to support you if have any problems



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Please Remember

- 1 If your club has a problem or needs help please let us know.
- 2 Do not be afraid to speak up as hiding a problem can make the situation harder to resolve
- 3 Remember those members and followers of your clubs who are in the at-risk categories. Give them a call and offer help where you can.

Useful information

All of these documents are available on the league website.

[ECB guidance on the use of outdoor practice facilities](#)

[Funding advice from YCB Head of region Steve Archer](#)

[Sport England Club Matters advice May 1](#)

[ECB Emergency Funding for Clubs and Leagues](#)

[Emergency Community Funding](#)

[IOG Interim Pitch Advice](#)

[Business Support Advice](#)

[ECB Advice on Ground Maintenance](#)

[How to close down your beer dispensing system](#)

...and finally,

Enjoy the good weather and remember to ensure you keep yourself safe.

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