



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



**Newsletter April 12, 2020**

## **Dear Colleagues**

We hope you have all had a happy Easter and are staying safe and well during the current lockdown. Our league chairman David Young and secretary, Chris Leathley are continuing their recoveries, but both need more time to shake off the debilitating effects of Coronavirus. Both have appreciated the kind messages they have received from the league community. Understandably, neither is ready yet to resume their league duties, so we urge all clubs not to contact them until they are back to full health.

The past week was a quiet one in terms of announcements for clubs. The ECB issued their third Covid-19 update on Friday which was sent to all clubs. The document contained important advice on maintaining the security of club premises during the lockdown.

Over the next few days we expect the ECB to release details of how to apply for their club support funding and interest free loans. Clearly there will be a high level of demand nationally, so you are urged to act promptly once the advice is received.

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter a small group of league officials who are working on a number of scenarios aimed at getting as much competitive cricket played as possible if, and when, it is deemed safe to proceed. We have plans in place for starts in July, August and September.

Our aim is to provide all clubs with a guaranteed amount of cricket linked to whatever start date is finally deemed possible. To achieve this, we may need to amend the format of our knockout competitions and we have a number of proposals under consideration.

The key to everything is Government advice and the health and safety of everybody. Please stay safe, keep your club's future safe by taking advantage of the advice that is available, and let's defeat the impact of the virus on the game we all love.

## **Scorer training**

Following last week's newsletter, we were asked about training for those scorers who missed out on our final Play Cricket Scorer Pro session due to the lockdown. In order to help with scorer familiarity on PCS Pro (Laptop) and Play Cricket Scorer (Tablet and Phone) please see the Youtube links below

These give an insight into specific occurrences which can and will happen during a game. They should be used for refresher training for those who attended the courses and for those who have not yet attended it will give a flavour of the systems



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## **Play Cricket Scorer Pro (Laptop) 61 videos**

PCS Pro is **mandatory** for all first elevens games) and optional for 2nd eleven games)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB2Fxc0UsQQ&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bZv4yzzK5pDyYPPUxzt-vEh&utm\\_campaign=11462218\\_070420\\_Over%26Out&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Email\\_ACO&utm\\_content=PCS+Pro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB2Fxc0UsQQ&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bZv4yzzK5pDyYPPUxzt-vEh&utm_campaign=11462218_070420_Over%26Out&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Email_ACO&utm_content=PCS+Pro)

## **Play Cricket scorer (Tablet and Phone) 23 videos**

(optional for second eleven games)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02M3qgNgdBw&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bxLpZpNdGAejOyWbd-rTg5x&utm\\_campaign=11462218\\_070420\\_Over%26Out&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Email\\_ACO&utm\\_content=PCS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02M3qgNgdBw&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bxLpZpNdGAejOyWbd-rTg5x&utm_campaign=11462218_070420_Over%26Out&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Email_ACO&utm_content=PCS)

## **Insurance**

Would all those clubs who have not yet submitted a copy of their insurance certificate to the league please do so. This should have been sent in by March 31 so is now overdue. League Rule Nine states: *The Secretary of every club is responsible for ensuring that a copy of its current insurance certificate is forwarded to the League Secretary by March 31 each year. No Club will be allowed to fulfil fixtures until a valid certificate is produced. Each club must ensure that insurance provides adequate protection for its players, officials, and club umpires. The insurance must also cover clubs for public liability.*

## **Registrations and Transfers update**

There is still work to be done and we urge clubs to complete registrations and transfers on Play Cricket. As we reported last week, one club only has seven players registered and another has 14. They know who they are, and we hope they will up their game in the coming weeks. If you have any problems with registrations or transfers email [registrations@bradfordcl.com](mailto:registrations@bradfordcl.com)

## **Overseas players**

Thank you to those clubs that have confirmed to the league that they are no longer pursuing the signing of an overseas player. If your club is not continuing with the signing of an overseas player we need to know as we need to remove them from the list of potential signings. Contact [overseas@bradfordcl.com](mailto:overseas@bradfordcl.com)

## **Don't forget to let us know**

Communication is key during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

- 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.



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## Contact point

The first point of contact for league matters is currently Alan Birkinshaw, email: [editor@bradfordcl.com](mailto:editor@bradfordcl.com) Phone: 07758 8861632.

## Useful information

All of these documents are available on the league website.

[ECB Support Funding](#)

[Sport England Funding](#)

[IOG Interim Pitch Advice](#)

[Business Support Advice](#)

[ECB Advice on Ground Maintenance](#)

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

[ECB Update on Covid 19](#)

## ...and finally

Let's remember those elderly supporters of our clubs who live alone. A friendly phone call from a club official could mean so much to them at this time.

**Alan Birkinshaw** Communications & Data Officer.