



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



## Newsletter 6

The ECB held a meeting with the chairmen of all premier leagues this week. All leagues were advised to plan for a full season starting in April as usual.

There will be final confirmation when the Prime Minister confirms the relaxation of regulations allowing team sports to resume from 29 March. This announcement is due on 22 March.

We therefore intend to start as planned on Saturday 17 April. The season is expected to start under the same conditions as last season so all clubs should prepare accordingly.

Can we ask that your COVID risk assessments are updated as necessary and sent to the league secretary along with the name of your COVID officer by 10 April or before you play any game on your ground whichever is earlier.

In the case of clubs who did not play in 2020 it is essential they select a COVID officer and formulate a risk assessment.

The ECB will issue a detailed document after the announcement on 22 March.

We are very much looking forward to a full season of league, cup and T20 cricket, but we are also having to put in place rules which will determine what will happen in the event of Covid-19 curtailing the season.

The updated rules will be explained by Chief Executive Mark Heald at Thursday's AGM. Copies of these will be circulated to clubs and members of the Match Officials Association as well as being posted on the league website.

### **Priestley Shield**

The entry to this competition will be restricted to 32 teams. The 12 clubs in the Second Teams Premier Division are automatically entered but the remaining 20 places are open to applications from teams in the remaining three divisions.

The 20 places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and this is how the application process will work.

- 1 All clubs will receive a verbal reminder at Thursday's, AGM.
- 2 All clubs will receive an email on Friday, March 19 containing a link where they can make their entry.
- 3 The deadline for entries is midnight on Saturday, March 20 so clubs will have to act quickly.





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## T20 Cup

The entry to this competition will open on Friday and all clubs may enter. The format will be decided based on the number of entries received but it is intended that the opening stages of the competition will be played on Tuesday evenings.

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Please note that by applying to join the Priestley Shield or T20 Cup you confirm that your club will fulfil all allocated fixtures.

## Priestley Cup and Jack Hampshire Cup

As we have previously indicated, we intend to run these competitions in 2021. The exact scheduling will be released once we have seen the ECB roadmap for the return of cricket.

The unused draws for the 2020 competition are to be used with the only alteration being the inclusion of newcomers Crossflatts in place of Oulton in the Jack Hampshire Cup.

### Priestley Cup Round One:

Woodlands v Batley  
Lightcliffe v Wrenthorpe  
Pudsey Congs v Bradford & Bingley  
Hartshead Moor v East Bierley  
Carlton v New Farnley  
Morley v Baildon  
Ossett v Cleckheaton  
Townville v Hanging Heaton

**Byes:** Birstall, Methley, Gomersal, Bankfoot, Farsley, Pudsey St Lawrence, Keighley, Undercliffe/





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## Jack Hampshire Cup Round One

Liversedge v Sandal

Wakefield St Michael's v Gildersome & Farnley Hill

Jer Lane v Scholes

Brighouse v Hopton Mills

Altofts v Rodley

Great Preston v Crossbank Methodists

East Leeds v Windhill & Daisy Hill

Buttershaw St Paul's v Hunslet Nelson

**Byes:** Yeadon, East Ardsley, Crossflatts, Spen Victoria, Adwalton, Heckmondwike & Carlinghow, Bowling Old Lane, New Farnley.

## Update for scorers

There has been an important update to PCS so we encourage all clubs to pass this information to their scorer as soon as possible so they can update their laptops. Failure to upgrade will result in them being unable to login or live score.

Play-Cricket Scorer Pro v4.0.3, a great new release that includes many scoring improvements, is now available. This now includes support for multi-camera video inputs, simplified video settings and reduced laptop hardware requirements for capturing video. The full release notes are included below.

A short video which shows how to update can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuicjXnPmBs&t=13s&ab\\_channel=RunsWktsOvers](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuicjXnPmBs&t=13s&ab_channel=RunsWktsOvers)

As with previous updates, please launch Play-Cricket Scorer Pro from the Start Menu (not the task bar) to detect the update, then close and re-launch PCS Pro again to install it. If the software does not automatically update, or you're installing it for the first time, please [download it here](#).

**Important Note:** Because Play-Cricket Scorer Pro is a server-connected system, all users MUST upgrade to v4.0.3 and will not be able to login or live score until they have done so.

Please also ensure that all support requests go through the Play-Cricket Help Desk. Where possible, this should be done within PCS Pro using the **Help -> Report an Issue** facility.





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## Tasks requiring urgent attention

### Monday

**7.30pm:** Notify the league secretary who will be representing your club at Thursday's agm. Thank you to the following 34 clubs who have responded to this request.

Altofts, Baildon, Batley, Birstall, Bradford & Bingley, Buttershaw St Paul's, Carlton, Crossbank Methodists, Crossflatts, East Bierley, East Leeds, Gildersome & Farnley Hill, Great Preston, Hanging Heaton, Hartshead Moor, Heckmondwike & Carlinghow, Jer Lane, Keighley, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Morley, New Farnley, Northowram Fields, Ossett, Pudsey Congs, Pudsey St Lawrence, Sandal, Scholes, Spens Victoria, Townville, Undercliffe, Wakefield St Michael's, Windhill & Daisy Hill, and Woodlands.

These 14 clubs have not responded to this request and need to give it their urgent attention. Adwalton, Bankfoot, Bowling Old Lane, Brighouse, Cleckheaton, East Ardsley, Farsley, Gomersal, Hopton Mills, Hunslet Nelson, Methley, Rodley, Wrenthorpe and Yeadon.

**Clubs who are not represented at the on-line agm will be fined £50 as per league rule 3.**

### Tuesday

**7.30pm:** Notify the league secretary of any questions your club would like to raise at the AGM.

### Wednesday

Make sure that your club's representative has the AGM agenda for the agm which contains the link for the on-line meeting and that your club has voted on the issues circulated by email last week with a link to the on-line poll.

**We thank those who have voted:** Altofts, Bowling Old Lane, Brighouse, Buttershaw St Paul's, Carlton, Crossbank Methodists, Crossflatts, East Ardsley, East Bierley, East Leeds, Farsley, Gildersome & Farnley Hill, Great Preston, Hanging Heaton, Hartshead Moor, Heckmondwike & Carlinghow, Keighley, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Match Officials Association, Morley, New Farnley, Ossett, Pudsey St Lawrence, Rodley, Sandal, Spens Victoria, Townville, Undercliffe, Woodlands, Yeadon,

**Still to vote:** Adwalton, Baildon, Bankfoot, Batley, Birstall, Bradford & Bingley, Cleckheaton, Gomersal, Hopton Mills, Hunslet Nelson, Jer Lane, Methley, Northowram Fields, Pudsey Congs, Scholes, Wakefield St Michael's, Windhill & Daisy Hill Wrenthorpe.

### Thursday

**7.30pm:** The AGM will take place

### Friday

**9am:** All clubs will receive an email providing details of how they can enter their teams in the Priestley Shield and T20 competitions. It is important the procedure is followed. Do not try to submit an entry by email.





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## Saturday

The deadline for submitting entries for the Priestley Shield and T20 Cup competitions is midnight. Do not miss out. **The deadline will not be extended.**

## Overseas players

Currently there are 16 clubs who have indicated that they intend to sign an overseas player this season. It is important that all of them follow the latest Government advice relating to the quarantine arrangements for all people arriving in the country.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england>

## Working parties

We are aware that clubs will be anxious to get on with their preparations for the 2021 season, but they must ensure they do not breach Covid-19 guidelines by organising large working parties. It is vital that clubs do not do anything that will attract the attention of local authorities.

Here is the latest guidance from the ECB: 'Stay at Home where possible' is still in force, so grounds maintenance should be limited to essential preparation tasks with essential staff only.

**Large working parties** are not appropriate at this stage. Clubs should risk assess any lifting or lone working that would be an health and safety risk, and delay that until Step 1b (29/3/21) when the Rule of Six will apply and 'Stay at Home' will be replaced with 'Stay Local', then sub-grouped (max 6) working parties would be more appropriate. For more information, please see the latest [Sport England Guidance](#)



## Deserved accolade

Congratulations to the league's Cricket Operations Officer Philip Radcliffe on becoming only the second person to be made a patron by the Yorkshire Cricket Board.

After more than 30 years of service to the YCB and its predecessor the Yorkshire Cricket Association, the accolade is richly deserved.

Philip was chairman of the YCB for seven years and has been a great servant of recreational cricket, at junior and senior level as well as in umpiring.

