



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Newsletter 9

With the new season just 13 days away this is a busy time for everybody in the Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League community.

The past 12 months have been challenging, not least financially, and the league officials would like to draw your attention to a source of funding you can apply for.

Covid Restart Grants of between £8,000 and £18,000, the amount depends on rateable value are available.

Applications for these are now open. It is important to note that you will not necessarily get these automatically and you may need to act quickly.

You may need to apply for these, and some councils have set a closing date. The deadline for Bradford is 11 April. Check out the deadline for your local authority by following the links below.

All councils seem to be doing things differently and are at different stages so please keep up to date.

Covid Restart Grants can provide clubs with a timely financial boost as they prepare for the start of the new season, so the message is make sure you get your application in as soon as possible.

Bradford Council

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/business-rates/covid-19-business-grants/#restartgrant>

Leeds Council

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus/grants-for-businesses/restart-grant>

Kirklees Council

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/health-and-well-being/coronavirus-businesses-and-self-employed.aspx>

Calderdale Council

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/businesses/grants>

Wakefield Council

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/about-the-council/staying-safe/supporting-business>



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Pre-season friendlies

Clubs are reminded that they must abide by all Government and ECB advice if they are staging pre-season friendlies next week.

Please remember the following key points: -

- 1 No team can play a home game until they have submitted a Covid-19 Risk Assessment to the league secretary Chris Leathley.
- 2 No spectators are allowed.
- 3 No dressing rooms to be used.
- 4 Players must provide their own teas.
- 5 Away teams should be aware that just like last season, the Government advice is that there should be no car sharing.

Please make sure you check out the full ECB advice which can be found at

<https://bradfordcl-static.crichq.site/uploads/6462d761b3aae7368f893959cfc23eab/Recreational-Cricket-COVID-Guidance-in-England-26-03-21.pdf>

Courses for scorers

Please make sure your scorers are aware of the two pre-season courses that are being provided free of charge and will be conducted via Zoom by the YCB ACO Scorers Training Officer Kevin Hutchinson.

It is still not too late to register to take part. Anyone new to scoring with PCS PRO or needs a refresher should register for both sessions so that get the full benefit.

Any scorer in Premier and Division One first elevens that has not used Duckworth Lewis Stern previously MUST attend Part Two.

Part One will be staged on Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm. It will cover how to download a fixture, team selection and match set up plus the basics of scoring. The session will last for approximately 90 minutes.

Part Two, which lasts for one hour, will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7pm. The subjects covered will be correcting errors and omissions, using DLS in PCS Pro, and end of match procedures and reports.

All scorers taking part in the sessions must have the latest version of PCS Pro loaded on the laptop they will be using for the training session.

Registrations are booked directly with Kevin Hutchinson, the course tutor, who will then send out the Zoom links direct to the scorer. To secure a place email: khutchinson@talk21.com

Urgent update for PCS Scorer Pro

Version 4.0 4.2 was released last week and all first and second team scoring computers need to be updated. Some of you will have updated to 4.0 4.1 recently and need to update again.

If this is not done clubs will be unable to score on PCS Scorer Pro so it is in your interests to ensure this is done.



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To perform the update, it is essential that you open PCS Scorer Pro via the start menu on your computer and clicking the NV Play folder.

It is essential that all clubs update their first and second team computers as a matter of urgency and confirm that the update has been done by emailing registrations@bradfordcl.com

Duckworth Lewis Stern

The ECB have advised that league's operating DLS should look at alternatives to issuing printed sheets whenever a calculation is needed.

Kevin Hutchinson is going to explain how this can be done to the scorers attending the Part Two pre-season training session on Tuesday April 13.

We will be publishing issuing a guide for scorer, umpires and clubs prior to the start of the season.

Pre-season job for Play Cricket main administrators

Each club's Play Cricket administrator can assist their scorers by ensure players are activated in their relevant teams. This is hugely important for scorers when they come to pulling players into PCS Scorer Pro on match days.

This is how to do it

- 1 Select Members, and Member Database
- 2 For each player, click on Edit Roles, then click on the Squad Players tab
- 3 Select activate against relevant teams and the press save

Transfers and Registrations

It is now the time for clubs to ensure that all transfers and any new registrations have been processed and approved prior to the season. **The deadline for approval to play in the first game will be 6pm on Friday 16th April.**

During the close season we have already processed over 170 transfer, and we are certain there are many more still to be processed. We read on Twitter and Facebook of club signings, but these are not eligible to play until they are submitted and approved on Play Cricket.

Just to confirm some of the processes with you

1 When applying for a league registration for a player under-16, the system will send automatically an email to the parent. The parent must acknowledge this email prior to the nomination being shown on the League's Play Cricket site for approval. It is the club's duty to chase this up with the parent to ensure there is no delay in registration

2 When transferring in a player from another club, the transfer cannot be approved until the releasing club has approved the move. When a club requests a player's record the releasing club will be asked if they want to delete the player's league registration from their club. Some agree to this, but some do not. If it is the latter, then when a transfer nomination is input by the receiving club, the releasing club must accept the transfer. This will be highlighted on the releasing club's Action Centre page on Play Cricket. Once accepted, the nomination will be approved



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Overseas Players

The Government have added Pakistan and Bangladesh to their red list for travel to the UK. This will impact on clubs who have planned to sign players from these two countries. Those clubs may apply to sign a replacement overseas player if they are able to recruit one that meets the eligibility criteria.

Prior to the Government announcement several clubs had submitted requests to our overseas vetting panel. We note that after getting permission to proceed some clubs forget the need to register their player on Play Cricket.

League Registered Players

If any club requires a list of their current League Registered players, then please email registrations@bradfordcl.com and their club list will be supplied

League Registered players without a photo

After working with clubs during the winter to tidy up any records without a photo, there is still one outstanding. The club involved are aware and would appreciate if a photo can be submitted or the league registration of the player will be removed

Any other queries

If anyone has any queries on any of the registration processes, or specific queries on a particular registration then please email registrations@bradfordcl.com

Umpires

Our umpires play a key role and as we go into the new season, we would like to thank the members of the Match Officials Association for their continued support.

They are a key part of the Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League community and it is important we treat them with respect.

One of the most pleasing features of last season was the rapport between players and umpires. Let us build on that because without umpires, and we never have enough, we do not have a game.

This week's urgent tasks

- 1 contact your local authority and apply for A Covid Restart Grant
- 2 Submit Covid 19 Risk Assessment to league secretary Chris Leathley
- 3 Submit insurance details to league secretary Chris Leathley
- 4 All clubs to ensure their first and second team scoring computers are updated with PCS Scorer Pro Version 4,0 4.2 and confirm the task has been carried out to cricket Operations Officer Philip Radcliffe.