



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Newsletter 2, 2021

As we wait for further guidance from the Government and the ECB it is important that we all continue our preparations for the 2021 season.

This is a time when focus should be given to key administrative tasks to prevent problems further down the line.

Transfers and registrations

These need to be kept up to date and we have guidance on the procedure to be followed to facilitate paperless transfers.

As all clubs should now be aware of how to navigate around the Play Cricket system, there is now no need to have a signed transfer form, providing the transfer is carried out correctly within the play cricket system

The procedure to follow is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter and should be passed to your club's Play Cricket Administrator. It can also be viewed on the league website by following the link below.

<https://bradfordcl-static.crichq.site/uploads/99607892b31069dd8bbf62068585f7b9/Play-Cricket-Transfers.pdf>

Only in the event of a transferring player having not been registered on Play Cricket previously will a player transfer form be required.

If anyone has any queries on the above you should contact Philip Radcliffe by email registrations@bradfordcl.com



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Club contacts

Thank you to the following clubs for responding to last week's request and updating their Club Contacts and About Us sections on Play Cricket. Those who have completed the task are Hanging Heaton, Morley, New Farnley, Pudsey St Lawrence, Baildon, Birstall, East Bierley, Hartshead Moor, Ossett, Undercliffe, East Ardsley, Hopton Mills, Hunslet Nelson, Crossflatts, Great Preston, Heckmondwike & Carlinghow and Rodley.

We require details for each club's chairman (or president), Secretary, Treasurer, League Representative, Clubmark contact, Club Welfare Officer, Groundsman, 1stXI captain, 2ndXI captain, website administrator and those clubs who have not carried out the task are asked to give it their urgent attention.

To assist with this process, which we want completed by February 14, we sent out an email on Tuesday with a spreadsheet showing the officials each club currently have listed. The sheet is colour coded showing the omissions in red and the ones needing updating in yellow.

Once your club has completed the required updates please email registrations@bradfordcl.com to confirm.

If you are unable to complete the task on-line or require assistance, please contact Philip Radcliffe on registrations@bradfordcl.com

As we will run the current league email system alongside the Play Cricket system in 2021, we need each club to indicate the three officials they wish to receive league communications.

Club Umpires

Recently we wrote to all clubs to ask for the names of the individuals who act as club umpires. This is part of the ECB Inspiring Generations Programme being run in conjunction with the Yorkshire Cricket Board. Yorkshire, like every other county, needs to increase the number of umpires and scorers. The YCB have set up a YCB Officials Group to undertake this project.



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As a prerequisite for this, they need to know their starting base of officials so any increase can be measured as part of the five-year strategy.

As a league we know who our panel umpires are, but do not know those who act as club umpires. We need to build up a record of practising club umpires as they perform an increasingly important and valuable role.

All we need is their names, no other contact details. We would appreciate if you could supply this information to phlipradcliffe1106@gmail.com who is managing the information on behalf of the YCB Officials Group.

Any contact with club umpires will be done through the league and will be sent via the relevant Club. By knowing who they are we can ensure they are provided with any law amendments or alterations to playing regulations in the league. Please help us to help you.

DBS Applications

The ECB have urged us to point out again the procedures that have been put in place for DBS applications during the Covid-19 pandemic. At this time, we have reminded you again of the posts which require current DBS accreditation.

The following roles in clubs that require ECB vetting are:

- Welfare Officer (Club and League)
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Coach (volunteer or paid, assistant or lead)
- Umpire
- Scorer
- Colt/Junior Manager
- Age Group Manager
- Open-Age Team Captain
- Junior Supervisor
- First Aider/Physiotherapist/Medical Support

We would encourage you to check that all the above personnel have a valid DBS and if necessary, make an application as soon as possible. It is important to start this process early in preparation for the new season and to avoid delays when cricket activities resume.



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As a result of the Government's current national lockdown restrictions and advice from the Disclosure and Barring Service, the ECB are continuing with Online ID verifications until further notice. This includes the initiation and verification of DBS applications.

Access is currently restricted to a limited group of Primary and Secondary users at County & ECB Level. Once you have submitted an application you will receive a link to use the Find a Verifier feature. After entering your postcode, you will be asked to select 3 verifiers in order of preference. Once a verifier accepts your request you will be notified and advised to contact them to set up a Video ID meeting.

Links to some video conferencing / call software:

1. Zoom - <https://zoom.us/>
2. Microsoft Teams – <https://teams.microsoft.com/downloads>
3. Skype - <https://www.skype.com/en/>
4. iPhone Facetime - <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT204380>
5. WhatsApp video call - <https://www.whatsapp.com/download>

Important steps for the ID verification meeting:

1. Ensure you have emailed over copies of your 3 ID documents prior to the verification meeting.
2. You will be asked to hold up to the screen the original documents used to compare likeness for any photo ID document.
3. Once the ID Verification has taken place, all emails with ID documents attached will be deleted.
4. If you incur any issues with the application process, then please seek support from dbs@ecb.co.uk



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Raising Standards



The first batch of reports produced by Chris Leathley and Bill Holmes following their visits to all 48 grounds last year have been sent out.

More are due to go out over the coming days and they give an indication of each club's facilities in relation to the appropriate league criteria.

The Raising Standards project represents a major piece of work and is the first benchmarking exercise of facilities across the league for several years.

One thing that has become clear is that there is a lot of good work going on across the league which we want to celebrate.

It is important that we celebrate the many initiative being undertaken and we urge all clubs who have raised standards at their club to tell us about it and we will feature details and pictures on the league website.





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Training for groundsmen

With Covid-19 ruling out face to face training, the Ground Management Association (formerly the IOG) have developed on-line courses which candidates can complete from the comfort of their own home and proceed at their own post, if your club's groundsman takes an on-line course, please let the league know.

(ONLINE) Level 1 Cricket Grounds Maintenance

The Grounds Management Association (GMA) have a range of training courses that are suitable for both the professional and grass roots volunteer. The new online Level 1 modules cover a range of sports and allow you to gain an awareness and general understanding of the tasks involved in maintaining playing surfaces.

What is involved in this online course?

This online option will suit those volunteers that do not have time to travel and attend a course. You will learn about that tasks involved in maintaining a playing surface in a cost-effective way.

How much does it cost?

£25.00 (Incl. VAT)

What does the course content cover?

The course takes around 4-5 hours to complete although you do have a window of 28 days to complete it.

There are 3 modules to this training course. All are designed to either give you a new understanding or build on your experiences so far.

- **Requirements of the groundsperson and pitch**
 - Pitch and player requirements
 - Introduction to Performance Quality Standards
 - Maintenance activities

- **Maintenance activities (Equipment and Machinery)**
 - Types of equipment and machinery



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- o Equipment and machinery settings
- o Safe use of equipment and machinery

- o **Safe use and storage (Materials)**
 - o Storage and safe disposal
 - o Types of material
 - o Application and effects of incorrect use

Each module has an informal self-assessment test, plus there is a formal end of course multiple-choice assessment test, which is also online.

After you have completed these 3 modules, the GMA will also suggest other topics of progression should you wish to continue to learn.

Please note that to ensure timely completion of this course access will only be available for 28 days from the point of booking. However, there are many useful documents within the online course that you can save / print for you to refer to.

What do you get?

You will receive a certificate of completion which can complement your own CPD activity. This course is also worth 3 CPD points / 3 CPD hours.

To check out all GMA on-line training <https://portal.thegma.org.uk/education/course/379841>

and finally.... Do not forget to shout about all the hard work your club is doing. We want to hear from you.