

DISCUSSION PAPER

RESTRUCTURING OF THE SENIOR LEAGUES

- Create the **SENIOR INVITATIONAL LEAGUE**. This is for clubs in Section 3 or wishing to get involved in the NCU with only 1 team, and who wish to play a less intense format of the game;
- Default 30 overs but can be up to 40 or down to 20 overs by agreement;
- Fixtures to be played between certain dates, eg w/c ...;
- Rearrangements possible throughout the season;
- No provision of umpires to save costs;
- Possible reduced fees to NCU;
- No promotion or relegation – clubs can apply to join Full league or we can require them if they are shown to be too high a standard.
- Encourage return of clubs;
- Encourage the involvement of new clubs.

This will probably lead to a reduction of the numbers in Senior 3. Requiring the re-organization of the existing leagues. Options:-

- Expand any or all of the existing leagues resulting in a possible 3 league format;
- Reduce some of the existing leagues resulting in a possible 4 league format;
- Additional places to be taken by the corresponding placed clubs in Junior 1 ie let 2nd XI teams enter senior cricket. First XIs would not be relegated into junior cricket thus maintaining their senior status.
- Additional place to be filled by Junior Sides making application to join the Senior league and placed appropriately as per the NCU's vies eg. One place is currently vacant in Div 2, this could be filled by Junior 1 side;
- Or completely opening the Leagues with promotion and relegation throughout.

RESTRUCTURING THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

- ❖ There is a preference for Junior 1 to remain 50 overs as a preparation for Premier League cricket;
- ❖ This above may change depending on the entrance of top Junior sides into the senior league;
- ❖ Below Junior various game lengths are played – this is an attempt to provide a variety of options to keep and encourage interest/participation;
- ❖ Allow clubs to nominate whether each of their teams is seeking to play max 40 over or max 20 over cricket and adjust leagues accordingly.
- ❖ Regionalization of the Junior Leagues or lower end of same.
- ❖ To allow Senior Clubs to opt to play in Junior cricket. E.g. a returning club may seek to enter at a level in which they could initially compete.