

Suggested amendments to the Club Rules

The Committee would like to make amendments to the Club's awards structure during the close season in preparation for the 2023 campaign. The Committee would like to form a working group to propose a revision to **Section 14** of the Club Rules in order to recognise recent changes, including the Club's new teams – specifically the Sapphires and the 2nd XI.

Ordinarily, changes to the Club Rules can only happen at the AGM, so the Committee would like to ask the Members to allow the Committee to make these changes outside of the AGM. All provisional revisions will be circulated to the Members no later than the 31st March 2023, to be accepted by the Members in a timely fashion for the new season.

Current Section 14 of the Club Rules:

14. AWARDS

- a. **CAPS:** The Club shall award Caps to Club Members who either score 50 runs or take FIVE wickets in a single innings of a full game or in a league/cup match. In addition, the Club shall award Captain's Merit Caps to Club Members in recognition of their services to the Club. In this instance Club Captains will nominate Club Members, and the Club Committee shall approve the award.
- b. **SATURDAY LEAGUE:** The Club shall also make annual awards for the Best Bowling average, minimum 30 overs (with a minimum of 25 overs for any one team to qualify for an average) and Best Batting average (a player must have played a minimum of at least 8 innings on Saturdays with a minimum of 6 innings for any one team to qualify for an average), for both first and second XIs.
- c. **FRIENDLY MATCHES:** The Club shall also make annual awards for the Best Bowling average (minimum 30 overs) and Best Batting average (minimum 8 innings) in a non-league game.
- d. **WEDNESDAY LEAGUE:** Awards to be made for the Best Batting average (minimum 4 innings) and Best Bowling (minimum 12 overs) in the Wednesday League/Cup competition only.
- e. **CATCHES:** The Club shall make an Annual Award for the most catches taken by any player (excluding Wicket Keepers) in all matches
- f. **YOUTH TEAM AWARDS:** Awards to be presented to Youth Team Players on the advice of the Club Committee, to be adjudicated by the Youth Team Organisers, who shall have due consideration for averages.
- g. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** The Club shall also make annual awards to the CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR (the person who contributes most to the Club on or off the field during the season) and shall also make an award to the OUTSTANDING YOUNG PLAYING MEMBER (aged under 18 during the season) – each to be elected by ballot at the Club AGM
- h. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
 - DUCK AWARD – most ducks during the season
 - SIX HIT – most sixes during the season
 - CAPTAIN'S CUP – Chosen solely by the Captain of the league side, The Captain's Award recognises commitment, endeavour and the significant contribution by a young player over the course of the league season. The winner to receive the John Baxter Trophy.
 - BEST INDIVIDUAL BATTING (one innings) – to receive the Gordon Mackrell Memorial Batting Award
 - BEST INDIVIDUAL BOWLING (one innings) – to receive the Gordon Mackrell Memorial Bowling Award
- i. Annual awards will be overseen by The Committee in accordance with the Club's 'Award Guidance' Document.