

Extra Ordinary BOD-2016 NORTHWEST CRICKET LEAGUE

Date: 11/19/2016

1.) PLAYER PROFILES: Proposal Passed with a 9-1 majority. Added to the Playing laws as Law 3.e

Every player (new/old) must update his profile on cricclubs.com/NWCL website with his recent picture and legal Name having clear face identity. A player without a profile picture on the website will not be allowed to participate in a game if an objection is raised to the umpire by any of the opposing team players on the game day.

Exception to the Rule: If the player is listed on the roster, but, does not have his picture updated, the umpire can check his ID and, can allow the player in question to play the game. Umpire must verify the new player's id and make sure the score card is updated correctly after the game and inform the management.

2.) FIELDING SUBSTITUTES: Proposal Passed with a 7-3 majority. Added to the Playing laws under Law 4.d

Substitutes can field if they are a part of the team's roster. A player cannot substitute for a team without being on their roster.

Exception:

- 1. This rule doesn't apply to all the teams travelling over 75 miles.
- **2.** In case an outside player wants to come and substitute, it's at the discretion of the opposition captain to allow or disallow the outside player.
 - 3.) PLAYOFFS and Reserve Day: (Updated 11/14/2016: change proposed by multiple teams) voted separately for 3a and 3b. Added to the Playing laws under Law 22.d

3a passed with 7-2majority and 1 abstained

3b passed with 10-0 majority

- 3.a) If the finals are abandoned due to rain, then the trophy will be shared. If the semifinals are abandoned, then, the higher seeded team goes into the final.
- 3.b) Playoff for the premier (40 overs) league should be sponsored by NWCL and individual team should not be responsible for paying for the field. Currently it seems like individual team is being penalized economically for performing well during the season. The higher seeded team will be the

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home team and can pick the ground of their choice, it's the higher seeded team's responsibility to procure the ground, but, the management pays for it.

4.) Removal of Optional Bye-day: proposal passed 10-0: Added to the playing laws under Law 22.c

Given the increased teams in the league, it's not feasible for to schedule a bye-day for all the teams. No request for bye weeks will be entertained.

5.) Proposal for a change in the Season Schedule: proposal did not pass

Change the calendar to accommodate all the games including playoffs by Sep20.

Season starts the 2nd week of April with the premier league (40 overs)

-2nd weekend of April to May 22nd: 7 weekends give 7 league games for the premier league.

June 1st week to July 2nd week (week after long weekend): 5 weeks: T20 Tournament with Playoffs to be played on the 2nd weekend of July.

July 3rd week to September 1st week: remaining 7 games of the premier league Sep 2nd and 3rd week: Playoffs.

Reasons for Proposal 5:

- 1.) During Ramadan teams request by-weeks, having a T20 gives all the parties an opportunity to schedule games without hindering / affecting the League time table.
- 2.) Season proceeding into the end of Sep or early October is hampering the prospect of choosing a winner.
- 3.) With T20 being the current flavor and too many tournaments played during June, July and August across the US, this current structure will give our folks an opportunity to sharpen their skills in line with the on-going tournaments and present a case for selections.

Premier League (40 OVER LEAGUE): Div A/B/C/D: 8 teams (Each team plays other team twice, one home and one away)

NOTE:

- A. If the number of teams in Div D <= 4, then we shall merge those teams with Div C (to make it 8 + 4) and Schedule 11 games per each team in Div C with a reduced team registration fee.
- B. If Div D has less than 8 teams, then, each team will play others twice (one home and one away) and the team registration fee will be reduced accordingly.

Opinions Gathered:

- 1.) Don't change the current set-up.
- 2.) Use the long weekends too to complete the games before the rains interrupt the season.
- 3.) Reduce the number of games for 40 overs to accommodate the schedule and playoffs without being disrupted by the rains. This suggestion has the following challenges:
 - a) Not all teams get equal home and away games.
 - b) During the season, one team ends up incurring higher costs compared to the other, due to the home game schedule.

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c) Management cannot guarantee that alternate years the schedules will change to accommodate home and away games equally.

6.) Reduce the 40 overs format to 30 overs: Proposal did not pass

Play 2 games per day during the months of May, June, July (Typically 5:45AM sunrise - 8:30PM sunset or later) to avoid extending the games into Sept/Oct. Games can start as early as 8AM - 1:30PM; 2PM - 7:30PM (even if we play for 2:30 mins per team with a 5 min per over rate (currently we plan to play for 4mins per over) we will be done ahead of the scheduled sunset)

Visiting/travelling games can be scheduled to be just once per day considering teams will be driving to the games.

(Please reword accordingly)

Pros: Scheduling and ground availability being an issue, this reduced over will help with planning better and we might be able to add another T20 league. Additionally, players get more time back to spend with family and avoid sleeping on the couch for the rest of the week. This will help with game balls issue as well as the ball will be just 30 overs and will not take a lot of beating. Number of games need not be reduced, just the teams must adjust playing early and later in the day.

Cons: Overs are reduced to 30 from 40, less overs to play.:) Scheduling will be tricky; however, this will be a onetime effort and the element of weather coming into play specifically during the play offs will not be an issue anymore.

Exception: Only months of July and August.

7.) Financial Grants: proposal passed with a 10-0 majority: Added to the By-Laws as Law 23.

Financial grants for any ground repairs or otherwise shall not be entertained unless actual receipts are produced for the work done. There is a limit of \$1000 per club per 3 years. All financial grants to be approved by BOD.

8-) Game Abandonment: Proposal withdrawn.

No game can be abandoned by one team calling the umpire and letting him know that game is not playable because of the weather condition or some other external factors. If field is not playable and/or shut down by the park authorities, then, the NWCL management needs to be informed 24 hour in advance and they will take appropriate action. Game can only be abandoned on the game day by umpire and that too if umpire is present at the field.

9.) Points System re-structuring: Proposal did not pass

Need to adapt the ICC points system. Remove the bonus point system and allow the teams to compete based on wins and loses rather than bonus points. The points will be awarded as suggested below:

A win gives 10 points (4 points)

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A loss is 0 points

An abandoned game is 0 points for each team.

A forfeited game is considered a win for the opposition.

Tie is 5 points each.

Bonus points: 1 for batting and 1 for bowling

bonus point for batting: If the **innings run-rate** is at/over 6 RPO then the team will get 1 batting bonus point irrespective of win or loss.

bonus point for bowling: If a team dismisses all the opposition batsmen then they get 1 bowling point irrespective of win or loss.

10.) Roster Limits: (added 11/4/2016) proposal did not pass.

Every team roster can only add 18 players in any given tournament. No player can play/substitute in a game without being listed on the roster. Once the roster is filled with 18 names, the team cannot make any changes unless they inform the NWCL Management prior to the change. If a player is being removed from a roster, he cannot participate for the same team for the remainder of the tournament.

11.) Umpire Change (Added 11/11/2016) Submitted by Spartans CC : proposal withdrawn

Umpire cannot be changed without notice, at least 2 days informing both team captains. Often the Umpiring assignments are being swapped within the teams/clubs based on their respective player's availability, although this is ok, this change must be informed to both the captains prior to the game day.

Meeting Adjourned the below proposals are postponed for the next BOD/AGM

12.) Under 19 Players: (Added 11/14/2016: Submitted by multiple teams)Contingent upon the schedule

- a) Under 19 players should be allowed to play in the club without being tied to a roster. They should be allowed to play with different teams with in the club if they do not play more than the maximum amount of games (maximum games per team is 14) played by an individual team. This will give youngster an opportunity to play more games rather than just being on standby for one team.
- b) The U19 player can change club during anytime of the season before Aug31.
- c) To encourage U-19 participation, NWCL should offer a fee reduction to teams, who, have U19 folks play for them for at least 50% of the games. The reduction in fee will be a BOD decision at the beginning of the season.

13.) Team Promotions: Added 11/14/2016: Proposed by Spartans CC

Rules for moving up the divisions should be reconsidered, league champs (top team in table after league) and division finalist (who wins final if not top team in table after league, runner up team from final if top team from league wins.). That way teams playing in Semis has chance to go to next Div. Good for competition.

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