

Proposed I'Anson rule changes - 2021 season

1. Rule change for points awarded in concession of fixtures

Existing wording: Section 2 Rule 6b

Abandoned/cancelled matches shall not be considered for the calculation referred to in Section Two:7a except in the case of a team failing to fulfil or cancelling a fixture for unacceptable reasons. In such cases the offending team will be deducted 20 points

Proposed new wording: Section 2 Rule 6b

In the case where a team fails to fulfil or cancels a fixture for unacceptable reasons the following points will be awarded:

Team cancelled against = 24 points

Offending team = minus 20 points

Cancelled matches shall be considered for the calculation referred to in Section Two: 7a. Abandoned matches will not be considered for the calculation referred to in Section Two: 7a.

Rationale: Having reviewed cancellations in recent seasons it's clear that a lot of cancellations happen when one team is at or near the bottom of the league. Given that a team will generally concede when they are unable to raise a full side this deprives the team that have been conceded against the chance to gain full points and improve their points average. This rule change rectifies this situation and awards full points (including full bonus points) to the team conceded against, while maintaining the penalty for the team conceding the fixture. This also avoids a potentially anomalous possibility where a deliberate concession could deprive a team of a top two finish.

2. Bonus points for tied games

Existing wording: Section 2 Rule 6a1/a2

Bonus points shall be awarded in each match as follows

Proposed new wording: Section 2 Rule 6a1/a2

Bonus points shall be awarded in each match as follows, except in the case of tied games where no bonus points shall be awarded

Rationale: This tidies up an anomaly in the bonus point rule wording. Given that in a tied game each team earns 12 points, the sharing of the bonus points is already counted for. This ensures that every match still only has 24 points on offer.

3. Time limit on checking results on Play Cricket

Existing wording: Section 2 Rule 6d

The results of all matches (including cancellations) must be notified by the home club to The Competitions by noon on the Monday following the fixture with a full scorecard on the 'Play Cricket' Website including bonus points for both Teams. Failure to do so will result in a penalty per default per team being levied (refer to Section J).

Proposed additional wording: Section 2 Rule 6d

It is the responsibility of both Teams to check the result, and award of bonus points that has been entered on the 'Play Cricket' website. Any errors and corrections need to be notified to the Secretary within two weeks of the fixture being played. After this time no

amendments will be made to the points awarded. Results and the award of points for matches in the penultimate week of the season need to be confirmed by the start of the final round of matches. Once the final round of matches starts the league tables will be deemed to be correct.

Rationale: This ensures that all results entered into Play Cricket are checked by both teams and deemed as accurate and correct in a timely fashion. There have been instances previously where results have been queried many weeks after the event which makes it difficult to ensure that league tables are correct and up to date. To enable every team to know where they stand prior to the final round of fixtures and what they may need to get promoted or avoid relegation this rule change ensures all results will be confirmed prior to matches commencing in the final round,

4. Investigative power rule

New rule: Section 2 Rule 9

The Management Committee will have the right to investigate any game where the conduct of any teams as a whole, or players within those teams is considered contrary to the Spirit of Cricket, or the integrity of the I'Anson League. The Management Committee will have the power to apply any sanctions deemed appropriate.

Rationale: The events that concluded the 2019 season in Division 1 led to a thorough investigation of what powers the Management Committee had to investigate and intervene in matters technically out of scope of the Disciplinary Committee. The upshot is that we determined that our existing powers are inadequate. This rule change would rectify that situation and allow the Management Committee to look into any situation occurring in any fixture brought to our attention and apply any sanctions deemed appropriate.