



Cricket Bag



Newsletter for Norfolk Cricket League Clubs

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The Wide

At the beginning of last season, the Committee held a meeting with captains and representatives of the Division One teams. It was a very useful meeting and one of the topics discussed was the question of "when is a wide a wide".

The answer we established there was that our Match Rule 1 states that "All matches are to be played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, except as otherwise stated". The 'otherwises' relate to the new Code introduced in 2002 that we agreed to ignore because we do not have independent, qualified umpires standing in NCL matches.

This means that the NCL wide should be exactly as laid down in the Laws of Cricket - and not as seen in current One Day Internationals, which have their own Rules governing wides.

The pertinent part of Law 25 states a ball is adjudged a wide if it passes wide of the striker "where he is standing and would have passed wide in a normal guard position. The ball will be considered as 'passing wide' unless it is sufficiently **within his reach for him to be able to hit it with his bat** by means of a normal cricket stroke".

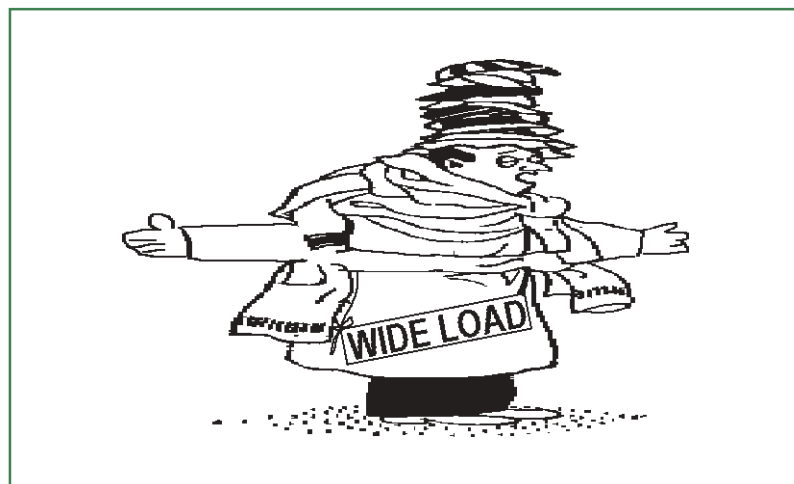
If a ball is so judged the umpire must **CALL** and **SIGNAL** "Wide Ball" as soon as it has passed the striker's wicket.

The timing of the call in particular is important and - unfortunately - most amateur umpires do not make a call at the right time. The call should be made loud and clear as soon as the ball passed the wicket.

Remember that a penalty run is awarded immediately (scored as a Wide), even if a batsman is out. Remember, too, that a batsman can be stumped, run out or given out Hit

Player of the Month

Don't forget to send in your nominations for Player of the Month. These should be sent to David Amis by post (11 Sporle Road, Swaffham, Norfolk, PE37 7HL) or Fax (01760 721928) by the Tuesday following the last match in each month. You should have received nomination sheets with your Handbooks.



The Future of Cricket in Norfolk

Earlier this year, the Norfolk Cricket Board (NCB) sent a draft paper to all the cricket leagues in Norfolk: the Norfolk Alliance (NA), West Norfolk (WNL) and the NCL. The paper contained first thoughts on re-organising the pyramid feeder system to allow for smoother promotion and relegation between the NA and the feeders.

This initial paper was returned - with the Committee's comments - and we expect to discuss the matter

further at a NCB meeting in July. The first priority is to agree a blueprint for a new structure and feeder scheme, so that it can be circulated to all clubs for consideration before the end of this season. Each league, therefore, will have the chance to discuss and agree the plans before play starts in the 2003 season. It is expected that the new scheme will come into effect at the start of the 2004 season.

Wicket, Handled the Ball or Obstruction. Of course, a batsman would not be dismissed if the scores were level when the ball was bowled, since the wide extra would mean that the batting team would win the match.

PLEASE INTERPRET A WIDE AS IN THE LAWS OF CRICKET

**TO AVOID CONFUSION,
CALL AND SIGNAL
A WIDE AS SOON AS IT PASSES
THE STRIKER'S WICKET**

Handbook Update

Unfortunately, a whole new batch of gremlins got into the mix when the handbook was printed, and most of these are in the Contacts section. Most of the errors are my responsibility for not checking details, but a few are the result of the Secretary or Contact details changing. PLEASE HELP US TO GET IT RIGHT. If you know that the main contact has changed, or their address or phone number is different to what is printed in the Handbook, please let me know.

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Rackheath

(this season) at UEA, Colney Lane

Monthly Awards

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Results

Divs 7 & 8:

Helen Hanley - 01603 473832

KO Cup:

Andy Marshall - 01603 409034

Awards & Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance will be on
Friday, 11th October at the Jarvis
Hotel

Fair Play Award

At the half-way point of the season, it may be appropriate to review the points scheme. It seems to have been accepted by most teams, although a few obviously did not receive or read their copies of the Handbook or the previous 'Cricket Bag'. These teams are named below!

To re-iterate, each home club awards a mark out of 10, so that, by the end of the season, each team should have received a mark from every other team in their division. Allowing for matches that weren't played, the winner will be determined by the highest average. In the event of a tie, the team with the most number of "10"s, then "9"s etc would be the winner.

Happily, the vast majority of matches have produced 7s, 8s and 9s - even a few 10s! The Committee have made discreet enquiries when a low award has been made, and we are pleased to say that this has happened on only a few occasions.

At this mid-point, five teams have a very healthy 9.0 average: Diss B, Civil Service, Frettenham, Lowestoft Railway and Swaffham.

Now for those missing entries:

Saham Toney A v Yarm's A (22 June) and the following 3 teams have not awarded points for ANY of their home matches!

Gressenhall A:

v E Harling A (1 June)
v Swaffham A (15 June)

Hethersett A:

v Old Catton B (1 June)
v N Elmham A (8 June)
v Beccles B (29 June)

Hemsby:

v Bungay A 25 May)
v Gressenhall A (8 June)
v E Harling A (22 June)

Please ensure that these scores are sent to the League Secretary as soon as possible.

Do-It-Yourself

DIY is all the rage for everything from home extensions to a new driveway. Why not extend the idea to cricket. We want to encourage all teams to do it themselves. And we mean umpiring.

Village cricket has always relied upon matches umpiring themselves. Unfortunately, most of the very low number of complaints and clashes in the NCL seem to arise because the games are officiated by players taking part in the game. And because

Knock Out Cup

This year's KO Cup has raised two crucial issues that need to be resolved at the end-of-season Annual General Meeting. The first concerns player eligibility and the second may require a re-think about the competition structure.

Player Eligibility

This question arose when the Committee pointed out that according to our existing KO Cup Rule 7b: "No player who has played in the Norfolk Alliance in the current season may play in the NCL Sunday KO Cup Competition". This rule was clear cut in previous years because the leagues were separate, but we now have 4 teams with 'elder brothers' in the NA: Beccles, Coltishall, Diss and East Harling.

The Committee view is that we would not wish to put these 4 teams at a disadvantage by preventing their regular A and B team players from playing in the KO Cup.

KO Structure

The second problem is more difficult to solve: there are only a few teams who enter the KO Cup, and this year has seen a very small number of matches completed .

It is not many years since the competition was moved from mid-week to Sundays to encourage more teams to take part, but the Sunday calendar does seem to be very full these days: Carter Cup, Lady Mary Trophy, Norfolk Junior Cup, CTS Cup, Biss competitions, and indeed the Mid-Norfolk Sunday League.

Your committee will be discussing both these issues and will aim to put proposals to you to consider at the AGM. But we would always welcome constructive suggestions.

players think they know the Laws of the game - when they don't!

We would like to encourage all teams to find someone attached or associated with their club to act as their regular umpire. Perhaps a player who wants to retire, but is still interested in the game. The Norfolk Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association (NCUSA) run frequent - and excellent value - training courses around the County - usually through the close season.