

# Neon Cricket Wiltshire County Cricket League

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## Circular to NCWCCL Clubs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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### First Aid Provision in the League

The collapse of Christian Eriksen during Euro 2020 has once again shown the importance of having first aid provision at all sports matches. Therefore:

- The league would like to remind all clubs that it is required that there is a first aid kit at the ground (facilities requirements, section 3).
- In order to ensure that every club has a first aid kit, the league's sponsor, Neon Cricket, have agreed to provide a first kit for every ground as part of their sponsorship package for 2022. This will be provided to clubs at the Spring meeting.
- The league will give a 50% grant towards the cost of any league player attending a first aid course.
- The league would like to ascertain as to how many players have first aid training. Therefore please can every club poll the members of each team on a typical Saturday, and find out how many trained first aiders are playing. The poll can include anybody who regularly attends first team matches, home and away – e.g. umpires, scorers, coaches. **RESPONSE REQUIRED.**
- The league will look to run first aid courses in April 2022. These will take a similar format to the Umpire Forums – run in cricket clubs around the county on various evenings in the run-up to the season.

Obviously this is an important subject which needs handling properly, so the league will do all it can to support clubs in ensuring there is sufficient first aid provision at league matches, without making it another hoop for club administrators to have to jump through.

### Standards of Behaviour – Again

Despite the message in the previous circular, we are continuing to see instances of behaviour which is well below the required standard in the league.

As a league, we are aware that the world is a difficult place to be right now, but please do not let this come out as poor discipline on the cricket field. All this achieves is to make the game less enjoyable for the other players and the umpires on which the game depends to get the game on, and the spectators whose support so many clubs rely on, both for keeping the club running, and for income through the club bar. And ultimately, it also makes the game less enjoyable for those who are responsible for the poor behaviour, who find themselves suspended from playing for a number of weeks, and league points docked from their team.

We all play cricket because we enjoy it. Please don't spoil it for each other.

## Pitch Marks

With 11 weeks gone, it's a good time to let clubs know how their pitch marks are looking. The number in brackets is the number of matches for which pitch marks have been awarded.

<b>Division 1</b> (required mark 12.0)		<b>Division 4</b> (required mark 10.0)		<b>Division 7 East</b> (req'd mark 10.0)	
Winsley	19.5 (4)	Erlestoke	18.7 (5)	Royal Wootton Bassett 3	16.0 (5)
Burbage & E.R. 2	18.0 (4)	Hinton Charterhouse 2	16.0 (4)	Marlborough 4	16.0 (4)
Bear Flat	17.0 (2)	Melksham	15.0 (5)	Buscot Park 2	15.0 (4)
Chippenham 2	16.5 (4)	Sherston Magna	15.0 (4)	Swindon 5	15.0 (5)
Hinton Charterhouse	16.3 (5)	Ramsbury	14.5 (4)	Goatacre 4	14.7 (5)
Purton	16.0 (4)	Heytesbury & S.V.	14.5 (4)	Wanborough 3	14.5 (4)
Marlborough	15.0 (4)	Marshfield 2	14.3 (5)	Wanborough 2	13.7 (3)
Swindon 2	13.7 (3)	Marlborough 2	12.5 (4)	Marlborough 3	13.7 (3)
Beckington	13.5 (6)	Wanborough	11.7 (5)	Swindon 4	13.0 (2)
Swindon NALGO	10.3 (5)	Corsham 3	11.7 (3)	Swindon Super Strikers	11.0 (3)

<b>Division 2</b> (required mark 11.0)		<b>Division 5</b> (required mark 10.0)		<b>Division 7 West</b> (req'd mark 10.0)	
Beehive Southwick	17.3 (3)	Winsley 2	18.3 (5)	Devizes 3	15.3 (5)
Malmesbury	17.0 (5)	Westbury 2	18.0 (4)	Calne 2	14.5 (4)
Biddestone 2	16.7 (5)	Purton 2	16.3 (5)	Melksham 2	14.0 (3)
Swindon U.C.	16.3 (3)	Beckington 2	15.3 (3)	Warminster 3	14.0 (5)
Goatacre 2	16.0 (4)	Spye Park	15.2 (6)	Bradford-on-Avon 2	13.3 (5)
Bradford-on-Avon	16.0 (6)	Buscot Park	14.5 (4)	Winsley 3	13.0 (4)
Nationwide House	15.7 (3)	Wilcot	14.3 (3)	Marshfield 3	12.5 (4)
Trowbridge 2	15.0 (4)	Goatacre 3	14.0 (3)	Trowbridge 3	12.0 (4)
Great Bedwyn	13.5 (4)	Biddestone 3	13.7 (5)	Chippenham 5	11.5 (4)
Box	13.5 (6)	Lacock	11.3 (5)	Beehive Southwick 2	10.7 (5)

<b>Division 3</b> (required mark 10.0)		<b>Division 6</b> (required mark 10.0)		<b>Division 8 West</b> (req'd mark 10.0)	
Royal Wootton Bassett 2	19.3 (5)	Malmesbury 2	19.0 (4)	Spye Park 2	18.0 (2)
Warminster 2	17.2 (6)	Burbage & E.R. 3	17.5 (4)	Potterne 4	18.0 (4)
Potterne 3	16.7 (3)	Swindon NALGO 2	15.0 (4)	Calne 3	16.0 (3)
Combe Down	16.0 (4)	Blunsdon	14.7 (3)	Biddestone 4	15.7 (3)
Devizes 2	15.7 (3)	Avebury 2	14.5 (4)	Winsley 4	15.7 (3)
Keevil	15.0 (5)	Chippenham 4	13.5 (6)	Bathford 2	15.0 (2)
Chippenham 3	14.3 (5)	Allington	13.0 (4)	Corsham 4	14.0 (5)
Wroughton Wranglers	12.7 (3)	Bathford	13.0 (3)	Chippenham 6	13.2 (6)
White Horse	12.5 (4)	Christian Malford	11.8 (6)	Lacock 2	13.0 (2)
Swindon 3	8.7 (5)	Shrivenham	11.0 (3)		

I will be writing to clubs who are not meeting the required mark for their division.

## Promotion and Relegation

A number of Wiltshire teams in WEPL are fighting to avoid relegation – a week ago, Chippenham were bottom of Premier One, and Biddestone and Marshfield were the bottom two in Premier 2 Glos/Wilts. But wins for Chippenham and Marshfield on Saturday have brought both out of the relegation zone at the expense of non-Wiltshire teams.

If all three were to fall back into the relegation zone at the end of the season, this would cause an extra team to be relegated from WEPL into the WCCL, which will have a knock-on effect through the WCCL, causing teams in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in each division to be relegated. Hopefully they are able to keep winning so that this doesn't happen, but clubs in 8<sup>th</sup> place in a division should not assume they are safe from relegation.