



# ESCA Rules & Constitution Review 2021

## Summary of Changes

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### RULES

Clause/Section Change	Previous Wording	New Wording
<b>General Header</b>  (from 2020)	<i>April 2019</i>	<i>April 2021</i>
<b>1</b>	<i>The League shall be administered by the General Committee of the East of Scotland Cricket Association, in accordance with the League Rules and within the terms of the Constitution.</i>	<i>The League shall be administered by the General Committee of the East of Scotland Cricket Association (<b>ESCA</b>), in accordance with the League Rules and within the terms of the Constitution.</i>
<b>2.4</b>  (from 2020)	-	New rule 2.4 added: <i>A club who is also a member of another regional cricket body (e.g. SPCU) and playing weekend league cricket, may enter a team in the ESCA leagues, in line with the constitution. If a club's team is accepted into the league, this team shall be considered to be their lowest team and shall be named accordingly. No club shall be able to have two teams of the same name/classification playing in different regional bodies' competitions (e.g. no club can have a 2nd XI playing in ESCA and a 2nd XI playing in SPCU).</i>
<b>3.2</b>	<i>If a team is relegated from CSL Eastern Premiership (CSLEP) to the East League, and no team promoted from the East League to CSLEP, the bottom 3 teams in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below.</i>	<i>If a team is relegated from <b>Eastern Premier League (EPL)</b> to the <b>top East League Division</b>, and no team promoted from the <b>top East League Division</b> to <b>EPL</b>, the bottom 3 teams in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below.</i>
<b>3.3</b>	<i>If either one team is relegated from CSLEP to the East League, and one team promoted from the East League to CSLEP, or no team</i>	<i>If either one team is relegated from <b>EPL</b> to the <b>top East League Division</b>, and one team promoted from the <b>top East League Division</b></i>

	<i>relegated from CSLEP to the East League and no team promoted from the East League to CSLEP the bottom 2 teams in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below.</i>	<i>to EPL, or no team relegated from EPL to the top East League Division and no team promoted from the top East League Division to EPL the bottom 2 teams in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below.</i>
<b>3.4</b>	<i>If no team is relegated from CSLEP to the East League, and one team promoted from East League to CSLEP, the bottom team in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below.</i>	<i>If no team is relegated from EPL to the top East League Division, and one team promoted from top East League Division to EPL, the bottom team in each Division shall be relegated to the Division below.</i>
<b>6.1.1</b>	<i>For Laws 18.5 (Deliberate short runs), 24.4 (Player returning without permission), 26.2 (Practice on the outfield), 28.2 (Fielding the ball) and 41 (Unfair Play), the provisions allowing for the award of "Penalty Runs" shall only apply where an umpire appointed by ESCOA is standing. For the avoidance of doubt, "Penalty Runs" may continue to be applied under Law 28.3.2 where a ball strikes a fielding helmet on the ground.</i>	<i>For Laws 18.5 (Deliberate short runs), 24.4 (Player returning without permission), 26.2 (Practice on the outfield), 28.2 (Fielding the ball) and 41 (Unfair Play), the provisions allowing for the award of "Penalty Runs" shall only apply where an umpire appointed by Cricket Scotland Match Officials Association (CSMOA) is standing. For the avoidance of doubt, "Penalty Runs" will continue to be applied under Law 28.3.2 where a ball strikes a fielding helmet on the ground.</i>
<b>6.1.2</b>	<i>Law 42 (Players' Conduct) shall only apply where an umpire appointed by ESCOA is standing.</i>	<i>Law 42 (Players' Conduct) shall only apply where an umpire appointed by CSMOA is standing.</i>
<b>7.3.1</b>	<i>However, even if this residency criterion is met, no player may play as a Domestic Player if he/she has been a Paid Player (as defined in Appendix C) at any time in the 36 months preceding any match, except with the special permission of the Competitions Committee.</i>	Delete duplication of wording in previous paragraph
<b>7.4</b> (from 2020)	<i>If ESCA consider that the use of higher players is conduct detrimental to the game of cricket, the match shall normally be awarded to the non-offending team, with league points being allocated 20-0.</i>	<i>If ESCA consider that the use of higher players (outwith the allowance set out in the rules below) is conduct detrimental to the game of cricket (where it may be considered a team has gained a significantly unfair advantage), the match shall <del>normally</del> be awarded to the non-offending team, with league points being allocated 20-0.</i>
<b>7.4.3</b> (from 2020)	<i>The divisional rep should be informed about such 'dropped' players by 10pm on the Thursday prior to the match. This will negate suspicion if the match for the higher team is later cancelled.</i>	<i>The divisional rep should be informed about such 'dropped' players by 12noon on the Friday prior to the match. This will negate suspicion if the match for the higher team is later cancelled.</i>

<b>7.4.4</b>	<i>No player may however drop down more than three divisions (including CSLEP) without the permission of the Competitions Committee, unless all of the club's teams are playing on the Sunday.</i>	<i>No player may however drop down more than three divisions (including <b>EPL</b>) without the permission of the Competitions Committee, unless all of the club's teams are playing on the Sunday.</i>
<b>7.4.4</b> (from 2020)	<i>The divisional rep should be informed about such 'dropped' players by 10pm on the Thursday prior to the match. This will negate suspicion if the match for the higher team is later cancelled.</i>	<i>The divisional rep should be informed about such 'dropped' players by <b>12noon on the Friday</b> prior to the match. This will negate suspicion if the match for the higher team is later cancelled.</i>
<b>7.4.5</b> (from 2020)	<i>Where doubt exists, the divisional rep should be contacted by 10pm on the Thursday prior to the match.</i>	<i>Where doubt exists, the divisional rep should be contacted by <b>12noon on the Friday</b> prior to the match.</i>
<b>7.4.6, 7.4.7 &amp; 7.4.8</b>  (from 2020)	<i>Various</i>	<i>Insert new rule 7.4.6 and renumber 7.4.6 and 7.4.7 to be 7.4.7 and 7.4.8 respectively. New rule 7.4.6 to be:  <i>Where a player has initially been selected for a higher team and that game is subsequently cancelled, it is not acceptable for the player to move down even one team. Exception may be made in relation to a player who would normally play in the lower team, if the lower team do not have enough numbers to fulfil the fixture (in line with rule 3.8). Where doubt exists, the divisional rep should be contacted by 12noon on the Friday prior to the match, to seek clarification and/or approval.</i></i>
<b>8.3</b>	<i>...in a weekend provided that one of the games is not an CSLEP or Scottish Cup match.  ...three divisions (including CSLEP) from their normal team without permission from the Competitions Committee.</i>	<i>...in a weekend provided that one of the games is not an <b>EPL</b> or Scottish Cup match.  ...three divisions (including <b>EPL</b>) from their normal team without permission from the Competitions Committee.</i>
<b>9</b>	<i>Any club which pays expenses to any player as aforesaid shall maintain a record of all expenses so paid and shall allow access to any person appointed by the General Committee to such record and to any other books of account maintained by the club</i>	<i>Any club which pays expenses to any player as aforesaid shall maintain a record of all expenses so paid and shall allow access to any person appointed by the General Committee to <b>examine</b> such record and to any other books of account maintained by the club</i>
<b>Appendix B</b>  (from 2020)	<i>...to determine a target score for the team batting second. The charts are for matches of 20 – 50 overs in multiples of 5.</i>	<i>Wording changed to:  ...to determine the result and losing bonus points in abandoned matches. The appropriate chart is used depending on the length of</i>

		<p>the first innings. To determine a team's 'progress' at a particular point in the innings, find the entry for the number of overs bowled and wickets lost. This figure is multiplied by the first innings score and divided by 100 to give a target should the match be abandoned at that point. The resultant figure is rounded down to give the score for a tie with one more run the target for a win.</p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b> <b>Subclause C1.c</b>  (from 2020)</p>	<p><i>“Paid Player” is a player who receives any of the following as a fee for playing, or as an inducement to play, or to facilitate their playing cricket:</i></p>	<p><i>“Paid Player” is a player who receives any of the following as a fee for playing, or as an inducement to play, or to facilitate their playing cricket <b>in the ESCA Championship:</b></i></p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b> <b>Subclause C1.c</b></p>	<p><i>A Paid Player must possess a Certificate in Coaching Young People and Adults (formerly UKCC 2) or an acceptable overseas equivalent. There shall be no residency requirements for the one permitted Paid Player, but if sourced from outwith the European Union, then UK Border Agency regulations must be satisfied.</i></p>	<p><i>A Paid Player must possess a Certificate in Coaching Young People and Adults (formerly UKCC 2) or an acceptable overseas equivalent. There shall be no residency requirements for the one permitted Paid Player, but if sourced from outwith the <b>UK</b>, then UK Border Agency regulations must be satisfied.</i></p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b> <b>Subclause C1.d</b>  (from 2020)</p>	<p><i>An Overseas Amateur must not have played first class cricket or List A cricket in the 24 months preceding any match.</i></p>	<p><i>An Overseas Amateur must not have played first class cricket or List A cricket in the 24 months preceding any match. <b>There shall be no residency requirements for the Overseas Amateur, but if sourced from outwith the UK, then UK Border Agency regulations must be satisfied.</b></i></p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b> <b>Subclause C3</b>  (from 2020)</p>	<p><i>The Match / Pitch Report (Appendix C1) submitted by the umpires will be used to determine compliance with these ground requirements and to assess whether the quality of the pitch meets Championship standards.</i></p>	<p><i>The Match / Pitch Report (Appendix C1) <b>submitted online by the umpires via the WTU website</b> will be used to determine compliance with these ground requirements and to assess whether the quality of the pitch meets Championship standards.</i></p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b> <b>Subclause C4</b>  (from 2020)</p>	<p><i>Championship matches shall, unless otherwise agreed by both clubs or where the Committee consider it necessary, commence at 12 noon. The scheduled hours of play will be from 12 noon to 7.10pm or from 1.00pm to 8.10pm. There will be two sessions of play, normally of 3 hours 20 minutes each, separated by an interval of 30</i></p>	<p>Reword and add wording: <i>Championship matches shall, unless otherwise agreed by both clubs or where the Committee consider it necessary, commence at 12 noon. The scheduled hours of play will be from 12 noon to 7.10pm or from 1.00pm to 8.10pm. There will be two sessions of play, normally of 3 hours 20 minutes each, separated by an interval of 30</i></p>

minutes. In matches with appointed umpires, the umpires shall, except for delays caused by exceptional circumstances, deduct 1 point from the bowling team's total for each complete over that is unbowled at the time calculated for the end of the innings, based on an allowance of 4 minutes per over.

In all matches which are scheduled to start at 12 noon and where the start of play is delayed or play is suspended due to inclement weather, the scheduled close of play may be extended to 7.40pm. This extension will not apply to matches which are scheduled to start after 12 noon. If a ball has not been bowled by 3.20pm (3.50pm for a 1.00pm start) the umpires will then abandon the match.

In Championship matches when playing time has been lost during the first innings, and, as a result, it is not possible for the team batting second to receive its full allocation by the finishing time of 7.40pm (or 8.10pm), the number of overs for the second innings shall be reduced in the interval by 5 over blocks at the rate of 5 overs per 20 minutes (4 minutes per over) down to 30 overs minimum. The second innings in a Championship match must therefore start no later than 5.40pm to ensure a 7.40pm finish for a match scheduled to start at 12 noon or start no later than 6.10pm for a match scheduled to start at 1pm.

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*Where the weather conditions indicate that the full number of overs may not be completed, the umpires (or the captains when there are no appointed umpires) have the power, before the call of 'Play', to reduce the number of scheduled overs to be played by multiples of 5 overs per side. All reductions are subject to a minimum length of 30 overs per innings in the Championship.*

*If, shortly after the start, there is a significant interruption, sufficient that it becomes unlikely the game can be completed, the umpires (or the captains when there are no appointed umpires) can decide to restart the match. Everything occurring before the interruption will be deemed not to have happened, including the toss.*

If a ball has not been bowled by 3.30pm (4.00pm for a 1.00pm start) the umpires will abandon the match.

In matches when playing time has been lost *before the start of the second innings* and, as a result, it is not possible for the team batting second to receive its full allocation by the finishing time of 7.40pm (or 8.10pm), the number of *scheduled* overs for the second innings shall be reduced in the interval by 5 over blocks at the rate of 5 overs

		<p>per 20 minutes (4 minutes per over) down to 30 overs minimum. The second innings in a Championship match must therefore start no later than 5.40pm to ensure a 7.40pm finish for a match scheduled to start at 12 noon or start no later than 6.10pm for a match scheduled to start at 1pm.</p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b></p> <p><b>Subclause C4</b> (from 2020)</p>	<p>Examples:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team 1 scores 187. Because of rain interruptions, the 2nd innings after the tea interval is due to start at 5.15pm. For a 12 noon, scheduled start, that means only 2 hours 25 minutes (145 minutes) are left before 7.40pm. At 4 minutes per over, the 2nd innings will be 35 overs. So the Par Score for the tie is 82.7% of 187 = 154.6 rounded down to 154. The winning target for Team 2 is therefore 155.</li> <li>2. A match scheduled to start at 1pm is unable to start until 2.30pm. 90 minutes have been lost, this equals 23 overs, so the match is reduced to 35 overs per side. After further rain interruptions Team 1 scores 160. The 2nd innings is due to start at 6pm, leaving 130 minutes before 8.10pm. The 2nd innings will therefore be 30 overs and the Par Score is 90.8% of 160 rounded down i.e. 145 for the tie. The winning target for Team 2 is 146.</li> </ol> <p>Should further time be lost in either of these examples, then, so long as the scheduled finishing time of 7.40pm (example 1) or 8.10pm (example 2) has been reached OR it is agreed to abandon the match, AND 20 overs have been completed then the result will be decided by the ELC method as defined in Appendix B.</p>	<p>Reword and add wording:</p> <p><i>Once the second innings has commenced, there can be no further reduction in the scheduled number of overs.</i></p> <p><i>Should time be lost after the start of the 2nd innings, then, so long as the scheduled finishing time of 7.40pm or 8.10pm has been reached OR it is agreed to abandon the match, then the result, assuming that 20 overs have been completed, will be decided by the ELC method as defined in Appendix B.</i></p> <p><i>Examples of weather affected matches, including use of the above table:-</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team 1 scores 187. Because of rain interruptions, the 2nd innings after the tea interval is due to start at 5.15pm. For a 12 noon, scheduled start, that means only 2 hours 25 minutes (145 minutes) are left before 7.40pm. At 4 minutes per over, the 2nd innings will be 35 overs. So the Par Score for the tie is 82.7% of 187 = 154.6 rounded down to 154. The winning target for Team 2 is therefore 155.</li> <li>2. A match scheduled to start at 1pm is unable to start until 2.30pm. 90 minutes have been lost, this equals 23 overs, so the match is reduced to 35 overs per side. After further rain interruptions Team 1 scores 160. The 2nd innings is due to start at 6pm, leaving 130 minutes before 8.10pm. The 2nd innings will therefore be 30 overs and the Par Score is</li> </ol>

		<p>90.8% of 160 rounded down i.e. 145 for the tie. The winning target for Team 2 is 146.</p> <p>3. A match starts on schedule at 12 noon. After 10 overs, an unexpected heavy shower means no play is possible until 3.15pm by when tea has been taken. With only 4 hours 25 minutes remaining until the latest finishing time of 7.40pm, there is insufficient time to continue even with a 50 overs + 30 overs match which would take 70 overs x 4 minutes plus 10 minutes between innings = 4 hours 50 minutes. The only alternative is to re-do the toss and start a new 30 over match lasting 60 x 4 minutes plus 10 minutes = 4 hours 10 minutes. At 6.53pm, after 22 overs of the 2nd innings, rain returns meaning no further play is possible until 7.24pm. Although 22 overs have been completed, and the ELC is available to determine a result, there is still 16 minutes or 4 overs of playing time available during which the ELC result and/or the losing bonus points may change. Play therefore re-commences at 7.24pm and finishes at 7.40pm after 26 overs of the 2nd innings. The ELC is then used to determine the result.</p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b></p> <p><b>Subclause C5.c</b></p> <p>(from 2020)</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Add new subclause:</p> <p><i>In addition to the above restrictions, further fielding restrictions (hereinafter referred to as the Powerplays) shall apply to certain overs in each innings.</i></p> <p><i>Powerplay 1 – no more than 2 fieldsmen shall be permitted outside the 30 yards fielding restriction area at the instant of delivery. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 1 to 10 inclusive.</i></p>

*Powerplay 2 – no more than 4 fieldsmen shall be permitted outside the 30 yards fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 11 to 40 inclusive.*

*Powerplay 3 – no more than 5 fieldsmen shall be permitted outside the 30 yards fielding restriction area. In an innings of 50 overs, these are overs 41 to 50 inclusive.*

<i>Scheduled innings</i>	<i>Overs - Powerplay 1</i>	<i>Overs - Powerplay 2</i>	<i>Overs - Powerplay 3</i>
<i>50 overs</i>	<i>1 - 10</i>	<i>11 - 40</i>	<i>41 - 50</i>
<i>45 overs</i>	<i>1 - 9</i>	<i>10 - 36</i>	<i>37 - 45</i>
<i>40 overs</i>	<i>1 - 8</i>	<i>9 - 32</i>	<i>33 - 40</i>
<i>35 overs</i>	<i>1 - 7</i>	<i>8 - 28</i>	<i>29 - 35</i>
<i>30 overs</i>	<i>1 - 6</i>	<i>7 - 24</i>	<i>25 - 30</i>

*At the commencement of Powerplay 2 and Powerplay 3, the umpire shall signal to the scorers by rotating his arm in a large circle.*

*In the event of an infringement of any of the above fielding restrictions, the striker's end umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'.*

**Appendix C**

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**Subclause C6**

(from 2020)

*Delete C6 and replace with:*

*No bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the total overs scheduled for that innings. The penalty for infringing this rule is the deduction of 5 points for each infringement. Wherever possible, umpires and/or scorers should alert captains when it appears likely that this rule may be infringed.*

*Profile Wides will be adopted for use in all ESCA Championship games and are defined as :-*

*A ball will be judged as Wide if it passes the striker behind their legs when standing in a normal guard position. If the striker moves across to the off side to play the ball and the ball passes behind their legs the umpire will have to imagine the profile of the striker standing in a normal guard position, and only provided that the ball would have passed behind this profile, will it be called and signalled 'Wide ball' by the bowler's end umpire. If the ball would have hit this profile it will not be a Wide.*

*Any delivery that passes outside or crosses the off side wide line, provided it is not hit by the striker, shall be called and signalled 'Wide ball' by the bowler's end umpire. There is one exception to this Rule : The umpire shall not adjudge a delivery as being a Wide, if the striker, by moving, brings the ball sufficiently within reach to be able to hit it by means of a normal cricket stroke.*

#### **C6.1 Short Pitched Bowling**

*A bowler shall be limited to two fast short-pitched deliveries per over. A fast short-pitched delivery is defined as a ball, which passes or would have passed above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease. The umpire at the bowler's end shall advise the bowler and the batsman on strike when each fast short-pitched delivery has been bowled.*

*In addition, a ball that passes above head height of the batsman, standing upright at the popping crease, that prevents him from being able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke, shall be called a Wide. For the avoidance of doubt any fast short-pitched delivery that is called a Wide under this playing condition shall also count as one of the allowable short-pitched deliveries in that over.*

		<p><i>In the event of a bowler bowling more than two fast short-pitched deliveries in an over, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal 'No Ball' on each occasion. A differential 'No Ball' signal shall be used to signify a fast short-pitched delivery. The umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball' and then tap the head with the other hand.</i></p> <p><i>The first time a bowler delivers a third fast short-pitched ball in an over, the umpire, after the call of no ball and when the ball is dead, shall caution the bowler, inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings.</i></p> <p><i>If there is a second instance of the bowler being no balled in the innings for bowling more than two fast short-pitched deliveries in an over, the umpire shall advise the bowler that this is his final warning for the innings.</i></p> <p><i>Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball'. When the ball is dead, the umpire shall direct the captain of the fielding side to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling and inform the other umpire for the reason for this action. The bowler thus suspended shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings. If applicable, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled any part of the previous over, nor be allowed to bowl any part of the next over. The umpire shall report the occurrence to the batsmen and, as soon as practicable, to the captain of the batting side. The umpires may then report the matter to ESCA who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the bowler concerned.</i></p>
<b>Appendix C</b>  <b>Subclause C7</b>	-	Add new clause and renumber rest of the appendix:

(from 2020)		<p>a) <i>The delivery following a No Ball shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it. If the delivery for the free hit is not a legitimate delivery (any kind of No Ball or a Wide ball), then the next delivery will become a free hit for whichever batsman is facing it.</i></p> <p>b) <i>For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply to a No Ball, even if the delivery for the free hit is called Wide ball.</i></p> <p>c) <i>Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless there is a change of striker or the No Ball was due to a breach of the Fielding Restrictions (Rule C5).</i></p> <p>d) <i>The umpires will signal a free hit by (after the normal No Ball signal) extending one arm straight upwards and moving it in a circular motion.</i></p>
<p><b>Appendix C</b></p> <p><b>Subclause C8</b></p> <p>(from 2020, amended 2021)</p>	<p>a) <i>Appointed umpires are each entitled to a match fee of £35. Each team pays £35 to one umpire. In matches where only one appointed umpire is available, that umpire will be paid £52.50 i.e. £26.25 from each team. The clubs shall pay Umpires in cash or electronic fund transfer. Payment by cheque shall not be permitted. The means of payment shall be confirmed at the toss and where umpires are to be paid in cash, they should be paid no later than the interval.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Umpires will submit a Match / Pitch Report – see Appendix C1.</i></p>	<p>a) <i>Appointed umpires are each entitled to a match fee of £35. In matches where only one appointed umpire is available, that umpire will be entitled to £52.50, divided equally between both teams. Clubs will be invoiced in advance of the season for an amount that CSMOA will use to reimburse the umpires’ match fees and expenses. Any monies due/overpaid will be adjusted upon completion of the season. ESCA reserves the right to impose sanctions on any club that fails to provide CSMOA with their monies in good time. Championship umpires will be paid their match fee and travelling expenses by CSMOA through WTU.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Umpires will submit a Match / Pitch Report – online via the WTU website (Appendix C1).</i></p>
<b>Appendix C1</b>	<p><i>By submitting this form, you agree that the opinions are those of both umpires.</i></p>	<p><i>The online version of this form on the WTU website should be submitted by the end of Wednesday following the match. By</i></p>

(from 2020)	<i>Return to Robin Pollok - <a href="mailto:Robin.P.home@gmail.com">Robin.P.home@gmail.com</a> - by the end of Wednesday following the match.</i>	<i>submitting this form, you agree that the opinions are those of both umpires.</i>
<b>Appendix C3</b> (from 2020)	-	<i>Appendix C3 (ESCA Championship Calculation Sheet For When Delays Occur) added</i>
<b>11.3</b> (from 2020)	<i>All reductions are subject to a minimum length of 30 overs per innings in the Championship and Division 1, and 20 overs per innings in other Divisions. No reduction in the scheduled number of overs is permitted after the start of the match, with the following exception:</i>	<i>All reductions are subject to a minimum length of 30 overs per innings in the Championship and Division 1, and 20 overs per innings in other Divisions. No reduction in the scheduled number of overs <b>in the first innings</b> is permitted after the start of the match, with the following exception:</i>
<b>11.3</b>	<i>...with the agreement of both captains or in Championship matches the ESCOA appointed Umpire(s), be restarted.</i>	<i>...with the agreement of both captains or in Championship matches the <b>CSMOA</b> appointed Umpire(s), be restarted.</i>
<b>11.4</b> (from 2020)	<i>Except under exceptional circumstances (conditions that would be deemed detrimental to the health and safety of a player(s)), no breaks in play in either innings shall be allowed for the purpose of a 'drinks break'. The home team shall ensure that water is available for consumption by both teams, for players to help themselves, however consumption should not cause any delay or interruption to the game.</i>	<i>Remove rule 11.4.</i>
<b>11.4</b> (from 2020)	-	<i>New rule 11.4 added: In games with no appointed umpires, abandonment of a match (whether due to rain, playing conditions, or other) should be agreed by both captains. If the captains cannot agree, then the route to conclusion of the match shall follow the status quo of play at the point of discussion (e.g. if the match was in play at the point of discussion around abandonment, then play will continue and if the match was not in play at the point of discussion around abandonment, then play will remain halted or match abandoned).</i>
<b>11.5</b> (from 2020)	-	<i>New rule 11.5 added: In the event that a game is agreed to be abandoned between the captains, both captains shall sign the home team scorebook to record the decision. No formal complaint will be allowed to be lodged under rule 15.2. If the two captains do not agree on an</i>

		<i>abandonment, the home team captain shall notify the divisional rep as such. Notification should be provided in the same timescales as the match return.</i>
<b>15.2</b>	<i>Any complaint by a club in relation to any match must be submitted to the Discipline Officer within seven days of that match using the appropriate form. The complaint must be fully detailed and accompanied by a minimum of two WRITTEN witness statements. No complaint will be considered if this documentation is not submitted as specified above.</i>  <i>All players and officials participating in the East League are bound by the Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct and clubs, players and officials are deemed to know the content of the Code.</i>	<i>Any complaint by a club in relation to any match must be submitted to the Discipline Officer within <b>seventy two hours</b> of that match using the appropriate form. The complaint must be fully detailed and accompanied by a minimum of two WRITTEN witness statements. No complaint will be considered if this documentation is not submitted as specified above.</i>  <i>All players and officials participating in the East League are bound by the Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct and clubs, players and officials are deemed to know the content of the Code. <b>The process for dealing with complaints is set out in Appendix A of the Constitution.</b></i>
<b>17.1</b>	<i>Wherever possible, umpires to East League games shall be appointed by the East of Scotland Cricket Officials Association (ESCOA).</i>	<i>Wherever possible, umpires to East League games shall be appointed by the <b>CSMOA</b>.</i>
<b>17.11</b> (from 2020)	-	Add paragraph to end of existing rule: <i>Teams in the Championship shall be subject to rules on umpire pre-payment as set out in Appendix C, which supersedes the above.</i>
<b>14.3</b> (from 2020)	<i>Notification of appeal must include the grounds of appeal with reference to the relevant Rules, and a £50 deposit, which will be returned to the appellant club if the appeal is successful. The appeal will be heard by an Appeals sub Committee.</i>	<i>Notification of appeal must include the grounds of appeal with reference to the relevant Rules, and a <b>£100</b> deposit, which will be returned to the appellant club if the appeal is successful. The appeal will be heard by an Appeals sub Committee.</i>
<b>Appendix E</b>	Previous Appendix E for Adjustment of Playing Conditions to Accelerate Matches	New Appendix E included for Covid Rules 2021
<b>Appendix F</b>	As previous	References to 2020 and 2021 removed and replaced with references to 2021 and 2022

## CONSTITUTION

Clause/Section Change	Previous Wording	New Wording	Comment
<b>3.1 (Affiliation to Cricket Scotland and Appeals)</b>	<i>The Association shall affiliate to Cricket Scotland and by its affiliation recognises the Constitution of Cricket Scotland, agrees to be bound by it and to recognise the right of Cricket Scotland to act as an appeal body for any dispute, always accepting that the said appeal body shall confine its jurisdiction to the procedures and legalities of actions taken by the Association, between members of the Association or between the Association and any of its members which shall have been referred to it by any provision of this Constitution or by any provision of Cricket Scotland Constitution, and the Association and each of its members agrees to abide by the decision of Cricket Scotland in any such matter.</i>	<i>The Association shall affiliate to Cricket Scotland and by its affiliation will ensure the pursuance of its objectives under the auspices of Cricket Scotland.</i>	<p>Since the constitution was originally written the structure and governance of Cricket Scotland has changed. Further there are two specific areas where disputes might arise – in relation to competitions matters and also in relation to discipline.</p> <p>There is already provision in the ESCA constitution for there to be an ESCA sub Committee to consider appeals which it is felt is sufficient and follows the pattern adopted by other regions in terms of dealing with appeals. There are certain disciplinary appeals which go to Cricket Scotland but these are set out separately in the constitution and remain.</p>
<b>12.2 (Appeals sub Committee)</b>	<p><i>Appeals sub Committee</i></p> <p><i>12.2 The Appeals sub Committee shall be appointed by the Disciplinary sub Committee and shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the chair.</i></p> <p><i>Appeals against decisions of the Appeals Sub Committee</i></p> <p><i>12.2.1 There shall be no appeal against a decision of the Appeals sub Committee</i></p>	<p><i>Appeals sub Committee</i></p> <p><i>12.2 The Appeals sub Committee shall be appointed by the <b>General</b> Committee and shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the chair.</i></p> <p><i>Paragraph 12.2.1 deleted</i></p>	<p>Earlier this year Cricket Scotland issued an updated Code of Conduct which has been circulated to all clubs and which is deemed to have been adopted by them. That Code is available on the ESCA website and should also be on the website of each club.</p> <p>Cricket Scotland also issued guidance on the disciplinary process to be followed which is slightly different from that currently in place.</p>

	<i>except as provided for in Paragraph 3.1 of this Constitution.</i>		To deal with the first part of this there is a need for a minor constitutional amendment to allow for a separate Appeal sub Committee which is appointed by the General Committee rather than the Discipline sub Committee. This makes sense to avoid any perception of conflict of interest and to recognise that appeals can also come from the Competitions sub Committee.
<b>Appendix A</b>	Existing Appendix A contains details of the disciplinary process	Existing Appendix A deleted in its entirety and new Appendix A is substituted with the revised process.	See above