

DURHAM COAST CRICKET LEAGUE.
JUNIOR DIVISIONS.

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held following the AGM.

Colin updated the meeting on the current rules and match arrangements agreed by the 3 leagues for the Under 15's Durham Youth Cricket Board. He stated that he had been involved for over two years as the Coast League representative in the initial and ongoing talks of implementing a County wide competition.

Unfortunately the Durham County League had decided not to join the Championship, at this time the three Leagues working in partnership are the Tyneside League / Durham Senior League and Durham Coast League.

Colin stated that from the onset, the Leagues were to retain their autonomy, which necessitated them deciding how they were going to implement the League split

Following discussion, it was agreed by the clubs that the best way forward would be to opt for geographical split into a North and South division.

The following was agreed,

North Section

Bill Quay
Ryhope
Baldon CA
Washington
Silksworth
Seaham Park
Monkwearmouth

South Section

Castle Eden
Ryhope
Easington
Washington
Peterlee
Murton
Dawdon

Registration of Players

It was suggested by John Watson and agreed, that for clubs entering 2 teams, the registration of players should take place, [Early March] followed by a draw to determine which section North / South the teams would be allocated to. Once registered no player would be eligible to play for the other team.

A further suggestion by John Watson, as a means of keeping the Coast League sides together and offering each junior the opportunity of playing against each club; The champions of North will play the champions of the South and so on until the lower clubs are playing each other in each league. Agreed to be played on / before 30th June, which is a non fixture date Youth Championship.

First phase of competition will commence April 28th and completed by June 23rd, with a mid season break on June 30th. The second phase of competition administered by the Durham Youth Cricket Board will commence July 7th, semi finals to be played August 11th with the finals being played first week in Sept.

Adoption of Match Arrangements / Championship Rules.

Colin handed out information regarding arrangements and rules, which informed clubs that the main difference from the Coast League's rules and the Championships was the retirement of the batter when reaching his/her 50 runs.

The ECB's fast bowling directives will apply, together with the wearing of helmets when keepers are standing back.

A discussion regarding wicket keepers helmets took place regarding Coast League Clubs and rules, it was pointed out that DCCL clubs had decided to adopt the wearing of helmets irrespective of standing up / back and players must adhere to their league ruling.

However, when playing in the 2nd phase of competition, players could disregard the league rule, should they wish, providing a club gives sanction.

In closing the meeting, Colin thanked all clubs for their support and co-operation, over the past ten years; he hoped all clubs would go from strength to strength in their junior provision, and looked forward to seeing a Coast League junior club become champions of Durham in the not too distant future.