

- Attendance:** Apologies received from Phil Senior, Harry Marsden, Ian Livesey, Chris Jones and Andrew Matthewman.
- Team Sheets:** During the last Management Board meeting, the Management Board discussed whether, on team sheets, the ages of players should be confirmed by stating the player's date of birth or by stating their age group. After that meeting, following the discovery of some further guidance both in the Huddersfield Central Cricket League handbook and in the ECB Directives, the Management Board voted in favour of age groups being stated on the team sheets. Clubs are, however, reminded that they may, if asked by the umpire, need to provide a players date of birth in some circumstances.
- Representative Matches:** The Huddersfield Central Cricket League fixture against South Yorkshire will be replayed on Sunday 28 June 2015 at Green Moor CC after being called off not long after play started due to adverse weather conditions.
- Cup Finals:** The Alsop Cup Final on 26 July 2015 will be held at Birchcliffe CC. The Tinker Cup Final on 9 August 2015 will be held at Flockton CC. The 20/20 Final on 16 August 2015 will be held at Heckmondwike and Carlinghow United CC. The Management Board is grateful to all three clubs for nominating themselves to host the respective matches. Programmes for each of the finals are to be ordered shortly. The trophies have been provisionally ordered.
- Bradley and Colnebridge CC Second Team:** As most clubs are now aware, Bradley and Colnebridge CC have had to take the unfortunate decision to withdraw their second team from the Huddersfield Central Cricket League. This has come about as a result of internal issues with membership fees and subs which has led to a number of players transferring elsewhere.
- Higham CC Second Team:** Please see the attached letter from Higham CC.
- Nortonthorpe CC Second Team:** Nortonthorpe CC has confirmed that they are making one last effort to resurrect their second team and, hopefully, have a handful of new players that will be signing on shortly. The Management Board is monitoring the situation and clubs will be kept updated.
- Please remember to contact other clubs, or contact Holly Buxton who can contact other clubs on your behalf, if you have any spare players available for a particular weekend. The loan players system was introduced to assist clubs who struggle to field a full second team and, at present, the system isn't being used to its full potential.
- Complaint Against Birchencliffe CC:** An allegation has been made against an individual at Birchencliffe CC in respect of that individual's language and conduct. The Management Board and both of the clubs involved are still investigating the allegation.
- Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at Flockton Green WMC on 28 July 2015 from 7:30pm.



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To HCCL Management Board

I am writing on behalf of the committee and members of Higham Cricket Club.

Again I have the unenviable task of writing to the Management Board to apologise for and explain a number of forfeit fixtures so far in the 2015 season. This is not a task I envisaged at the start of the season as we endeavoured to sign a number of players in the winter to bolster our numbers but this has not stopped us having to cancel four games, including the Section B fixture on 6<sup>th</sup> June. We are aware that the 2<sup>nd</sup> team will suffer at the start and end of the season due to a large contingent of players watching and playing football, unfortunately that is the way of the world these days, but I am surprised that we have had to cancel two games at the end of May and beginning of June. For both of these fixtures we had 14 players not available, out of a regular number of around 28, due to work, holidays, a wedding and a couple of football presentations. Unfortunately as a club we can register players but we cannot make them play, much as I wish we could.

We are striving to improve our record and I hope that over the remainder of the season this problem with availability lessens and we can get two full sides out on a Saturday, we will be monitoring the situation to be as fair as possible to the clubs in Section B. We have over the past few weeks had a renewed interest in junior cricket and hope that we can develop that for future stability but that is a number of years off.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise to all who have been inconvenienced by our actions, on a personal note I do find it extremely embarrassing when I have to inform clubs and the Umpires Secretary of forfeit games, and I would like to emphasise that we are constantly trying to improve our situation.

Regards

Ian Lake