

KOOKABURRA MID-BUCKS CRICKET LEAGUE

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Phew! What A Scorcher! The pitches and outfielders are lovely and dry, everything in the garden is rosy, the sun is beating down. Oh dear, no it isn't.

FIRST THE BAD NEWS – SLOW PLAY – Despite the shortened games, some matches have nevertheless been very prolonged due to slow play. Whilst there are no actual penalties for slow play in league matches, the first 40 overs should be bowled by 4.00 p.m., and the second 40 by 7.00 p.m. Irrespective of lost balls and extreme heat, you should be aiming for this.

UMPIRES and SCORERS – Please note that the umpire cannot also be the scorer. The umpires should be working as a team and so should the scorers.

BEHAVIOUR – There have been two instances of unacceptable behaviour by players being reported to the league, so far, this season. In both cases the players concerned have been given suspensions by their clubs.

DANGEROUS and UNFAIR BOWLING – A reminder about Law 42. Any delivery, other than a slow paced one, which hits or passes the batsman on the full above waist-height is to be deemed dangerous and unfair. Similarly, a slow paced ball above shoulder-height. If this occurs the umpire should call no ball and warn the bowler. A bowler can have a second warning but on a third offence he has to be taken off.

KNOCKOUT FINALS DAY 2013 – All sorted. Thanks to Potten End for coming forward and offering to host the day. And congratulations to the teams that have reached the finals. On Sunday 1st September, Potten End will be hosting..

At 11.00 a.m. - Ley Hill 2nd v Holmer Green 2nd

At 2.30 p.m. – Monks Risborough v Holmer Green

HELP! – We need umpires for both finals. Would one of YOUR umpires be able to officiate? If so, please contact the league asap.

NEW RULES – Don't forget Robin is on his way round collecting feedback from the clubs on the new format and the new points system. What does your club think?

NEW TEAMS – As always, the League is looking for new teams to join for next season. Please contact the League if you know of any likely clubs.

BUCKS FREE PRESS – The Mid Bucks Cricket League are now featuring again each week in the Bucks Free Press. If you have anything they can publish, send it to news@bucksfreepress.co.uk. Or if you have a notable performance or two, let Robin know by Tuesday evening and he will get it included in the following Friday's edition. robinacarr@sky.com

BEST BATTING and BOWLING – Talking of notable performances, if anyone improves on the best batting and bowling records on the league table pages on the website, make sure it is recorded on the card.

DIARY DATES – the dates for the end of season annual meeting, and for the AGM, will appear in the next newsletter.