

In the bleak mid-winter

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Scorers & DBS

Scorers who are 16 or older need to follow legislation and Child Protection guidance by having an active DBS in place. This time of year is the perfect opportunity to make the necessary arrangements, so do discuss this with your club's Child Protection Officer. ECB guidance states that: "Scorers should never occupy a remote scoreboard with a minor. (Some clubs say this should be no scoreboard at all). In such a case, the two scorers should sit together in the full view of the other participants. On a hot or mild day this could be outside; on a cold day, in the pavilion." The very nature of scoring promotes a number of challenges - for example, the length of time scorers will spend together, and the fact that scorers ideally need a quiet and uninterrupted location to be able to concentrate fully. While there may be straightforward solutions in many cases, in others this will not be so. If you have got any concerns in these matters, especially regarding your scoring facilities, then please do be using this time to address them with your club officials - it is their responsibility to help find a solution, so that everyone is protected and can enjoy their match. This additionally applies on match days, where both captains have a responsibility to help ensure, for example, that adequate supervision is in place.

As I am putting together this first newsletter of 2019, there's a blanket of snow, it's still getting dark very early, and the start of our 2019 season could not seem further away!

However, the gamut of matches on TV from all over the world reminds us that our game never really stops, and the amount of preparation going on as the training season is upon us even more so! This is a busy time of year and I hope this newsletter gets you motivated to use this time of the year well. The biggest announcement as such for scorers is that there will be updated versions of both PCS and PCSP available before our season starts. We are currently testing the new PCSP version, which makes me more happy every time I use it, such is the range of its use as well as the enhancements made - for example, you can now choose what sort of bowler prompt you want, with a reminder to confirm the bowler every over, if you wish. See the reverse side of this newsletter for the dates of both a product demo evening in March and a full training module in April—maybe this will be your year to take the leap to electronic scoring! Of equal significance is the full introduction in the Cheshire Cup of Duckworth/Lewis/Stern for the coming season, which will clearly be a new challenge for all match officials, scorers and umpires! Needless to say, there will be a range of options for both basic familiarisation and full training being made available, with more about this on the reverse side. So with this on the horizon, I trust that the start of the season will feel that little bit closer.



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Law Code Revised

The MCC have released a revision of the recent 2017 law code which can be found [here](#). Most of the revisions are 'technical' and do not concern actual law changes, e.g. numbering of certain subsections has been altered. But the one change that has been brought in after an avalanche of comment is that to the law concerning full tosses above waist high. The 2017 code stated that any instance of this led to a formal warning, with the bowler banned from bowling on repeat; the revised code now states it will be up to the umpires to decide if a warning is necessary based upon the 'danger' (or lack of) to the batsman. Clearly this affects umpires more than scorers but it is well worth being aware of in the scoreboard, to avoid confusion. It will certainly allow some welcome 'leeway' in junior matches.



The MCC Scorers Register

MCC have invited scorers to join their register and apply to score matches for the many varied MCC XIs who play throughout the summer. Do get in touch if you would like more information.

KEEP IN SCORER-SHAPE IN WINTER

Apart from the training courses coming, there are a number of ways to keep yourself sharp scoring-wise; practice using the CricInfo **match and series archive** (the best scoring practice resource in the world!); get your club's Play-Cricket site up-to-date, sorting out player duplicates etc; get other potential scorers at your club interested by going through the online Scoring basics course; the on-line Laws of Cricket modules on the MCC website are also well worth a look!

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Cheshire Scorers Courses 2019

CLUB SCORER COURSE

Saturday 16th and 23rd March 2019
at Toft Cricket Club, nr Knutsford

For beginners or inexperienced scorers, this is the ideal course to grow in both confidence and ability with your scoring. The course cost includes a good range of scoring items and equipment and also a years' membership of ECBACO.

Course cost = £30.

PLAY CRICKET SCORER PRO DEMO

Tuesday 19th March 2019

at Toft Cricket Club, nr Knutsford

This is a free to attend event which will run from 7.30pm and give scorers the opportunity to look at and discover more about the new edition of the laptop-based scoring programme, which remains completely free of charge to download.

ELECTRONIC SCORING MODULE

Saturday 6th April 2019

at Toft Cricket Club, nr Knutsford

This module provides comprehensive training in using laptop and app-based scoring programmes.

Course cost = £25.

DUCKWORTH-LEWIS-STERN TRAINING AND FAMILIARISATION

AND

INTRO TO UMPIRING AND SCORING 2 HOUR COURSE FOR PARENTS & PLAYERS

Email James for more information.

Young Scorers wanted!

The Ampleforth Festival at York this summer is a great chance for young scorers to broaden their experience. Four weeks of cricket, between July 21st and 16th Aug, means lots of scoring opportunities! Get in touch as soon as possible for more information.

New version of DLS



Version 3 (2018) of the DLS software has now been released. Please get in touch for a copy.