



## **LEAGUE 2 PLAYING REGULATIONS 2023**

### **LEAGUE 2 40 Over League**

**Teams shall play each other twice, usually once at home and once away.**

**Weekend league games shall be scheduled 40 overs per innings one innings per side,  
There shall be no option to reduce overs**

**Fixtures scheduled for midweek evenings shall be scheduled 40 overs per innings with 3  
evenings available, there shall be no option to reduce overs**

**There shall be no replays for abandoned games**

**A minimum of four fielders, plus the wicketkeeper and bowler must be inside the 30 yard  
fielding circle at all times**

**In all games the maximum amount of fielders on the legside shall not exceed 5**

**If a team fails to fulfil the fielding restrictions as detailed above then the strikers end  
(square leg) umpire shall call and signal no ball.**

**A bowler may not bowl more than one fifth of their teams overs (e.g. 40=8)**

**Any short pitched ball which passes the striker above shoulder height (in an upright  
position) shall be called and signalled no ball by the bowlers end umpire**

**Declarations or forfeiture of innings shall not be permitted.**

**Weekend matches shall start no later than 12pm**

**Evening games shall start no later than 6.30pm**

**When possible the NWCUS shall provide two umpires for games, each home team will  
be billed for these umpires on a monthly basis, teams will have no right to object to any  
umpire standing in a particular game.**

**20 points shall be awarded for a win, 12.5 each for a tie and 0 points for a defeat and 0 for  
a no result**

**There shall be bonus points awarded, these shall be awarded dependent on the size of  
the victory/defeat**

**The winning side must either score live or input online a full scorecard of the game within 72 hours, failure to do so shall see no points awarded to the winning team, in the event of a tie the home team shall input the full scorecard within 72 hours, failure to do so shall see no points awarded to the home team.**

**For deciding positions where teams are tied on points and it is necessary due to promotion/relegation issues then head to head results shall first be taken into account, if this cannot determine position then Net Run Rate shall decide positions. If this fails to separate teams then a play off(s) shall be arranged to decide on positions.**

**Clubs may have only one team in League 2, should due to relegation of a 1<sup>st</sup> XI or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, two teams from the same club be in the league then lower grade team shall be relegated automatically.**

**The wide ball interpretation used for NW Senior Competitions shall also be used for League 2**

**Games shall be played in coloured clothing with a white ball**

**EXCEPTING THE ABOVE BYE LAWS AND ANY LAWS IN THE NWCU RULEBOOK THE MCC LAWS OF CRICKET (Most Recent Version) SHALL APPLY AT ALL TIMES**

The above regulations shall apply for the League 2 Cup – with the following additions.

1. In case of an abandoned match, or where no play is possible, a replay shall be arranged by the NWCU
2. In case of a completed match resulting in a tie then a super over shall decide the winner.
  - a. If it is not possible to complete a super over a replay shall be arranged to be played at the original away venue.
  - b. If a replay is arranged for a Sunday in either 1 or 2.a and the 'home' venue is not available then the match will be played at the venue of the other team – if neither ground is available on a Sunday then the match will be played midweek
  - c. Cup replays will take preference over league games at the same level and all games at lower level.
  - d. Where possible games will be rearranged to dates where it is not necessary to postpone other matches
3. Should a team concede a cup match all of the 11 named players on that teams respective starred players list (including unstarred players) will be automatically classed as being starred
  - a. Where an unstarred player(s) is already deemed 'burnt' then the NWCU Starring Committee will inspect the teams playing list for the current season and decide on which player(s) will be deemed 'burnt' – this will usually be decided by which non listed player(s) have played the most games for that team

4. Where a team concedes a cup match that team shall not be entered in any cup competitions the following season