



The Future of Senior Cricket in Surrey

Creating the Surrey Cricket
Championship May 2024

Progress Update

Since we produced the first [prospectus](#) back in the Autumn of 2023 there has been significant progress within the project.

Project consultation began with 4 face to face meetings held at Wimbledon, Merstham, Chobham and Ashted Cricket Clubs along with an online consultation call which was [recorded](#). Over the course of these 5 sessions we saw over 160 people. The meetings covered:

- Core principles being adopted & the rationale for change
- 3 proposed league structures
- A number of proposed competition names
- What people liked about the proposals
- What people did not like about the proposals
- Ideas for the new structure

Feedback from the meetings has been reviewed and fed into the work of the various workstreams to further develop the proposals and further updates on all aspects of the planned merger are detailed later in the document. An FAQs page has also been created from the various questions asked over the course of the consultation and this is available here – <https://www.surreycricketfoundation.org/clubs-leagues/senior-leagues-merger/faqs/>

Divisional structure option 2 was a clear favourite from the views shared at all of the meetings and this has now been further developed and is presented later in this document.

In addition to the consultation events any interested party has been able to provide further feedback and/or ask questions via an online form. This has received 33 responses with each query receiving a direct response to address questions and queries and to signpost to specific workstreams as and when necessary for further input.

Survey

As part of the final consultation, we are asking players that play in the Surrey Championship, Surrey County League and Surrey Cricket League to complete a short survey which seeks further feedback on the various playing conditions within the new structure as well as the planned merger. The link to the survey can be found at the end of this document and all those completing the survey have the chance to be entered in a draw to win tickets to the Kia Oval. Please read the whole document before completing the survey.



Competition Name and Logo

There were two names that were popular from the consultation evenings – The Surrey Cricket League and Surrey Cricket Championship. The steering group discussed this and decided to go with:

Surrey Cricket Championship

We have been working with the Surrey County Cricket Club design team to create a number of different logo options, finally deciding on the logo on the right. The logo for the Surrey Cricket Championship aligns with the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship logo that already exists in junior cricket and also includes some the colours that are used in the current league logos.



Timeline

The proposed project timeline to deliver the Surrey Cricket Championship is below:

May 2024

- Confirm divisional structure so clubs know what they are playing for in 2024.
- Carry out final consultation with players on playing conditions.
- Governance documents drafted including league handbook, organisational chart for the new structure, basic playing conditions and any other relevant documentation.

May – June 2024

- Ball tender process begins

July 2024

- Final versions of constitution, structure, rules and playing conditions and league handbook published

September – October 2024

- Applications for entry into the new competition
- EGMs take place to dissolve Surrey Championship, Surrey County League and Surrey Cricket League
- Surrey Cricket Championship formally established
- A transitional Management Committee appointed to manage the league ahead of the first AGM at which roles will be open for election.

January 2025

- Surrey Cricket Championship inaugural AGM to elect officers

May 2025

- Surrey Cricket Championship inaugural season begins

As we go through the season we will be publishing a monthly newsletter that provides information on the progress being made across the various elements of the new league structure.

Divisional Structure

Following the consultation meetings a range of feedback has been received which has enabled the steering group to develop the proposed structure that the Surrey Cricket Championship will assume when it starts in 2025. The ambition when finalising this structure has been to ensure that as many teams as possible will have something to play for in the 2024 season.

Whilst the structure is as finalised as it can be, there are a number of caveats to consider. At this point we are expecting teams from the Surrey Championship, Surrey County League, and Surrey Cricket League to form the new structure. In addition to this we are expecting in the region of 20-30 new teams to enter the Surrey Cricket Championship from other leagues when applications open in September/October time and the league will seek to place these teams at the most appropriate level for them.

The structure also suggests accelerated promotion and relegation at various levels within the new competition for the first two seasons. The rationale for this is that this will help to ensure that any clubs

that are not immediately playing at the appropriate level for their playing strength will be able to move more quickly into the right division. However, the current thinking is that this accelerated promotion and relegation would be debated and voted on at the inaugural Surrey Cricket Championship AGM in January 2025.

The structure is broken down into 4 Tiers (1-4) and the playing conditions differ at each level in order to meet the needs of the players linked to the insight gathered from the Surrey player survey.

A further change following the consultation process sees the current ceiling for 2nd XI teams moved up one division. This means 2nd XIs will be able to progress as high as Division 1 in the new structure. It was felt that creating the ceiling at Division 2 would not provide a true meritocratic structure and would potentially lead to Division 2 becoming filled with 2nd teams over time. Insight from other leagues that have gone through similar mergers would suggest that only a small number of 2nd XIs will progress as high as Division 1 over the coming seasons in any case.



Tier 1

- SC Surrey Championship club
- CL Surrey County League club
- TS Surrey Cricket League club
- Other Gap
So either a new team
Or promote existing teams

Premier Division (1st XIs only)

SC Premier Division 2024 - 1st
SC Premier Division 2024 - 2nd
SC Premier Division 2024 - 3rd
SC Premier Division 2024 - 4th
SC Premier Division 2024 - 5th
SC Premier Division 2024 - 6th
SC Premier Division 2024 - 7th
SC Premier Division 2024 - 8th
SC Division 1 2024 - 1st P
SC Division 1 2024 - 2nd P

Champions

Bottom 2 relegated

Division 1

SC Premier Division 2024 - 9th R
SC Premier Division 2024 - 10th R
SC Division 1 2024 - 3rd
SC Division 1 2024 - 4th
SC Division 1 2024 - 5th
SC Division 1 2024 - 6th
SC Division 1 2024 - 7th
SC Division 1 2024 - 8th
SC Division 2 2024 - 1st P
SC Division 2 2024 - 2nd P

Top 2 promoted

Bottom 2 relegated

Tier 2

Division 2

SC Division 1 2024 - 9th R
SC Division 1 2024 - 10th R
SC Division 2 2024 - 3rd
SC Division 2 2024 - 4th
SC Division 2 2024 - 5th
SC Division 2 2024 - 6th
SC Division 2 2024 - 7th
SC Division 2 2024 - 8th
SC Division 3 2024 - 1st P
SC Division 3 2024 - 2nd P

Top 2 promoted

Bottom 3 relegated

Division 3 West

SC Division 2 2024 - 9th R
SC Division 3 2024 - 3rd
SC Division 3 2024 - 4th
SC Division 3 2024 - 5th
SC Division 3 2024 - 6th
SC Division 3 2024 - 7th
SC Division 3 2024 - 8th
SC Division 3 2024 - 9th
SC Division 4 2024 - 1st P
SC Division 4 2024 - 2nd P

Division 3 East

SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 1st
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 2nd
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 3rd
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 4th
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 6th
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 7th
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 8th
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 1st P
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 2nd P

Champions promoted
Best runner up promoted

Bottom 2 relegated

Division 4 West

SC Division 3 2024 - 10th R
SC Division 4 2024 - 3rd
SC Division 4 2024 - 4th
SC Division 4 2024 - 5th
SC Division 4 2024 - 6th
SC Division 4 2024 - 7th
SC Division 4 2024 - 8th
SC Division 4 2024 - 9th
SC Division 5 2024 - 1st P
SC Division 5 2024 - 2nd P

Division 4 East

SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 9th R
SC 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 10th R
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 3rd
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 4th
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 6th
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 7th
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 8th
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 1st P
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 2nd P

Top 2 promoted

Bottom 3 relegated

Division 5 West

SC Division 4 2024 - 10th R
SC Division 5 2024 - 3rd
SC Division 5 2024 - 4th
SC Division 5 2024 - 5th
SC Division 5 2024 - 6th
SC Division 5 2024 - 7th
SC Division 5 2024 - 8th
SC Division 5 2024 - 9th
SC Division 5 2024 - 10th
CL Premier Division 2024 - 1st

Division 5 Central

CL Premier Division 2024 - 2nd
CL Premier Division 2024 - 3rd
CL Premier Division 2024 - 4th
CL Premier Division 2024 - 5th
CL Premier Division 2024 - 6th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 3rd
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 4th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 6th
Other

Division 5 East

SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 9th R
SC 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 10th R
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 3rd
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 4th
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 6th
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 7th
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 8th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 1st
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 2nd

Top 2 promoted

2025 & 2026 - bottom 3 relegated
2027 onwards - bottom 2 relegated

Tier 3

Division 6 West

CL Premier Division 2024 - 7th
CL Premier Division 2024 - 8th
CL Premier Division 2024 - 9th
CL Premier Division 2024 - 10th
CL Division 1 2024 - 1st
CL Division 1 2024 - 2nd
CL Division 1 2024 - 3rd
CL Division 1 2024 - 4th
CL Division 1 2024 - 5th
CL Division 1 2024 - 6th

Division 6 Central

CL Division 1 2024 - 7th
CL Division 2 2024 - 1st P
CL Division 2 2024 - 2nd P
CL Division 2 2024 - 3rd P
CL Division 2 2024 - 4th P
Other
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 7th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 8th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 9th
SC 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 10th

Division 6 East

SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 9th R
SC 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 10th R
TS Premier Division 2024 - 1st
TS Premier Division 2024 - 2nd
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 1st
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 2nd
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 3rd
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 4th
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 6th

2025 & 2026 - top 3 promoted
2027 onwards - top 2 promoted

2025 & 2026 - bottom 3 relegated
2027 onwards - bottom 2 relegated

Division 7 West

CL Division 1 2024 - 8th R
CL Division 1 2024 - 9th R
CL Division 1 2024 - 10th R
CL Division 2 2024 - 5th
CL Division 2 2024 - 6th
CL Division 2 2024 - 7th
CL Division 2 2024 - 8th
CL Division 2 2024 - 9th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 3rd
TS Premier Division 2024 - 4th

Division 7 Central

CL Division 3 2024 - 1st P
CL Division 3 2024 - 2nd P
CL Division 3 2024 - 3rd P
CL Division 3 2024 - 4th P
Other
Other
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 1st
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 4th

Division 7 East

SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 7th
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 8th
SC 2nd XI Division 4 2024 - 9th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 1st
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 2nd
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 3rd
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 4th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 5th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 6th

2025 & 2026 - top 3 promoted
2027 onwards - top 2 promoted

Bottom 3 relegated

Division 8 West

CL Division 2 2024 - 10th R
CL Division 3 2024 - 5th
CL Division 3 2024 - 6th
CL Division 3 2024 - 7th
CL Division 3 2024 - 8th
CL Division 3 2024 - 9th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 5th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 6th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 7th
Other

Division 8a Central

CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 1st
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 2nd
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 3rd
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 4th
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 5th
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 6th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 7th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 8th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 9th
SC 2nd XI Division 5 2024 - 10th

Division 8b Central

SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 6th
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 7th
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 8th
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 9th
SC 3rd XI Premier Division 2024 - 10th
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other

Division 8 East

SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 6th
Other
Other
Other
Other

Top 2 promoted + best 3rd

2025 & 2026 - bottom 3 relegated
2027 onwards - bottom 2 relegated

Division 9 West

CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 7th
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 8th
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 9th
CL 2nd XI Premier Division 2024 - 10th
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 1st
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 2nd
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 3rd
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 4th
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 5th
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 6th

Division 9a Central

CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 7th
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 1st P
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 2nd P
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 3rd P
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 4th P
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 9th
SC 3rd XI Division 1 2024 - 10th
Other

Division 9b Central

SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 4th

Division 9 East

SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 6th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 8th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 9th
TS Premier Division 2024 - 10th
TS Division 1 2024 - 1st
TS Division 1 2024 - 2nd
TS Division 1 2024 - 3rd
Other
Other

2025 & 2026 - top 3 promoted
2027 onwards - top 2 promoted

Bottom 3 relegated

Tier 4

Division 10 North West

CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 8th R
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 9th R
CL 2nd XI Division 1 2024 - 10th R
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 5th
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 6th
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 7th
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 8th
CL 2nd XI Division 2 2024 - 9th
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 1st
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 2nd

Division 10 South West

CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 3rd
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 4th
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 9th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 East - 10th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 9th

Division 10 North Central

SC 3rd XI Division 2 West - 10th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 3rd

Division 10 South Central

SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 1st

Division 10 North East

SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 6th
TS Division 1 2024 - 4th
TS Division 1 2024 - 5th
TS Division 1 2024 - 6th
TS Division 1 2024 - 7th
TS Division 1 2024 - 8th

Division 10 South East

SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 8th
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other

Top 2 promoted

2025 & 2026 - bottom 3 relegated
2027 onwards - bottom 2 relegated

Division 11 North West

CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 6th
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 7th
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 8th
CL 2nd XI Division 3 2024 - 9th
Other
Other
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 9th R
SC 3rd XI Division 3 East - 10th R
Other
Other

Division 11 South West

SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 9th R
SC 3rd XI Division 3 West - 10th R
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 9th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 East - 10th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 9th
SC 3rd XI Division 4 West - 10th

Division 11 North Central

SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 1st
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 2nd
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 3rd
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 4th

Division 11 South Central

SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 1st P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 2nd P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 3rd P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 1st P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 2nd P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 3rd P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 1st P
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 2nd P

Division 11 North East

SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 3rd P
TS Division 1 2024 - 9th
TS Division 1 2024 - 10th
TS Division 2 2024 - 1st
TS Division 2 2024 - 2nd
TS Division 2 2024 - 3rd
TS Division 2 2024 - 4th
TS Division 2 2024 - 5th
TS Division 2 2024 - 6th
Other

Division 11 South East

Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other

2025 & 2026 - top 3 promoted
2027 onwards - top 2 promoted

2025 & 2026 - bottom 3 relegated
2027 onwards - bottom 2 relegated

Division 12 North West

SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 7th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 8th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 9th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 East - 10th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 7th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 8th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 9th R
SC 3rd XI Division 5 West - 10th R
Other
Other

Division 12 South West

SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 West - 9th
Other
Other
Other
Other

Division 12 North Central

SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 8th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 Central - 9th
Other
Other
Other
Other

Division 12 South Central

SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 4th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 5th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 6th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 7th
SC 3rd XI Division 6 East - 8th
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other

Division 12 North East

TS Division 2 2024 - 7th
TS Division 2 2024 - 8th
TS Division 2 2024 - 9th
TS Division 2 2024 - 10th
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other

Division 12 South East

TS Division 2 2024 - 11th
TS Division 2 2024 - 12th
TS Division 2 2024 - 13th
TS Division 2 2024 - 14th
TS Division 2 2024 - 15th
Other
Other
Other
Other
Other

2025 & 2026 - top 3 promoted
2027 onwards - top 2 promoted

Playing Conditions

The initial playing conditions were largely based on insight from the player survey. The main concern that was raised during the consultation was the start times at the lower tiers. Whilst the player survey suggests that players would like to start at 12noon, it was felt that this start time was too early for a number of reasons. This included the impact on the ability for junior cricket matches to take place on a Saturday morning, the ability for older junior players to participate should they have junior games and/

or school on a Saturday morning, access to pitches and the impact of an earlier start on some adult players' ability to participate in matches.

Therefore, a change has been proposed which moves the start time to 1pm at Tier 3 and 4, whilst allowing flexibility to start earlier should both teams agree. This should allow teams to move to a start time of 12noon where both sides agree whilst catering for the considerations mentioned above.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Match Length	100/120 Overs	100 Overs	90 Overs	80 Overs
Start Time	12pm/11am	12pm	1pm with hour flex	1pm with hour flex
Format	Split Timed/ Limited Overs	Limited Overs	Limited Overs	Limited Overs

Coloured Clothing/ White Ball

One challenge that has been identified from the insight via the player survey and subsequent consultation is that some of the teams/players playing in the Surrey Championship 2nd XI Premier Division would prefer to continue playing a split format, including playing limited overs cricket with a white ball.

The challenge faced with this is that the insight indicates that the majority of players playing at Tier 2 only wish to play limited overs cricket.

The direction of travel based on the insight is that limited overs cricket is likely to become more common in the coming years along with an increase in the use of coloured clothing and therefore the steering group are proposing that teams playing in **Division 2, Division 3 East and Division 3 West** will play their full seasons in coloured clothing using a white ball. To aid with this transition and to manage cost for clubs, we will make grants available for clubs moving to play in coloured clothing in the 2025 season.

Facilities

The facilities workstream have sought to simplify the various facility standards documents that have existed in the current leagues as well as reviewing other local leagues to identify any gaps within the working document. The vision has been to create a structure that removes as many barriers to participation as possible at the bottom of the structure whilst ensuring the facilities at the top of the structure are fit for purpose at what is one of the highest recreational levels of cricket in the country.

As a result, we have created a 3 tier requirements document (below) which outlines what would need to be in place to play at certain levels of the new structure.

- Tier 1 Requirements – Premier Division and Division 1
- Tier 2 Requirements – Divisions 2 to 5
- Tier 3 & 4 Recommendations – Divisions 6 and below

The initial focus for the coming season will be for all clubs to self-assess against the document whilst we will endeavour to visit clubs that are playing in divisions where a promotion would lead to a move up a level. Please note that below Division 6 there is a move to recommendations rather than requirements as we understand that whilst many clubs will aspire to enhance their facilities to Level A or Level B standards, some clubs simply will not be able to achieve this due to factors outside of their own control.

Within the new structure the use of artificial (non turf) pitches will be permitted in Tier 4 and will also be considered by exception in Tier 3 where necessary.



Facilities Standards Document

M – Mandatory requirement

O – Optional but desirable

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3 & 4
The Pitch and Square			
Square and pitch adequate size to support 9 home fixtures per team at the site, supporting game lengths for the level a team is playing at	120 Overs	100 Overs	80-90 Overs
Square and pitch to be cut within 2 days of match	M	M	O
Pitch should have true and predictable bounce and no excessive spin or movement off the seam. Pitches should be correctly marked	M	M	M
Pitch covers available	M	M	O
Use of Non-Turf Pitches	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	3 – By exception 4 - Permitted



	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3 & 4
Outfield and Surrounds			
Outfield to be well maintained	M	M	M
No boundary shall be less than 45 yards or more than 90 yards from the nearer middle stump on the match pitch	M	M	O
Boundary clearly marked by a rope, fence, or continuous boundary board	M	O	O
Boundary marked with white line and/or markers	NA	M	M
Sightscreens at both ends to cover at least 8 metres width by 3.66m high, positioned outside the boundary	M	O	O
Single sightscreen at each end of the ground positioned outside the boundary	NA	M	O
Access to two pre match practice nets plus outfield warm up area	M	O	O
Service access points, hard bases within the playing area must be below ground level and covered with artificial turf or carpet	M	M	M
Ground and Equipment			
Access to efficient grounds maintenance equipment	M	O	O
Ground drying equipment (e.g. Bowdry) available	M	O	O

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3 & 4
Scoring Facilities			
As a minimum a scoreboard showing running total, wickets, first innings total (or target score if Duckworth Lewis) and overs bowled/to be bowled	M	M	M
A designated sheltered area must be provided for the official scorers away from the players and spectators. This is to be clean and tidy and fitted with sufficient tables and chairs for the purpose	M	O	O
A power supply to be available	M	O	O
Internet connection available	M	O	O
Changing Rooms and Showers			
Separate and secure changing rooms for both teams. Clean and of adequate size (approximately 20m ²) with seating and room for kit bags	M	M	O
Showers with non-slip flooring and ideally at least 4 shower heads per changing room	M	M	O
Umpire Facilities			
Separate and secure umpire facilities	M	M	O

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3 & 4
Pavilion and Bar			
Pavilion should have a designated area of a suitable size to accommodate and seat players and officials at intervals	M	M	O
External seating available for players and spectators	M	M	O
Pavilion should consider the needs of people with disabilities	M	M	O
Toilets provided separately from the players changing areas, for spectators. Separate toilet available for females and those with disabilities	M	M	O
Large working clock clearly visible to players and officials	M	O	O
Fully stocked and 'in date' first aid kit	M	M	M
Kitchen for preparation of food must meet all current Food Standards Guidelines	M	M	NA



Final Consultation

As we continue to develop the emerging plans in consultation with the players, clubs, and leagues across the county we intend to carry out a final round of consultation via a short survey (linked below).

The survey is aimed at players playing in teams within the current **Surrey Championship, Surrey County League and Surrey Cricket League** and seeks further feedback on the playing conditions at each of the Levels within the structure as well as a view on the merger plans overall (i.e. is the respondent in favour of the merge or not). The survey will be open for a short period of time in the first few weeks of the season and once it closes, we will seek to provide all clubs with a small insight pack which outlines the views on a club by club basis. We hope this insight will be used when clubs come to their relevant EGM to vote on the future of senior cricket in Surrey.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

The survey will be open until the midnight on 31st May 2024.

Please note that all those completing the survey will be entered into a draw to win:

1. 3 tickets for the England vs Pakistan IT20 at the Kia Oval on Thursday 30th May. *
2. One of 10 pairs of tickets for the Surrey vs Middlesex T20 Blast game at the Kia Oval on Friday 5th July.

**The draw for these tickets will take place on Friday 24th May at 9am due to the fixture date so please ensure you complete the survey before this date if you wish to be in the draw for the international tickets. The T20 ticket draw will follow in early July once the survey closes.*



