

Guidance for Club Captains regarding “drawing out” where a team plays short

The SCBA has received a query from a member club in relation to “drawing out” where a team is playing short.

The scenario is that the captain of the team playing short asked the opposing captain, that a bowler playing in the first half not be included in the “draw out”. Therefore those bowling twice would be drawn from seven bowlers, rather than the full eight.

The relevant rule here is, Winter League (including Cup & Plate) Rule 2e:

If a team has less than 16 bowlers available for a match then those who shall play a second time shall be chosen by lottery from the first eight bowlers. Those names shall be drawn by the opposing Captain before the first game commences but after the teams and order of play for the first two games have been decided

(There is a similar rule (2e) in the Summer League Rules)

After discussion by the SCBA Executive Committee, we offer club captains this guidance:

The SCBA are comfortable with club captains (should they choose) being flexible should this request be made of them. These requests are sometimes made where a bowler has to leave after the first half or is considered physically unable to play two games on one night.

However the SCBA will also support a club captain should they not agree to such a request.

In this situation, the captain making the request has the following options:

- Amend their first half teams, so the bowler in question plays only in the second half;
- Continue with the draw (to include the bowler in question) and if that bowler is drawn out to play twice, then they must do so;
- Withdraw the bowler in question from the match.

There is presently no intention on the part of the SCBA to amend our league rules.

If clubs or their captains have any questions regarding the above, please email suffolkcba@gmail.com or telephone Neil Jolly on 01440 712328.