

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The League's AGM admitted Stockport Georgians as its 15<sup>th</sup> senior member club, while also approving an application from Didsbury to field the League's first ever women's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

The Rules meeting will take place on Tuesday January 5 2016 at 1930 at Didsbury CC. Proposals for changes to League regulations, competition formats and the structure of the fixture list should be submitted to Karen Prince via [karenlouiseprince@btopenworld.com](mailto:karenlouiseprince@btopenworld.com) by December 15 at the latest. Existing regulations can be found at <http://www.cheshirewomenscl.co.uk/downloads/regulations>

Unless changes to the League format are approved at this meeting, then Division Three will expand to six teams and 10 matches per team.

This meeting also hopes to assess clubs' applications under the League's Small Grants scheme. Applications should be made to my email address by December 29 at the latest, using the official form that was emailed to club representatives last week. As last year, clubs can apply for up to £200 towards the running costs of the team, so clubs may like to consider applying for funds to go towards:

- Kit
- Other playing/coaching equipment
- Coaching course fees
- Electronic scoring software
- Umpires' and scorers' expenses
- Catering costs
- Ground hire costs
- Etc ...

Sue Barlow has stepped down as Junior Girls Representative after five years of sterling service. Responsibility for junior girls' club cricket in Cheshire will now pass to the Cheshire Cricket Board, and although it will not formally be part of the League's remit, the Board's Cricket Officer (and Appleton vice-captain) Jess Lewis will report to League committee meetings regarding this.

Gail Wade has taken on Sue's former Welfare Officer role.

The League also extends sincere thanks to Anna Goatman at the end of a five year spell as Competitions Secretary, and to Leesa Mellon, League Secretary for the last two years. Karen Prince takes over as League Secretary, but Anna's former role remains vacant, and the League Committee would therefore be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to take on the organisation of the League XI fixtures and the league's Finals Days.

The League Officers for 2015/16 are:

- Chair - Sarah McCann
- Vice-Chair / Fixture Secretary / Press Officer – Martin Saxon
- League Secretary / Results Secretary – Karen Prince
- Treasurer – Bob Halstead
- Umpires & Scorers Officer – John Bone
- Disciplinary Secretary – Chris Robinson
- Welfare Officer – Gail Wade
- Competitions Secretary - vacant

A regular meeting of the League Committee will take place on Tuesday February 23 at 1930 at Lymm Oughtrington Park CC.

### **Women's Indoor Cricket League**

This League will hopefully take place on a Sunday afternoon between 1300 and 1600 over five or six weeks at Altrincham Leisure Centre.

The proposed dates are: January 24, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20.

The competition is likely to be either six or eight a side. A participation fee of approximately £3 per player per match is likely to be payable.

Rules, fixtures and team costs are to be confirmed. However, we are looking to create a fun but competitive standard to this indoor league, with rules including leg side wides, together with the standard indoor cricket rules.

Each game will be approximately one hour long and depending on how many teams are interested in taking part, we may be able to organise more than one game per day for some clubs travelling from further afield.

There will be official umpires and event managers present who assisted with the ECB Indoor league last winter.

Enquiries can be made to Jess Lewis via [jessicalewis@live.co.uk](mailto:jessicalewis@live.co.uk) / 07429 164870

### **OTHER NEWS**

Oxton coach Kieran Smith was named Volunteer of the Year at the Chance to Shine School Awards.

A couple of corrections from the last Dazzler. Appleton were Under 13 League runners-up, not North East Wales. Also that Hannah Jones of Didsbury and Lancashire has unfortunately not been selected in the England Development Programme winter training squad – the selected player is Hannah Jones of Surrey.

## **CHESHIRE SENIORS**

Cheshire's 2016 fixtures in Royal London Women's One Day Cup Division Three are:

May	1	Oxfordshire	H	1100
	2	Netherlands	H	1100
	15	Norfolk	H	1100
	30	Northamptonshire	A	1100
June	12	Durham	A	1100
August	28	Derbyshire	H	1100
	29	Scotland	H	1100
September	4	Gloucestershire	A	1100

Cheshire's 2016 fixtures in Royal London Women's One Day Cup Division Three are:

June	26	Scotland	Oxfordshire venue	1330
		Oxfordshire	A	1630
July	3	Devon	Northamptonshire venue	1330
		Northamptonshire	A	1630
	17	Shropshire	H	1030
		Derbyshire	H	1630
	24	Cornwall	A	1030
		Hertfordshire	Cornwall venue	1330

Regulation changes in women's county cricket for 2016 will include:

- In the County Championship, it is no longer possible to re-arrange cancelled matches
- Divisions Three and Four of both competitions will use a pink ball. Teams may wear either white or coloured clothing
- In the County Championship it will no longer be compulsory to have two mandatory catchers in the first 10 overs of the innings
- In both competitions a free hit will be awarded for all no balls, not just foot fault no balls

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!  
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