

Jack Cox Inter-Departmental Cricket Trophy 2005

Information for Team Captains

The Jack Cox inter-departmental cricket tournament is organised this year by the Cricket Section of the University Club. The structure of this year's competition will be similar to previous years. There are however some changes to the administration. Please read the following information carefully and consult the further information posted on the web site.

Organisers

The tournament is organised by Martin Booth (martin.booth@eng.ox.ac.uk) and Sam Dean (sdean@atm.ox.ac.uk) on behalf of the Cricket Section of the Oxford University Club.

Web site

All information concerning the tournament can be found on the University Club web site (<http://www.club.ox.ac.uk/sport/cricket/>).

Draw

The fifteen teams entering the tournament have been divided into three pools of five. The draw and the schedule of matches are posted on the web site.

Rules

The rules of the tournament are posted on the web site. Captains are encouraged to read the rules in detail as the following changes have been made since last year's tournament:

- 1) New rules have been introduced for deciding which teams go through to positions 7 and 8 of the quarter finals. This will be decided firstly by the total points gained by each team and then by run rate.
- 2) Players are required to register as 'restricted members' of the Cricket Section of the University Club (see below).
- 3) A new no-ball rule has been introduced to deal with bowled balls not landing fully on the artificial pitch.

Responsibilities of captains

Captains should note rule 14:

“It is each captain's responsibility to a) confirm with the opposition captain that the game is on, b) arrange for the key to the cabinet to be picked up before the match and returned immediately after the match, c) confirm with the groundsman or the organisers that the game has not been cancelled due to poor weather, d) ensure that, with the opposition captain, that the pitch is safe to play on, e) ensure that the covers are replaced and the equipment cabinet is locked, f) send a copy of the score sheet to the organisers and g) to have read the Code of Conduct of the Cricket Section available on the web site which outlines the responsibilities of Captains as activity leaders.”

Practice nets

Departmental teams may organise occasional practice net sessions in the artificial nets in the Parks by prior arrangement with the groundsman, Dick Sula (Richard.Sula@sports.ox.ac.uk). Captains are advised that evening sessions are already heavily booked. Use of the nets is only permitted with a prior booking and those using the nets should carry their University Cards as identification.

Player registration

In order to comply with various tax and legal regulations about the provision of sports facilities and to ensure that activities are fully insured, the University Club has required that all members of participating teams also be 'restricted' members of the Cricket Section of the University Club. Although this will require some effort from captains at the beginning of the season, we hope it will not in practice affect the running of the competition.

In the past, it was usual for departments to pay a fee for entering the competition. This covered the costs of the tournament. Under the new arrangements, the costs will be covered by the small membership fee (£4) of each individual player.

Captains will be provided with membership forms for each player, which should be completed and submitted to the University Club reception desk with the membership fees. At the start of the season, captains should submit all team members' forms at the same time and the fees as a single payment. Membership forms will be available on the website (<http://www.club.ox.ac.uk/sport/cricket/>). Should further players wish to register later in the season, they may do so in person at the reception desk. Members will be provided with a Cricket Section membership card, which they should bring with them when taking part in the tournament.

In the past, some departments have paid the registration fee directly. It would be the team captain's responsibility to arrange with their own department's administration whether and how members' subscriptions would be reimbursed.

Team captains should ensure that at least 11 players from their department have registered as restricted members of the Cricket Section by the beginning of their second match of the season. They should provide a list of these members to the organisers. This is a requirement for entry into the competition and any team not fulfilling this will be considered to have withdrawn.

In order to accommodate occasional players, new team members will be permitted to play in one match before registering as a member.

Some team members may also be full members of the Cricket Section of the University Club (Oxford University Club Cricket Club). If they have already paid their full membership fee, they should make captains aware of this so that they may be included in the team list. It is not necessary for such members to pay an additional fee to take part in the Jack Cox tournament. If restricted members wish to become full members at a later date, they will simply pay the difference between the restricted and full rate.

Please note that the organisers are required by the University Club to implement these membership policies. As such, the organisers are not at liberty to change these procedures.