



Dear League Representative and Club Chairman,

At last night's League meeting a great deal of discussion took place on two important issues:

- The Spirit of Cricket
- Our inability to report match results

On the Spirit of Cricket it was agreed by all clubs present that our standards of general behavior and the continuous sledging that occurs on the field of play in not only Senior cricket but more worryingly in Junior games is getting worse.

I stressed the importance of the responsibility of Captains, Junior Managers, Umpires and equally Club Officials to ensure that the standards of behavior must improve. We pride ourselves on playing 'hard cricket' well there is a line that cannot be crossed but sadly this is occurring too often. With your help this decline in standards can be addressed but please take this matter seriously and discuss with your Club Captains and Junior managers the importance the League place on this matter and that reported incidents by the Umpires will be dealt with appropriately by the League's Disciplinary Committee.

In respect of the administration required by clubs to run the league this is nothing short of ludicrous.

We are now half way through the season and we have 71 games that the League has no record of a result or otherwise. How can we produce a League Table!!

The administration from Clubs to the League has been poor for a number of years and this cannot continue, it makes the League look foolish and at worst incompetent. The League has willing volunteers who give of their own time to do this work and they have to chase clubs for results, which is totally unacceptable.

This is a Club responsibility and a requirement of being a member of the Bolton Cricket League.

I make no apologies for sounding off and I won't stop until this is resolved.

Also whilst writing please take the time to consider the draft Development Plan that has been put together to set a direction for the League. Your input is vital and if you would like a member of the Management Committee to attend any of your Club meetings to explain any of the points or any other issues we would be willing to do so. I have attached a further copy of the plan.

Mike Hall
Chairman
Bolton Cricket League
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