

**I'ANSON CUP COMPETITIONS  
CONSTITUTION, RULES OF PLAY & OFFICIALS - 2005**

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SECTION ONE

**CONSTITUTION**

**A TITLE**

1) The name shall be 'Anson Cup Competitions, hereinafter called 'The Competitions'.

**B OBJECTIVE**

1) The Competitions exist to foster & encourage amateur cricket.

**C COMPETITIONS FORMAT**

1) The Competitions are split into two formats:

- a) 'Anson Cup, which is played in a divisional format on Saturday afternoons.
- b) Stevens Cup and Pope Cup, which are played in a knockout format on Tuesday evenings.

2) In this document, the term 'Anson Cup Competition' represents all divisions, and the term 'Evening Competition' represents both Stevens Cup and Pope Cup.

**D MANAGEMENT**

1) The Competitions will be controlled and managed by a Management Committee, which shall comprise the officers of The Competitions and up to nine other members.

2) The officers of The Competitions are: The President, Secretary, Treasurer, Umpires' Secretary and Fixtures Secretary.

3) With the exception of the President, all officers and other members of the Management Committee will be elected annually at the Annual Delegates' Meeting, and all will be eligible for re-election at the following ADM without re-nomination.

4) Any nomination for an office or a position on the Management Committee must be lodged with the secretary by September 1 for inclusion in voting in that year's ADM.

5) With the exception of officers, who may be either independent or affiliated to a member club, other Management Committee positions may only be filled by members of member clubs, with a maximum of one general Management Committee member from any member club.

6) The president shall be the chairman of the Management Committee. In the absence of the president, the Management Committee members present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting, this person having the full chairmanship powers of the president.

7) A quorum of the Management Committee shall comprise six members, three of whom must be officers of The Competitions.

8) Should it be necessary to vote on a motion at a Management Committee meeting, each member present will be entitled to one vote. In the case of an equal number of votes cast, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second, casting vote.

9) Management Committee meetings will not be open to the public or the press. The secretary, who will be considered to be the spokesman of The Competitions, will provide any reports, rulings or instructions to be passed to clubs or the press.

10) Minutes of all Management Committee meetings will be produced by the secretary.

11) The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt persons as it sees fit, although co-opted members may not vote.

12) The duties of the Management Committee shall include the following:

- a) To manage The Competitions.
- b) To organise fixtures, and the structure of The Competitions.
- c) To manage The Competitions' finances.
- d) To communicate important issues relating to The Competitions to all member clubs.
- e) To hear and dispose of any complaints or suggestions, properly made in writing to the secretary, by the secretary of a member club, or by one of its number.
- f) To ensure that member clubs and players comply with the rules of The Competitions, and to exercise disciplinary measures where necessary.
- g) To co-ordinate available pool umpires.
- h) To monitor and inspect the grounds and facilities of member and prospective member clubs.
- i) To appoint a rules sub-committee and a disciplinary sub-committee annually, and any other sub-committee(s) deemed necessary to deal with any particular business or to furnish any special report.
- j) To organise ADMs and SDMs.
- k) To select representative teams and officials.
- l) To determine the winners of the Players of the Year award.

13) Any matters not expressly covered within The Constitution, Rules of Play or the Laws of Cricket shall be within the power of the Management Committee to determine as it sees fit.

14) The decision of the Management Committee shall in all cases be final.

## **E MEMBERSHIP**

1) Only clubs within a radius of approximately 12 miles of Grayshott Village Hall are eligible to apply to compete.

2) All new clubs wishing to enter The Competitions and all existing clubs wishing to renew their membership of The Competitions for the following season must submit the application form (which will be provided by the secretary), accompanied by the annual subscription fee set by the Management Committee, to reach the secretary by September 1 annually. The completed membership application form must also confirm that the club has or will have adequate public liability insurance cover of at least £2 million for the duration of the entire playing season to which the membership application relates. Member clubs will also be required to indicate their intentions concerning their participation in the evening competition for the following season on this membership application form.

- 3) New clubs applying to compete must demonstrate to a member of the Management Committee, at an inspection, that at least the minimum standards for grounds and facilities determined by the Management Committee exist.
- 4) New clubs eligible under E1, E2 and E3 may be elected to membership only at either an ADM or SDM, when a vote will be taken from the existing member clubs.
- 5) If payment of any club's annual subscription fee is not received by September 1 for the following playing season, a surcharge to the subscription fee will be levied, this being increased by a further surcharge for each month until payment is received (refer to Section J).
- 6) All member clubs are required to have public liability insurance cover of no less than £2 million. Member clubs will be required to indicate to the secretary on an annual basis that this cover is in place.

## **F GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 1) An ADM or SDM are the only meetings authorised to amend the constitution or rules of The Competitions and elect new clubs to membership.
- 2) Every club with membership of The Competitions, including new clubs, which have been elected to membership earlier in the same meeting, shall be eligible to nominate one delegate to be the official representative of their club, and who alone may vote on any motions put to a general meeting.
- 3) Subject to F2, there is no restriction on the number of club members or members of the public who may attend general meetings.
- 4) In the case of an equal number of votes cast at a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

### **Annual Delegates' Meeting**

5) The Annual Delegates' Meeting, referred to within this document as ADM, will be arranged by the Management Committee and be held by October 31 annually. Notification of the date, time and venue will be published to member clubs by September 1 annually.

### **Special Delegates' Meeting**

- 6) The Management Committee shall have the power to call a Special Delegates' Meeting, referred to within this document as SDM, the secretary to give member clubs a minimum of 14 days' notice.
- 7) An SDM may also be convened on application to the secretary by six or more competing clubs, stating the objects of such a meeting. Provided that the objects of the meeting are not within the power of the Management Committee to resolve, such a meeting will be convened at the earliest opportunity, while providing member clubs with a minimum of 14 days' notice.

## **G AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

- 1) The rules sub-committee shall meet on as many occasions as it deems necessary, to review the rules of The Competitions and to consider ideas or proposals submitted by member clubs or by the Management Committee.
- 2) Proposals for rule changes from member clubs must be submitted to the secretary by August 1 annually for inclusion in that year's ADM.

- 3) A proposal received from a club in accordance with G2 will be forwarded by the secretary to the rules sub-committee, which will draft the full content of the proposal into a formal resolution on which a vote can be taken.
- 4) The secretary will then forward any such resolutions, as outlined in G3 above, to all member clubs by September 15 annually.
- 5) Having received the proposed resolutions as outlined in G4, member clubs that wish to submit amendments to the proposals may do so, provided the secretary receives these by October 7, with any alternatives being worded precisely into resolution format on which a vote can be taken.
- 6) The finalised resolutions will be forwarded to clubs by the secretary, together with the agenda for the ADM, by October 14 annually.
- 7) The only proposals to alter the constitution or rules of play that will be permitted to be raised at general meetings shall be those submitted in accordance with the aforementioned procedure (G2-G6). No additions or amendments to the published resolutions whatsoever will be permitted at any general meeting.
- 8) Changes to the constitution or rules of play may only be implemented if they achieve a majority vote at an ADM or SDM.

#### **H FINANCE**

- 1) The financial year of The Competitions shall commence on October 1 and end on September 30.
- 2) The Competitions shall be financed by subscription from member clubs, donations and any other means determined by the Management Committee.
- 3) All monies shall be banked in the name of The Competitions.
- 4) The Management Committee shall keep an account of all income and expenditure of The Competitions and at each ADM shall present to the membership a report and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year, certified by signature of an independent auditor.
- 5) Subscriptions to compete in The Competitions will be set annually by the Management Committee and shall be published to all member clubs by August 1 for the following season.

#### **J FINES AND PENALTIES**

- 1) Subject to the Management Committee being satisfied as to the responsibility, the following scale of fines and/or penalties shall apply:
  - ◆ Failure to pay annual subscription fee by the due date: Mandatory £10 surcharge on due date, plus further £10 each month until payment is received (One:E5)
  - ◆ A proven disciplinary offence found at disciplinary hearing: Any combination of a reprimand and/or maximum fine of £25 and/or suspension may be levied. (One:K5)
  - ◆ Gross misconduct found by emergency Management Committee meeting: Expulsion of player may be applied. (One:K7)
  - ◆ Failure to fulfil I'Anson Cup fixture: Maximum £25 fine, plus any umpires' fees, plus award of eight points to the opponents may be levied. (Two:2c)

- ◆ Cancelling I'Anson Cup match for unacceptable reason: Maximum £25 fine, plus any umpires' fees, plus award of eight points to the opponents will be levied. (Two:2h)
- ◆ Failure to commence I'Anson Cup match on time: Maximum £10 fine may be levied. (Two:3a)
- ◆ Fielding ineligible player in I'Anson Cup match: Mandatory fine of £5 per ineligible player fielded plus forfeit of points as determined by the Management Committee (Two:4e)
- ◆ Failure to give priority to senior teams: Maximum £25 fine and/or loss of points. (Two:4f)
- ◆ Failure of home team to notify I'Anson Cup match result in time: Mandatory £5 fine per fixture. (Two:7d)
- ◆ Failure of home team to submit I'Anson Cup match report form in time: Mandatory £5 fine per fixture. (Two:7e)
- ◆ Failure to fulfil Stevens Cup fixture: Mandatory forfeit of the match and mandatory forfeit of right to compete in the Pope Cup, plus maximum fine of £25 may be imposed. (Two:2c)
- ◆ Failure to fulfil Pope Cup fixture: Mandatory forfeit of the match, plus maximum fine of £25 may be imposed. (Two:2c)
- ◆ Fielding ineligible player in Stevens Cup or Pope Cup: Reversal of result may apply, plus mandatory fine of £5 per ineligible player fielded. (Three:SP4d)
- ◆ Failure to notify Stevens Cup or Pope Cup match result in time: Mandatory £5 fine. (Three:SP7b)

2) The Management Committee shall deal with non-payment of fines by the due date, and may impose such penalties for late payments, as it deems appropriate.

## **K DISCIPLINE**

1) It shall be a disciplinary offence for any player, official, other club member or member club in connection with The Competitions to misconduct themselves, or to act at any time in a manner calculated to prejudice the good name or interests of The Competitions, or to breach the rules of The Competitions.

2) The disciplinary sub-committee (referred to within this document as DSC) shall be appointed annually by the Management Committee. It shall consist of three members, these including one officer of The Competitions (who shall be the chairman of the DSC), and one pool umpire.

3) Any incidents of alleged misconduct shall be reported to the secretary who shall instruct the DSC to establish the facts of the situation, and to determine the action, if any, which shall be taken.

- 4) Where a disciplinary hearing is felt necessary, seven days' notice of the hearing and details of the alleged offence shall be given in writing to the alleged offender and any witnesses, or in the case of a club to its secretary. In the case of a player, this notice shall be given to the secretary of his/her club, who shall then be responsible for advising the player concerned.
- 5) If, at the hearing, the DSC finds the alleged offence proved, it shall have the power to impose any combination of penalties, including to reprimand and/or fine and/or suspend (refer to Section J). Fines, where levied on a player or club representative, will be the liability of the club that they represented at the time of the offence. Suspension of any player or club may be from The Competitions or from any specified aspect of it. The outcome of the DSC's findings, together with details of any penalty imposed, shall be verbally advised, and subsequently confirmed in writing within seven days of the hearing by the secretary.
- 6) In addition to the penalties outlined in K5 above, where gross misconduct is deemed to have occurred, the DSC shall be able to recommend the expulsion of a player from The Competitions or from a specified aspect of The Competitions to the Management Committee.
- 7) Where the DSC has recommended the expulsion of a player, this will be referred to an emergency meeting of the Management Committee, which will be called in accordance with a disciplinary hearing as outlined in K4 above. The chairman and the Management Committee members of the DSC may be present to outline the DSC's findings, but they shall not vote. The Management Committee will have the power to impose any penalties as outlined in K5 above, or, where gross misconduct has been found, to expel a player as it sees fit (refer to Section J).
- 8) Any person or club found by the DSC to have committed an offence shall have the right of appeal to the Management Committee. Notice of appeal setting out the grounds should be submitted in writing to the secretary within seven days of receipt of the verbal advice of the DSC's decision, together with a deposit of £50. Upon giving notice of appeal, any penalty imposed shall not take effect pending the hearing of the appeal.
- 9) The appeal shall be by way of re-hearing. The Management Committee shall consider the facts and determine the outcome of the appeal, which include powers to confirm, vary or annul the decision of the DSC, and where they consider the appeal to be without merit to order the deposit be forfeited. The chairman and Management Committee members of the DSC may be present at the appeal to outline the DSC's findings, but they shall not vote.
- 10) The decision of the Management Committee at an appeal hearing, or where no appeal was lodged, of the DSC (or, in the case of expulsions, of the Management Committee at the emergency meeting), shall be final and binding on all persons.

**SECTION TWO****I'ANSON CUP COMPETITIONS RULES OF PLAY****1 GENERAL**

a) All matches shall be played according to the Laws of Cricket (2000 Code), but as further amended by these rules.

b) The imposition of penalty runs shall only apply in Division One where a pool umpire is standing. The exceptions are Law 41, 2a (illegally fielding the ball) and Law 41, 3 (ball striking a protective helmet belonging to the fielding side), which shall apply throughout.

**2 SEASON, FIXTURES, GROUNDS**

a) The season shall commence on the fourth (not necessarily the last) Saturday in April.

b) The Management Committee shall arrange fixtures for each team in all divisions.

c) The Management Committee may determine that a penalty be levied on any team which fails to fulfil a fixture on the due date (refer to Section J).

d) No matches shall be played on artificial pitches.

e) All matches must be played on the Club's home ground unless notification is received, at least 24 hours before the match is due to be played, in writing to the Competition Secretary. Both clubs must agree to the change before notification is submitted to the secretary.

f) Any spectator or animal interfering with the ball on the field of play shall be treated as a boundary four. All trees, foliage, transmission wires or other objects overhanging or within the field of play shall be treated as a boundary four or six.

g) A decision concerning whether a ground is unfit for play shall only be made for reason of player safety. Before cancelling, those involved must be certain that the ground will remain unfit for play two hours after the scheduled start time.

h) The decision to cancel a match prior to the toss taking place must be agreed by both captains. If the captains cannot reach agreement, pool umpires shall make the decision. However, for matches where no pool umpire is present and where agreement between captains cannot be reached, either captain may contact a member of the Management Committee or an official umpire at a local match, to request an independent pitch inspection be made on the same day. In the event that one team feels it has grounds for a complaint, it may report the matter to the Management Committee, which will review the independent report, and will levy a penalty on the team(s) involved where an unacceptable reason for cancellation is found (refer to Section J)

### **3 TIMINGS**

#### Start of play

a) Weather permitting, play will commence at 2pm (1pm on all Saturdays in April & after August 15<sup>th</sup>) unless an earlier alternative time is agreed between the clubs concerned and notified to the Competition Secretary. All late starts should be reported to the Management Committee, which may levy a penalty on the offending club(s) (refer to Section J).

#### Duration of play -- uninterrupted matches

b) All matches shall be of one innings per side.

c) In a match unaffected by inclement weather, the time of the tea interval shall be either two and a half hours after the scheduled start time of the match, or after the close of the innings of the side batting first, whichever occurs later. In other circumstances, the captains shall agree the time of the tea interval. The tea interval shall be of a maximum of 30 minutes' duration.

d) A match shall comprise a maximum of 90 overs. The innings of the side batting first shall last not longer than 48 overs. Any over not completed due to declaration or end of innings shall be regarded as a full over, except for the purposes of Rule 7c.

#### Duration of play -- delayed starts

e) For late starts due to any reason, overs shall be deducted on the basis of one over from each innings for every complete six minutes lost.

#### Duration of play -- interrupted matches

f) Any intervals or interruptions in play, excluding periods between innings, intervals for tea or suspensions for exceptional reasons, occurring after the start of a match, or any delay due to weather, shall result in a reduction in the number of overs available for play in the whole match at the rate of one over for each completed period of three minutes lost. In these circumstances, the side batting first may still bat for the full 48 overs.

### **4 PLAYERS, TEAM PRECEDENCE AND NUMBERS**

a) A team shall normally comprise 11 players. However, a team must play when comprising eight players or more (See also Two:2c).

b) The following players are NOT eligible to play for a club in any match in The Competitions:

1) Those who have already played for another club in The Competitions in the current season. However, any such player wishing to transfer may apply, only before August 1<sup>st</sup>, by submitting the written agreement of the player's former club with the application to the secretary, who shall have the power to agree the transfer. Where the former club fails to agree the transfer, the Management Committee may nevertheless authorise the transfer if it considers agreement to have been unreasonably withheld.

**AND**

2) Within the last 4 scheduled fixtures of the season, if the player has in the current season already played for another club in another local adult Saturday competitive league in Berkshire, Hampshire, Sussex & Surrey.

c) All clubs having two or more teams in The Competitions or within other Saturday competitive league competitions must give their senior teams priority in all respects, including in terms of the fielding of a full team of 11 players, and the ability of individual players (see also Two:4f).

d) In addition to Two:4c, within the last four scheduled fixtures of the season no more than TWO players who have played five or more times in a higher team for their club, in either The Competitions or any other Saturday competitive league competitions, may be permitted to play in any lower team within their club in The Competitions, unless the prior written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained. Any player who has played in the Southern League in the same season will not be eligible to play in The Competitions without prior written consent of the Management Committee (see also Two:4f).

e) No player may play for more than one team for the same club on the same day (other than as a substitute) (see also Two:4f).

f) No player shall receive any payment for playing in the competitions, either in the form of remuneration or payment of expenses connected with participation in a match (such payment shall not, however, be deemed to include the sharing between players of reasonable transport expenses or the receipt of end of season prizes, other than cash, for exceptional performance). The receipt of a prohibited payment shall render the player ineligible to play in the match for which the payment has been received and the penalties specified in J.1 relating to ineligible players shall apply.

g) In all cases brought to its notice and proved to its satisfaction, the Management Committee will levy a penalty for each breach of Rules 4b-c-d (refer to Section J).

**5 MATCH BALL**

a) It shall be the responsibility of the home club to provide a new ball, which will be used at the start of and throughout each innings in all matches.

b) In the event of a lost or damaged ball, a replacement will be agreed by the pool umpires or, where there are no pool umpires, by the captain of the fielding team and a batsman or the captain of the batting team. It shall be the responsibility of the home captain to have readily available a selection of replacement balls of the same specification as the original, and of varying degrees of wear.

c) All match balls shall be purchased through The Competitions.

**6. POINTS, WINNING TEAM, MATCH RESULTS**

a) In all matches, points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	8	
Draw (faster scoring rate)		4
Draw (identical scoring rate)		3
Draw (slower scoring rate)		2
Tie	5	
Loss	0	

Bonus points shall be awarded in each match as follows:

Team batting first and winning	2	
Team batting first and drawing with faster scoring rate		1

b) A match shall be considered to be abandoned and not drawn if the side batting second has not batted or has batted and received fewer than 20 complete overs. Abandoned/cancelled matches shall not be considered for the calculation referred to in Section Two:8a.

c) Scoring rates shall be calculated by dividing runs by legal deliveries bowled.

d) The results of all matches (including cancellations) must be notified by the home club to The Competitions by **Monday noon**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty per default per team being levied (refer to Section J).

e) A full match report must be submitted by the home club to Herald Newspapers (114 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7HL; tel 01252 899222; fax 01252 899267; email [carlobert@internet-today.co.uk](mailto:carlobert@internet-today.co.uk) ) by **9am Tuesday**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty per default per team being levied (refer to Section J).

Web Report Form: <http://www.farnham-herald-today.co.uk/index2.cfm>

**7 CHAMPION TEAM, PROMOTION AND RELEGATION, TROPHIES**

a) The team that gains the highest average points per completed match shall be the champion and shall be awarded either the I'Anson Cup, the Herald Shield, the Miller Cup, the Bob Burchett Trophy or the Norman Disney Trophy, these being for Divisions One to Five respectively.

b) Medals or other suitable emblems shall be provided from The Competitions funds and be presented to members of each winning and runner-up team.

c) The Management Committee will annually determine the winner of the Jack Warner Trophy for the Player of the Year from within Divisions One and Two of The Competitions and the Graham Collyer Trophy for Player of the Year from Divisions 3, 4 & 5.

d) In the event of two or more teams finishing with identical points, the team with the most wins will have the advantage. If still level, the team with the fewer defeats will have the advantage. If still level, the overall results of all divisional matches played in that season between the relevant teams will

determine the team awarded the advantage. If still level, the team with the fastest run rate will have the advantage.

- e) No club may have two teams in the same division.
- f) Promotion and relegation in each division will be on a two up and two down basis, except that only those teams finishing in the top two places in their division shall be eligible for promotion.
- g) If a club has a team in a division to which another of its teams is relegated, the other team will also be relegated. However, a club's first team cannot be relegated from Division Four if its second XI is in the bottom division, but a club with three or more teams can have its second or third XI relegated from the penultimate division and its third or fourth XI will be required to drop out of The Competitions. Conversely, a team cannot be promoted into a higher division if the club has a team in the higher division.
- h) In the event of new teams joining or existing teams leaving The Competitions, the Management Committee shall have the power to modify the promotion and/or relegation arrangements to enable changes in the structure of the divisions.
  - i) The trophies are challenge trophies and cannot be won outright. The secretary will insure them, but clubs holding these shall be responsible for taking reasonable precautions for their safe custody. The trophies must be returned to the Secretary by August 31<sup>st</sup> for representation. Failure to comply to incur a fine of £10.00.
  - ii) It is the responsibility of the winning clubs to engrave the Trophies, in matching script, before returning them to the Secretary. Failure to comply to incur a fine of £10.00 plus the cost of engraving.

## **8 UMPIRES**

- a) Whenever possible, both umpires officiating in matches will be appointed from a pool of independent umpires and subject to availability.
- b) Clubs with teams in Divisions One and Two shall pay monies towards umpires' fees at the start of each season. These fees will be set and published by the Management Committee by April 1 annually, and must be paid by May 31 annually.
- c) In any matches in which umpire(s) cannot be provided from the pool, it shall be the responsibility of each side to provide a fair and competent umpire(s). Where players are asked to officiate, it shall be the responsibility of the captain concerned to ensure that the player-umpire is conversant with the current Laws of Cricket.
- d) Where only one pool umpire is available, it shall be the umpire's decision as to whether he/she officiates at the bowlers end or alternates between the bowler's end and striker's end.

**SECTION THREE****STEVENS AND POPE CUP COMPETITION RULES OF PLAY**

All rules within this section are prefixed "SP", to eradicate confusion with I'Anson Cup Competition rules as outlined in the previous section.

**SP1 GENERAL**

a) The I'Anson Cup Competition rule numbers 1a, 2f, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5b, 5c, 6, 9a, 9c and 9d shall apply in the Stevens and Pope Cup Competition with the following additional rules.

b) Penalty runs as per the Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) will apply to all Stevens and Pope Cup matches.

**SP2 SEASON, FIXTURES, GROUNDS**

a) All matches shall be played on dates and grounds determined by the Management Committee.

b) Clubs losing in the first two rounds of the Stevens Cup shall be eligible to play in the subsidiary competition, known as the Pope Cup.

c) The first round of the Pope Cup shall be played one week after the date of the second round of the Stevens Cup.

d) In the event of the postponement of the original fixture, the tie may be played, providing both sides can agree, on any day within seven days of the original fixture. Failing agreement, the games must be played on the day following the original fixture.

e) At any time on the day of the match, until 4.30pm, the home authority may postpone the fixture due to the unfit nature of the ground. In the absence of any such postponement, a decision about the fitness of the ground shall be in the hands of the captains. In the event of the captains being unable to agree, the umpires shall make a decision.

**SP3 TIMINGS**

a) Matches shall commence at 6pm unless the Management Committee has in advance agreed otherwise.

b) Each innings shall be of a maximum of 16 six-ball overs, except in the case of the semi-final and final when each innings shall be of a maximum of 16 eight-ball overs.

c) Matches where the start is delayed shall result in the maximum number of overs being reduced by two per innings for each 15 complete minutes lost prior to the start, to a minimum of 12 overs per innings.

d) If for any reason the match is abandoned after play has commenced, the match shall be replayed in accordance with the rules for postponements (refer to Rule SP2d).

**SP4 PLAYERS, TEAM PRECEDENCE AND NUMBERS**

a) A player must be eligible to play for his club under Rule 4b of the I'Anson Cup Competition AND be a club member (see also Rule SP4d).

b) To be eligible to play in the semi-final round of the evening competition, a player must have played at least twice for his club in the I'Anson Cup Competition in the current season, and in the final of the evening competition, he must have played at least three times for his club in the I'Anson Cup Competition in the current season (see also Rule SP4d).

c) In addition to Rules SP4a and SP4b, in rounds prior to the semi-final, players from clubs which also have teams in other Saturday competitions must have appeared at least once in the I'Anson Cup Competition in the current season, or not played in any other competitive Saturday league in the same season (see also Rule SP4d).

d) In all cases brought to its notice in time and proved to its satisfaction, the Management Committee shall have the power to levy a penalty for any breach of Rules SP4a, SP4b and SP4c (refer to Section J).

**SP5 MATCH BALL**

a) One new ball of identical specification to that used for the I'Anson Cup Competition shall be provided either by The Competitions, or failing that by the home club, and shall be used for the entire match.

**SP6 BOWLING**

a) No bowler shall bowl more than four overs out of the allotted number.

**SP7 WINNING TEAM, MATCH RESULTS**

a) In the event of a tie, the team losing the least wickets shall be declared the winner. If both teams have lost the same number of wickets, the game shall be replayed on the visiting club's ground within one week of the original fixture. However, in the final, in the event of a tie where both teams have also lost the same number of wickets, the trophy is shared.

b) Results of all matches (including those postponed) must be notified by the home club to The Competitions within 24 hours of the completion or the postponement of the tie. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being levied (refer to Section J).

**SP8 CHAMPION TEAM, TROPHIES**

- a) The champion teams in the evening competition shall be awarded the Stevens Cup and the Pope Cup respectively.
- b) Medals or other suitable emblems shall be provided from The Competitions' funds and be presented to members of each winning and runner-up team.
- c) The trophies are challenge trophies and cannot be won outright. The secretary will insure them, but clubs holding these shall be responsible for taking reasonable precautions for their safe custody. The trophies must be returned to the Secretary by May 31<sup>st</sup> for re-presentation. Failure to comply to incur a fine of £10.00.
- d) It is the responsibility of the winning clubs to engrave the Trophies, in matching script, before returning them to the Secretary. Failure to comply to incur a fine of £10.00 plus the cost of engraving

**IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

**New clubs**

Submit application to compete (One:E2) September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Existing member clubs**

Submit names of umpires expected to officiate (Two:9c)	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Submit payment of umpire fees (Div 1&2 teams) (Two:9b)	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Submit player transfer applications for those who have played for another club in I' Anson Cup (Two:4b[1])	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Return Stevens & Pope Cups to Secretary (engraved)	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Submit player transfer applications for those who have played in neighbouring leagues (Two:4b[2])	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Submit any rule change proposals (One:G2)	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Return League trophies to Secretary (engraved)	August 31 <sup>st</sup>
Advise if wish to opt out of evening competition (One:E2)	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Submit annual subscription fee renewal (One:E2 and E5)	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Submit nominations for Management Committee (One:D4)	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Submit any proposed amendments to rule change (One:G5)	October 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Management Committee/Secretary</b>	
Publish umpire fees payable (To Div 1&2 teams) (Two:9b)	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Publish annual subscriptions (One:H5)	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Publish ADM date, time and venue (One:F5)	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Issue initial ADM resolutions for rule changes (One:G4)	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Issue final ADM resolutions and agenda (One:G6)	October 14 <sup>th</sup>

**I'ANSON CUP COMPETITIONS****CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE FIELD**

1 The following Code of Conduct has been prepared in order to encourage improved standards of behaviour on the field or play and to reduce the degree of aggravation experienced by pool umpires, which has in recent years led to a reduction in the number of pool umpires available to stand. The Code is intended to be observed by all players participating in I'Anson Cup Competition matches, including Stevens and Pope Cup Competition matches.

2 Clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their players. They shall take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with this Code by their members. This shall include ensuring that all players are fully familiar with the Code's provisions.

3 Immediately before, during and immediately after the match, team captains shall be responsible for the conduct of their players on and off the field. They shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the behaviour of their players is acceptable and that they observe the Code. This may include sending offending team members off the field, either temporarily or for the duration of the match.

4 The following represent unacceptable behaviour:

- ◆ any attempt deliberately to intimidate or distract the opponents, either by word or action.
- ◆ aggressive behaviour
- ◆ foul or abusive language
- ◆ physical abuse of opponents, other than in self-defence
- ◆ abuse of umpires, whether or not they are pool umpires
- ◆ smoking or the drinking of alcohol on the field of play
- ◆ wearing inappropriate clothing (clothing should essentially be white)

5 Dissent at umpiring decisions is unacceptable. Players are permitted politely to ask umpires to offer a brief explanation for a decision, to which the umpire is encouraged to respond. But requests for further explanation, even if expressed politely, are unacceptable.

6 Captains shall implement in full the decisions of the umpire (whether or not the umpire is a pool umpire) during the match in question, without comment on the field of play. Where pool umpires are not available, it is the responsibility of captains to ensure that players or others asked to umpire are sufficiently competent and responsible to carry out their duties effectively.

7 Where a captain is dissatisfied with the conduct of an umpire who is a member of the opposing side, the captain may after the match or during an interval politely address any complaint to the opposing captain and seek to resolve any dispute in this way. Where it is not possible to resolve the dispute, or where the umpire (not being a pool umpire) is not a member of the opposing side, the captain may send a full report to the Management

Committee, after having informed the opposing captain and the umpire that he proposes to do so.

8 Where a captain is dissatisfied with the conduct of a pool umpire and believes the matter is sufficiently serious to be brought to the attention of the Management Committee, the captain concerned should, after the match, send a report on the umpire's conduct to the Umpires' Secretary, after informing the umpire concerned and the opposing captain that he intends to do so.

9 Incidents, which appear to be in contravention of this Code, shall be reported as follows:

- ◆ Where pool umpires officiate, the umpires will report such incidents to the Management Committee, after advising both captains of their intention to do so.
- ◆ Where no pool umpire officiates, either captain may send a full report to the Management Committee, after having advised the opposing captain of his intention to do so and of the general contents of the proposed report.