

NIDDERDALE CRICKET LEAGUE.

Through the kindness of Mr. W. Hardcastle, Hon. Sec. of the League, we are enabled to give a list of the fixtures for the ensuing season, also a copy of the rules.

FIXTURES.

May	5...	Birstwith v. Hampsthwaite. Ripley v. Daore Banks.
"	12...	Daore Banks v. Birstwith. Glasshouses v. Hampsthwaite.
"	19...	Birstwith v. Glasshouses. Ripley v. Hampsthwaite.
"	26...	Birstwith v. Ripley. Hampsthwaite v. Pateley Bridge.
June	2...	Hampsthwaite v. Ripley. Pateley Bridge v. Ripley.
"	9...	Daore Banks v. Pateley Bridge. Ripley v. Glasshouses.
"	16...	Daore Banks v. Hampsthwaite. Pateley Bridge v. Glasshouses.
"	23...	Ripley v. Birstwith.
"	30...	Birstwith v. Pateley Bridge.
July	7...	Glasshouses v. Daore Banks.
"	14...	Daore Banks v. Ripley.
"	21...	Hampsthwaite v. Daore Banks. Ripley v. Pateley Bridge.
"	28...	Pateley Bridge v. Birstwith. Glasshouses v. Ripley.
Aug.	4...	Birstwith v. Daore Banks. Hampsthwaite v. Glasshouses.
"	11...	Glasshouses v. Pateley Bridge.
"	18...	Pateley Bridge v. Daore Banks. Glasshouses v. Birstwith. Hampsthwaite v. Ripley.
"	25...	Daore Banks v. Glasshouses. Pateley Bridge v. Hampsthwaite.
Sept.	1...	Winners v. The Rest.

WM. HARDCASTLE,

Hon. Sec.

RULES.

1. This combination of clubs shall be called "The Nidderdale Cricket League," and shall consist of the following clubs:—Birstwith, Daore Banks, Glasshouses, Hampsthwaite, Pateley Bridge, and Ripley.

2. Each club shall pay an entrance fee of 5s., and an annual subscription of 5s., and in case this amount does not meet the expenses, the clubs to contribute equally such a sum as may be required.

3. The Committee to carry out these rules shall be formed of two representatives from each club; the whole of the officers to be chosen from these. Each club to have two votes only. In case a representative is unable to be present at any of the League meetings a duly-accredited substitute may take his place.

4. The competition shall be conducted as follows:—Each club shall play home and home matches with each other, and a win shall be counted as one point, one point to be deducted for each loss; draws not to count. At the end of each competition the club scoring the largest number of points shall be declared the champion club of the League. In the event of two or more clubs being equal in points at the close of the competition they shall play off on a date and ground to be fixed by the Committee, and the gate receipts, after paying expenses, to be at the disposal of the League Committee.

5. The champion club shall play a match against an eleven selected from the other clubs on a date to be fixed at the meeting for arranging fixtures, the ground to be selected by the League Committee. The proceeds of this match, after paying expenses, to go towards the expenses of the League.

6. A suitable trophy shall be presented to the champion club at the end of the season, and shall be held by such club for the ensuing twelve months.

7. The time of commencing each match, and also the time for drawing, shall be fixed at the meeting held to arrange fixtures. If at drawing time the match shall not be won, the umpires may order play to continue until such time as they think fit, but not to exceed 30 minutes; and in case the match is still unfinished it shall be drawn. Note.—Matches must commence not later than 2.30 p.m., and play be continued until 6 p.m.

8. Prior to the commencement of a match the home captain shall instruct the visiting captain and umpires as to the boundaries.

9. The umpires shall decide as to the state of the ground, or if the weather makes it impossible to play or continue the match; but in all cases teams must turn up, unless notified by the home club.

10. Any club failing to fulfil its League engagements to be dealt with as the committee may think fit.

11. The result of each match must be sent by the home club to the Hon. Sec. of the League immediately after it is over, with full batting and bowling averages.

12. Each club shall take the gate money of its home matches (subject to rules 4—5), and the admission to League Matches shall not exceed 3d.

13. Players taking part in League Matches shall be strictly *bona fide* members of the club for which they are playing. Any dispute arising as to this rule the Committee shall have full power to decide.

14. No player can play for two clubs in League Matches during the same season, unless with the sanction of the Committee.

15. Any club lodging a protest against another club shall deposit with such protest 10s. If the Committee consider the protest to be frivolous the fee shall be forfeited. All protests to reach the Secretary not later than the Tuesday night following the match. If necessary the match shall be re-played on a date and ground to be arranged by the Committee, and the proceeds of the match to be at the disposal of the Committee.

16. Each club shall nominate one or more umpires to act in League matches, but no umpire shall act in any match in which the club that nominated him is playing. The expenses of the umpires shall be paid by the League Committee.

17. All matches shall be arranged at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, such meeting to be held in June. This meeting shall also fix the date of the match under Rule 5.

18. In case any question shall arise in connection with the League Competition, which is not already dealt with in these rules, the Committee shall have full power to inflict such penalties either of fine or deduction of points as they think fit, and their decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

19. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to alter or add to these rules at any time.