

## Procedure for players playing down a team

- 1) The Captain contacts opposing Captain, or in the absence of the opposing Captain, a relevant representative (i.e. Vice-Captain, Club Secretary or Captain of another one of the opposing sides teams) by noon, the day preceding the relevant game in question.
- 2) The Captain will provide the following details:
  - Name of the player playing down
  - The reason for the player playing down
  - Normal playing role of the player in question
  - Anticipated role of the player in the relevant match
- 3) The Opposing Captain (or relevant representative) will either: accept the proposal, reject the proposal, or defer the proposal to the LMC.
- 4) If point 3 is **accepted**, the Captain will then contact the LMC via email (copying in the Opposing Captain (and relevant representative)), advising them of the details in point 2 above, and that the Opposition have accepted their proposal. The LMC will in turn acknowledge receipt of the email, with no further action required.

If point 2 is **rejected** or **deferred**, the Captain may approach the LMC with the relevant proposal for their consideration. Any decision of the LMC at this point is then final.

### NOTES

- Details of the contacts for the relevant Clubs can be found in the Handbook, or are available on the JCB website
- The LMC are cognisant that raising sides can prove difficult at various points throughout the season, and would like to urge Captains to be considerate of this fact.
- The LMC will monitor players playing down sides consistently and may approach any relevant Club, as and when required, who in their opinion may be, or seen to be, abusing the system in place.
- Should the above procedure not be followed, and in the LMCs opinion, sides are playing down players without consent, then the relevant team will be issued with a warning. If the team is seen to persist, then the relevant side may be issued up to a 20 point penalty.
- It is noted that on occasion, and due to time constraints (i.e. due to players dropping out at the last minute etc.) that the procedure may not be followed. However attempts to rectify this should be made at the earliest convenience and in all scenarios it is expected that the relevant team should notify the opposition Captain (or appointed representative) and the LMC on the date of the game in question.

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