

Surrey Association of Cricket Officials

County Appointments Officer Report for 2017

Introduction

This was my first season as SACO County Appointments Officer having taken over from Phil Matthews in late 2016. I would like to thank Phil and his deputy (Paul Witney) for the advice he gave to me and my deputy (Dave Walter). We all met before the season started for a handover meeting and I was able to call on Phil's advice a number of times during the season.

This has been a busy season with in the region of 350 Surrey umpire appointments. These are detailed below.

Appointments to Surrey Cricket's Performance Programme

This involves Boys cricket in 5 Age groups: U10, U11, U12, U13 and U14.

- The Pre-Festival programme was scheduled for 5 consecutive weekends from Monday 1st May to Monday 29th May followed by the festival matches held in the last week of July and first week of August 2017.
- A total of 101 matches required umpires (including 1 U10 inter-county match) and 197 umpires were appointed; meaning it was necessary to appoint stand-alone umpires in 4 matches. This was slightly down on the previous season following another small fall the year before. To stem this trend, I am looking to target the parents of players to come on introductory umpire training in 2018.

Appointments to Surrey County Age Group Matches (CAG)

- The Boys CAG programme involving 41 matches for all age groups from U10s to the Academy was completed with two umpires at every game.
- There were 21 home matches to cover for the three Girls CAG (U/13, U/15 & U/17) teams and as a number of these matches were played on a Saturday I had difficulty in providing full coverage. A total of 30 umpires were appointed meaning there were a number of games with just 1 umpire appointed and others without any available.

ECB ACO Appointments

Surrey ACO umpires were appointed by the London ACO Regional Appointments Officer as follows:

- National Club Knockout – 22 appointments for matches played in Surrey in Round 1 (5 matches) Round 2 (3 matches) and Round 3 (2 matches). A further 2 Surrey ACO umpires were nominated to stand in Round 4 when umpires are appointed out of county.
- Surrey Women's 1st XI – 8 appointments for their 4 home matches in the Women's County Championship; 3 appointments for their Nat West County T20 tournament day.

- ECB U17 County Championship and Cup competitions – 4 appointments made for home matches in the 3-day championship (2 matches) and 4 appointments for home one-day cup (2 matches).
- ECB U15 County Cup – 10 appointments for Surrey U15 home matches in this competition.

Other Appointments

- Hobbs Trophy (Surrey Schools Cricket Association v London Schools Cricket Association) -2 umpires;
- English Schools Cricket Association U15 T20 Finals day – 4 umpires;
- U11 Geoff Richards Trophy Finals day – 4 umpires;
- U14 Anderson Cup Final – 2 umpires;
- U13 Watcyn Evans Trophy Final – 2 umpires;
- U15 Girls Competition – 4 umpires
- U12 Jubilee Trophy Final – 2 umpires
- U15 T20 Vase – 4 umpires
- ECB National Club Cup U13 & U15 Club T20 National Competition – County Semi-Finals & Finals – 4 umpires.
- Surrey University – 3 home 1st XI matches (6 umpires) and 2 home 2nd XI matches (4 umpires).

Bureau

There are a number of requests to the Bureau Service that resulted in me sourcing umpires including from Trinity School and Reigate Grammar School. In addition, 21 “Umpiring Opportunities” mailings were sent to members many of which contained multiple requests for umpires. Longer term (all season) umpire opportunities were posted on the SCB ACO website with the help of the SACO webmaster.

Conclusion

I would like to thank Dave Walter for his assistance throughout the season. We have discussed ways of improving the process this season, having learned a lot from last year.

Finally, I would like to thank all Surrey ACO umpires for their support and willingness to volunteer their services throughout the 2017 season.

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