

ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD-OUEST

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League Matches on Neutral Grounds

**Player safety is of paramount importance to all club officers and ACCSO Committee.
This applies both on and off the field of play.**

Given the size of our region, getting to and from competitive matches has always been a challenge. With 2017's single League pool, the distances have increased significantly.

All clubs are urged to give sympathetic consideration to requests to play on a neutral ground where particularly long travelling times are involved.

Procedure:

- An **Away** club wanting to change the venue of a League match to a neutral ground should first contact the **Home** club.
- Together, both Clubs should settle on their choice of a neutral ground, having regard to the published League fixture list.
- The **Home** club should then contact the neutral club to determine their willingness to hold the match on their ground (see below for what's involved for the **neutral** club).
- Where there is agreement, the **Home** club must inform **ACCSO (Secretary, Umpire Manager and President)**.
- In the event of any disagreement along the way, ACCSO will adjudicate, with player safety the prime consideration.

In agreeing to make their ground available to two other clubs for an ACCSO League match, a neutral club also agrees to provide the following

- Someone to open up and close up the ground & facilities
- Changing facilities (if available)
- Pitch marked out
- Stumps & bails (plus spares)
- Boundary lines/rope & markers
- Scoreboard
- Seating for players during the match and also at tea
- Tea-making facilities
- Cool water for drinks during the match
- Cool after-match drinks
- Rubbish disposal facilities.

The umpires should check that **both teams** take responsibility for

- Setting out the stumps, boundary rope/flags and scoreboard before the match
- Collecting them after the match
- Washing up
- Collecting rubbish.

Playing clubs to bring their own food and drink for the tea interval.

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