

ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD OUEST

Siège social : Hôtel des Associations - 47160 DAMAZAN



UMPIRING REPORT 2011

This year saw fewer matches scheduled because of the decision by Catus not to play competitive games. 45 matches were planned of which 37 were played. There were 11 scheduling changes to which the umpires responded with their usual willing compliance. We called on a total of 15 umpires.

There are some matters of concern. Perhaps most importantly from an ACCSO perspective was the increase this year in the number of postponements, and in some cases cancellation, due to one of the clubs not being able to raise 11 players.

There was also a reduction in the number of umpires available, mainly due to accident or illness. There is some hope, therefore that a full complement will be available in 2012. It could be time to consider a new umpiring course to ensure we can continue with an adequate pool of qualified umpires.

The other matter is the increase in 'audible' criticism of umpiring decisions. Nobody likes getting out or being 'no-balled' and in the past there were only minor grumbles. What is disappointing is that those wishing to criticise do not do so constructively but instead risk affecting umpires' morale and may reduce their willingness to participate. Do the clubs think the standard of umpiring is appropriate to the standard of play and what can be done to stop the bickering and avoid alienating the umpiring community?

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