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To All Clubs

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2024 Draft League Fixtures

The earliest ever start to a Cornwall Cricket League Season – **Saturday 13 April – 1582 Fixtures.**

From 1979 three Bank Holiday Mondays (May, Spring & August) were scheduled up until 2011 when the May BH was dropped. Following surveys of clubs since 2018 August Bank Holiday Mondays have not been fixtured and from 2020 the Spring Bank Holiday games have also ceased. At the end of the 2023 season another survey of all clubs confirmed **68%** still **do not** want Bank Holiday Mondays fixtured.

However, with the wish to continue with 12 team divisions it means 22 Saturdays are now required from mid-April to September.

A total of four Saturdays in April & September in 2024 with increased rescheduling required by clubs who ground share with winter sports.

The League can only schedule for Saturdays so fixtures on other days have to be arranged by **mutual consent**.

The 13 divisions are using **four different matrices in 2024**– which have to interlink precisely with each other to accommodate ground sharing, whatever division a club's second team, fourth team or ground-sharing club are placed. The fixtures show the matrix used and running order of fixtures, home and away. The anomalies in sequences are by necessity, not by choice.

1. Premier – A separate T20 competition (13 April) followed by 18 League games (11 May – 7 Sept) home and away.
2. County 1, Divisions 2 -5 comprise of 12 teams – (13 April – 7 Sept) - 22 games home and away.
3. Divisions 6 (East & West) – 10 Teams – 18 consecutive games (27 April – 24 August) home and away.
4. Division 6 (Central) – 8 Teams – 21 consecutive games (20 April – 7 Sept) playing each other three times.

No fixtures have been scheduled for the three Bank Holidays within the 2024 season (6 May, 27 May & 26 August).

2024 Season Dates – 22 Saturdays - 13 April to 7 September inclusive.

Premier League - 10 Teams

The season begins on **Saturday 13 April**. The final games are on Saturday 7 September.

The first four-match Saturdays see the repeat of the T20 Kernow Crash competition.

Each team will play the same opponent twice on the same day. 2 pools of five teams varied from the previous season.

For geographical reasons Callington /Werrington and Penzance/St Just are in separate pools.

So eight fixtures with a cross pool fixture means no bye weeks, leading to a finals day to be scheduled.

Premier League begins **Saturday 11 May** and runs for 18 successive Saturdays to 7 September inclusive.

County Division 1 plus East & West Divisions 2-5 – 12 Teams

22 Saturday games starting **13 April** to 7 September inclusive **playing each other twice**.

No Bank Holidays fixtured so are therefore free for any mutually agreed rescheduling.

The end-of-season East v West Division 2-5 County Finals will be on Saturday 14 September.

Divisions 6 (East & West) – 10 Teams

18 Saturday games starting **27 April** to 24 August inclusive **playing each other twice**.

No Bank Holidays fixtured so are free along with Saturdays 13 & 20 April, 31 August & 7 September for any mutually agreed rescheduling.

The end-of-season Division 6 County Final will be on Saturday 14 September.

Division 6 (Central) – 8 Teams

21 Saturday games starting **20 April** to 7 September inclusive **playing each other three times**.

No Bank Holidays will be fixtured so are free for any mutually agreed rescheduling along with Sat 13 April.

The end-of-season Division 6 County Final will be on Saturday 14 September.

All Divisions – **League Season Completion Date 23:59 hours on Sunday 8 September.**

As always 131 of 132 fixtures on the 12-team matrix avoid clashes with ground sharers using the 10 or 8 Team Matrix with one exception. The 'rogue fixture' as I call it.

In 2024 there are three 'rogue fixtures':

Saturday 27 April	Division 6 East -10 Team Matrix	Newquay 4 v Lanhydrock 3 (Newquay 3 are at home in 4 East)
Saturday 27 April	Division 6 West -10 Team Matrix	Gulval 2 v Porthleven (Gulval 1 are at home in 3 West)
Saturday 31 August	Division 6 Central -8Team Matrix	Truro 4 v St Erme 3 (Truro 3 are at home in 4 West)

These have been provisionally listed in the draft for Bank Holidays but of course, can be mutually agreed by the clubs as they wish.

- These interlinking matrices take considerable time to compile and are very complex and non-negotiable. Effectively a 146 piece numbered jig-saw where every piece has to interlink precisely with each other.
- No team has more than two successive home or away games.
- Fixtures are made for Saturdays only, as the League Rule 11.2.1 dictates.
- Where home venues are not available on certain dates these games will need to be mutually rescheduled, between the clubs themselves for Sundays or Bank Holidays. Rescheduling **MUST** be done no later than 1st March and will subsequently appear in the Handbook fixtures and automatically online and on play-cricket once notified. Any requests to rearrange any games after this date can only be rescheduled subject to prior League approval (Tier 3 excepted as below).
- Games in County Division 1 & Tier 2 may be rescheduled by mutual agreement, Rule 11.2.1.2. This **MUST** be done by 1st MARCH however and the League notified of the new date.
- Clubs in Tier 3 may reschedule fixtures on Sundays by mutual consent **throughout the season**. The League must be notified of the new date no later than 7 days before the date of the original fixture.
- **Boardmasters Alert** – This year the event at Newquay is on the weekend of **Saturday 10 August**. Clubs might consider mutually agreed reschedules in advance as it seems to cause problems each year in the lower divisions.
- If a club wants to rearrange any fixture (i.e ground unavailable in April and/or September or due to a wedding) they **must mutually agree with their opponents on a suitable date**. If clubs require to alter the date of any fixture please contact the opposing club under Rule 11.2.1. If mutually agreed, in writing, please inform me at the earliest - so the handbook details can be amended before printing in March. Clubs in the Premier Division, County Division 1 and Division 2 please also inform the Umpires Appointments Secretary, Mr John Molden, of any alterations. The League will also amend the play-cricket fixtures as notified.
- All fixtures have been set up on your play-cricket site. You do not have to do anything yourselves. Please check there are no inaccuracies. If so let me know.

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