

FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE

1. DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

- 1.1) The TVCL Divisional Structure shall consist of 1 singular Division at the top of the championship, and below that multiple Divisions (e.g. Divisions A & B, or subsequently Divisions A, B & C etc) in a pyramid cascade.

Each individual Division shall consist of a maximum of 10 Teams, playing every other Team in the same Division on a home and away basis. A TVCL Season will therefore normally consist of 18 Rounds of Fixtures (9 Home and 9 Away).

However, the lowest Divisions of the Divisional Structure may be treated separately and constructed in the most appropriate format as solely directed by the Management Committee each year, so as to cater for changes in the number Member Club Teams. Divisions at the bottom may therefore have more or less than 10 Teams.

- 1.2) No 2 Teams from the same Member Club shall play in the same individual Division, but they may play across the same Divisions (A, B & C etc).
- 1.3) Teams will be awarded points based on their Team performance during the TVCL Season. The Teams will be ranked in order of the most points gained to the least, to determine the final Division Table and Team position.
- 1.4) In the event that a TVCL Match is unable to be played owing to external restrictions imposed (for example because of foot and mouth disease), no points shall be awarded to either Team. The final Division Table and Team position, for a Division where such a fixture cancellation occurs, shall be determined on an "Average Points per Match" basis (i.e., by dividing the total number of points gained by a Team by the number of League Matches played not affected by restrictions).
- 1.5) In the event of two or more Teams finishing with an equal number of points in any Division (or across Divisions) then in order to ascertain respective finishing positions in their respective Division and for the purposes of promotion or relegation from their respective Divisions, the position shall be determined in the order given as follows:

The Team(s) with the:

- A) least Penalty Points shall be placed higher.
- B) most wins shall be placed higher.
- C) most 25-point wins shall be placed higher.
- D) most ties shall be placed higher.
- E) least defeats shall be placed higher.
- F) most batting points shall be placed higher.
- G) the Team that finished in a higher position in its respective Division in the previous TVCL Season shall be placed higher.

Note: A Cancelled (Forfeit) result, whilst it may achieve the same points equivalent to a win, is not deemed a 'Win' for the purposes of B) or C) above.

2. PROMOTION & RELEGATION

2.1) The Division 1 Champion shall be promoted to the HCPCL (Division 2) provided that they:

- A) are a Member Club 1st XI; and
- B) wish to accept such promotion; and
- C) meet all the necessary HCPCL criteria to allow such promotion.

2.2) If the Division 1 Champion is not promoted for any reason, then the Team finishing in 2nd place shall be promoted provided that they meet the criteria listed in 2.1 above. Normally, if neither of the Teams finishing in 1st or 2nd place meet the criteria listed in 2.1 above, then no Member Club will be promoted to the HCPCL.

2.3) Promotion and Relegation within the TVCL Divisional Structure, shall normally be as follows:

- Division 1 being subject to HCPCL variations, shall normally meet one of the following options:

Promoted to HCPCL	Relegated from HCPCL	No of Teams in Division 1	Promoted from Divisions 2	Relegated to Divisions 2	Impact to TVCL Pyramid
1	2	10	2	3	1 Extra Relegation
1	1	10	2	2	Neutral
1	0	10	3	2	1 Promotion Extra
0	0	10	2	2	Neutral
0	1	10	2	3	1 Extra Relegation
0	2	10	2	4	2 Extra Relegations

- Based on a Neutral outcome in Division 1, the following table then shows the number of Promotion or Relegation places applicable to Divisions 2 & Below:

Divisional Level	2025 ONLY		2026 & BEYOND	
	PRO	REL	PRO	REL
2	2	4	2	4
3	4	6	4	6
4	6	9	6	6
5	9	9	6	6
6	9	8	6	8
7	8	12	8	8
8	12	12	8	8
9	12	9	8	8
10	9	n/a	8	n/a

Note: The number of Teams subject to promotion or relegation in any one season is variable dependant on several factors, not least interaction with the HCPCL but also any removal of Teams or a New Club joining, or other notification provided by the Management Committee advising of any special conditions before the commencement of a new League Season (such as a league expansion).

Promotion

2.4) Further to Clause 2.3, promotion will normally be applied as described below:

- In Divisions 1 & 2, the Team which is the Champion of each Division is due to be promoted.
- In Divisions 3 & Below, the Teams which are Champion & Runner-up of each Division are due to be promoted.

In the event of an extra Team being promoted, the Team to be promoted shall be the Team which across all the Divisions at that level which finishes immediately below the automatic promotion places listed above, with the most points.

Adjustments to Promotion

2.5) In Divisions 2: If a Team qualifies for promotion to Division 1 but fails to meet the criteria required for promotion for any reason or does not wish to be promoted, then the promotion place will be offered only to the next best runner-up across both Divisions 2.

If that promotion place is not filled, then the highest placed Team that would otherwise have been relegated from Division 1 shall not be relegated.

In Divisions 3 & below: If a Team qualifies for promotion but fails to meet the criteria required for promotion for any reason or does not wish to be promoted, then the promotion place will be offered to the next best runner-up in that original Teams Division, but only to be offered down to 3rd or if necessary 4th place as a maximum in that respective Division.

If the promotion place is not filled, then the highest placed Team that would otherwise have been relegated from the Divisions above shall not be relegated.

Relegation:

2.6) Further to Clause 2.3, relegation normally be applied as described below:

- Normally an equal number of Teams will be relegated from each Division within each level.
- However, Division 6 which is unequal, the Teams finishing in 9th & 10th positions in all 3 Divisions would be relegated, and the 2 Teams finishing in 8th place with the least points.

In the event of an extra Team being relegated from Divisions 2 and below, the Team to be relegated shall be the Team which across all Divisions at that level finishing immediately above the automatic relegation places with the least points.

Completing the Divisional Structure:

2.7) In creating the next Divisional Structure following the application of the Promotion and Relegation rules, there however maybe occasions when these rules are not possible to be applied and in such event the Management Committee, or its delegated Sub-Committee, shall have the power to make the appropriate adjustments. This includes making appropriate adjustments to move any Teams across Divisions at the same level for the purposes of regionalisation to limit travel distances where possible.

2.8) In the event of any dispute or query regarding the Divisional Structure of the TVCL, including promotion and relegation, the decision of the Management Committee shall be final.