

Clapham Commoners Cricket Club

Match Managers' Guide

Introduction

The Match Manager plays a key role in ensuring fixtures run smoothly and in the right spirit. This guide provides practical support to help deliver an enjoyable match day for players, officials, and opponents.

Role and Responsibilities

The Match Manager is the main point of contact for the fixture. Responsibilities include communication with players, opposition and umpires, overseeing match logistics, and representing the Club on the day. Committee members are always available to support if needed.

Before the Match

Confirm player availability as early as possible and communicate full match details at least one week in advance. If you are struggling to fill the team, please inform a committee member as early as possible to allow sufficient time to help source additional players. Matches must not be cancelled due to player shortages alone. Early communication is essential to avoid last-minute issues.

On the Day

Arrive early and introduce yourself to ground staff, umpires, and the opposition. Ensure the ground is ready, welcome guests, and help ensure the match starts on time.

During the Match

Be visible but allow captains and umpires to manage the cricket. Uphold the spirit of the game and address any issues calmly if required.

After the Match

Thank umpires, opponents, and volunteers. Help with tidying equipment and facilities. Submit a short match report if requested.

Cancellations

Matches should not be cancelled due to player shortages alone. If cancellation is unavoidable, inform players, opposition, umpires, and relevant club contacts promptly.

Support

If at any point you are unsure or need assistance, please contact a committee member. The Club Captain is the primary point of support and is always happy to help.