**FIXTURE PREPARATION 2016 – CONSULTATION EXERCISE**

Following several complaints that clubs raised around the 2015 league fixtures the Management Committee promised to conduct a consultation of all Full Member Clubs before the 2016 fixtures are prepared.

For many years the fixtures have been prepared to accommodate certain requests from clubs and certain other basic criteria as follows.

**Basic criteria:**

Bank Holiday weekend traditional fixtures to minimise travel;

A club’s 1st XI will play away during the period required by a County Cricket Club;

No team to have runs of more than three home or away fixtures; and

All teams to have an equal number of home and away fixtures over the last four weeks.

**Club requests**

The following requests have been accommodated in the past:

Early and/or late season clashes with a club’s soccer or rugby teams (1st XI away);

Use of a ground for Local Authority or District fetes/events, e.g. St Helens Council’s Sports Day, Lytham’s Club Day, Rainford’s Walking Day (1st XI away);

Club’s fund raising events: e.g. Leigh’s President’s Day, Northern’s Marquee week, Newton’s Beer Festival (1st XI away);

Other Sports events at a club, e.g. Liverpool’s Tennis Tournament, Caldy’s Rugby Sevens (1st XI away);

Publicising L&DCC, e.g. Lytham 1st XI at home last match when Northern League season has ended, New Brighton and Wallasey never at home together.

**Consultation Questionnaire**

Clubs are asked to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the MiL&DCC Honorary Secretary before the end of the season, i.e. 20th September 2015.

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Please indicate in the table Y/N which criteria your club considers should be taken into account when compiling the 2016 Fixtures and add any other comments in the box provided.

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|  | **CRITERION** | **YES/NO** |
| **1-9**  **As many “Yes” as you feel apply** |  |  |
| 1 | County Cricket Club requirements as per premier league compliance? |  |
| 2 | Bank Holiday weekend traditional/local derby fixtures? |  |
| 3 | Maximum runs of three home or away fixtures? |  |
| 4 | Equal home/away number of fixtures in last four weeks? |  |
| 5 | Shared ground use with a club’s other sporting sections? |  |
| 6 | Ground use for Local Authority/District Council sporting events? |  |
| 7 | Club’s fund raising events? |  |
| 8 | Ground use for other sports events? |  |
| 9 | Publicising L&DCC? |  |
| **10-13**  **One**  **“Yes” Only** |  |  |
| 10 | Basic Criteria only? |  |
| 11 | Basic and some club criteria? |  |
| 12 | Basic and all club criteria? |  |
| 13 | None of these criteria should be taken into account. |  |
|  | COMMENTS: | |