

# Neon Cricket Wiltshire County Cricket League

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To: Club Secretaries, Division 8-11 Clubs

6<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear All,

As reported at the 2025 AGM of the WCCL, the league committee have agreed to put together a proposal for changing the bottom divisions of the league to a regional structure. Following our recent committee meeting, that proposal can be found on the next page. At this stage, the league committee is asking for feedback from clubs on the proposal.

The schedule for this proposal is as follows:

- 6<sup>th</sup> April – proposal sent to clubs and added to league website home page.
- 20<sup>th</sup> April – proposal to be discussed at the WCCL Spring Meeting.
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – deadline for feedback from clubs..
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – feedback to be discussed at WCCL Committee meeting.
- July/August – final proposal to be put to clubs for voting on electronically.
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – deadline for voting.

As stated above, the league committee is now asking for feedback on this proposal. We are looking for any thoughts on how the proposed regional structure can be improved. We do not need to know whether clubs are for or against the proposal at this stage – that will be determined by the vote in August/September.

Divisions 9-11 will be regionalised if the majority of teams who will be in those divisions in 2027 vote in favour of regionalisation. Division 8 clubs are included in this letter in case they are relegated into Division 9 for 2027.

Please send all feedback to myself by 14<sup>th</sup> June for consideration by the WCCL Committee.

Yours sincerely

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## Potential Regionalisation of Divisions 9-11 for 2027

This document looks at the possibility of regionalising the bottom divisions for 2027.

Our experience from regionalisation in 2021-23 showed that for regionalisation to work, the regions must have a roughly equal number of teams. Because of the geography of Wiltshire, this is only possible if we move to three equal-size regions – North West, South West and East, replacing divisions 9 to 11.

We also found that it is preferable that clubs don't have two teams in the same division. Therefore where clubs have two teams in the regionalised divisions, we will look to put them into different regions, if the geography allows.

If we had done this in 2026, then the divisions would have been along the following lines. The 2025 finishing positions of the teams are included.

<b>North-West</b>		<b>South-West</b>		<b>East</b>	
Allington 2	Div 8, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chippenham 5	Div 9, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Avebury 3	Div 8, 7 <sup>th</sup>
Melksham 2	Div 8, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Winsley 4	Div 10, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Purton 3	Div 8, 10 <sup>th</sup>
Goatacre 4	Div 9, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beckington 2	Div 10, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Swindon Titans 2	Div 9, 4 <sup>th</sup>
Bathford 2	Div 9, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Melksham 3	Div 10, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Calne 3	Div 9, 7 <sup>th</sup>
Lacock 2	Div 9, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Westbury 3	Div 10, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Shrivenham 2	Div 10, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Calne 4	Div 10, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bradford-on-Avon 3	Div 10, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Wootton Bassett 4	Div 10, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chippenham 6	Div 10, 10 <sup>th</sup>	Erlestoke 2	NEW	Swindon 5	Div 10, 4 <sup>th</sup>
Sherston Magna 2	NEW	Heytesbury & SV 2	NEW	Marlborough 3	Reformed
Spye Park 2	NEW			Swindon Thalaivas	NEW

The main advantage and disadvantage of regionalisation are:

- Advantage – significantly reduced travel.
- Disadvantage – there is a significant difference in ability between the top and bottom teams in each division – far more than the difference within any linear division.

Each of the regionalised divisions would promote one team into Division 8, with three teams being relegated from Division 8 into the regionalised divisions. There may be some movement of teams between the regionalised divisions in order to keep the sizes roughly even.

As the league grows, the regionalised divisions will get bigger, and if they reach about 40 teams in total then we will promote the top 10 teams into a non-regional Division 9, with three regionalised divisions below it.