

## **Hillman Trophy & Plate 2025 Rules related FAQs.**

### **Eligibility**

Players are eligible if they are a member of the club they represent, haven't represented another club in The Hillman Trophy that year, have three competition cards in their record over the previous 12 month period, and fall into either of the two handicap categories.

**Q – I selected a player for a match, but after being selected their handicap came down meaning they are no longer eligible for the category we selected them for. Can they still play?**

A – Yes. Providing their handicap was eligible at any point in time during the previous 3 weeks to the match date. If they were in the lower handicap bracket, they could still play within that category but must play off their exact handicap on the day. If they were in the higher bracket, they may either play in the lower bracket instead or count as a player within the higher category whilst playing off their exact handicap on the day.

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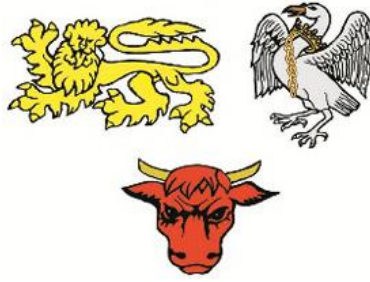
A- Yes. Providing their handicap was eligible at any point in time during the previous 3 weeks to the match date. If they were in the lower bracket, they can either play in that bracket off the maximum handicap (9.4) or represent the club as normal in the higher handicap bracket. If they were selected in the higher bracket, they can still play but must play off the maximum handicap in that bracket (20.4).

**Q – What happens if a player represents us in a match but is subsequently found not to have been eligible.**

A – It's the Captain's responsibility to ensure his players are eligible. If the opposing team decides to claim the match because of a team fielding an ineligible player, the team in breach of the rules will be disqualified and the result given to their opponents.

**Q – What happens if I can't field enough players?**

A – The team may participate but must still go off in handicap order. In the case of a draw, the team fielding a full team will go through to the next round.



### **Arrangement of Matches**

The home club must offer two weekend dates for the match to be played. If agreeable by both Captains, the away club can host the match.

The Hillman Trophy is a friendly but competitive event. All clubs are expected to try their very hardest to play their matches. If, for any reason, a home drawn club can't host, then we expect the "away" team to try and arrange for the match to be played at their venue. Captains must try their hardest to compete in the spirit of The Hillman Trophy.

When matches can't be played, we in the BB&O Office will decide who goes through to the next round based on the information we have. There will be **NO EXTENSIONS**.

To avoid disappointment, we ask all Captains to be as sympathetic and accommodating as possible to your opponents. If we do have to make difficult decisions, in general, the below can be used as a guideline but the office reserves the right to treat every case individually and our decisions are final.

**Q – The Home club didn't contact me until the last minute, and as a result we can't make one of the two dates offered. What happens?**

A – It's the responsibility of both clubs to organize the match and so if two dates are offered but the match not played, BB&O will find in favour of the "home" club unless they have deliberately ignored earlier contact by the visiting club.

**Q – The Home club can't offer two weekend dates and we can't make the one they've offered. What happens?**

A – If the "away" club are given enough notice (three weeks before the Round ends) they may offer the "home" club one weekend date for the match to be played at the away venue. If a date is offered, and the "home" club can't play, the match will be awarded to the away club. If a date is not offered by the "away" club, both clubs will be disqualified

**Q – We were due to play a match, but the weather made it impossible. We can't arrange another match in time. Who goes through to the next round?**

A – The BB&O Office will arrange for the match to be decided by lot.