

**Clarification on membership requirement for competitions**

Earlier this year there was a dispute in the county championships regarding the membership status of a player on the day of play. There was an appeal and a distinction was drawn between membership of the company and current membership in terms of competition eligibility. It seems sensible to clarify the direct membership bye-laws to address this point. Consequently, this amendment to the bye laws is intended solely to confirm the status quo.

BYE LAW NO. 1 THE DIRECT MEMBERS BYE LAWS Section 3. Membership Benefits 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

It is proposed to amend the DM bye laws from:

“All Direct Members shall be entitled to participate in events run by the Company or by third parties by arrangement with the Company, where it is a condition of entry that the participant is a member of the Company, on paying the requisite entry fees for the same.”

to:

“Provided their subscription or membership fee is not outstanding, all Direct Members shall be entitled to participate in events run by the ECF or by third parties by arrangement with the ECF, where it is a condition of entry that the participant is a member of the ECF, on paying the requisite entry fees for the same.”

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