***Scoring in the L&DCC in 1st XI games in 2017 LG***

Many scorers use Total Cricket Scorer (TCS) on lap tops during games and use Live Update show their games in real time on play cricket.

It is mandatory for 1st XI premier division clubs to do this countrywide, it’s part of being a premier cricket league and in the past ECB has fined prems that do not do this live linkage.

This year is different, CricHQ has taken over TCS, the link to play cricket is broken. CricHQ want all clubs to use their systems not play cricket.

ECB only found out about this in detail in Oct/Nov 2016 and have rapidly produced a play cricket scorer App to plug the gap and link clubs to play cricket in real time.

L&DCC advice to scorers is three point and goes like this:

1. Clubs should **monitor their own situation carefully** if they use TCS Version 8/7/6 etc. or older in the next few weeks to see if the links to play cricket do remain OK.

If they do, all well and good but a new Live Update licence for 2017 will also need to be purchased*if*those again become available this year. There seems to be no guarantee of that at the moment.

If these play-cricket links to older versions of TCS do become broken by CricHQ, continuing to use TCS will mean manually downloading teams and manually uploading scorecards back to play-cricket.

1. Users of TCS Version 8 might also **consider unchecking the box in “settings” that allows TCS to auto-update V8 to “Version 9”** as V9 will seemingly now not be linked to play cricket.
2. Clubs should have a really good look at the new ECB App: <http://www.play-cricket.com/updates>

It's now in the App stores and available for free download. The App and everything with it is completely free.

It’s a proven product – it’s been used for some years “down under”.

It’s simple to use, no additional training is needed, it’s said to be very intuitive.

It’s said to be very easy to “undo” if you want to correct something during the game.

It runs on any Android or iOS ‘phones or, better still because they’re bigger, on Android/iOS tablets. It doesn’t need a fancy phone or tablet.

It’s fully play-cricket compliant i.e. **both up and down loading to p-c is free and easy to use**.

It’s got built in **free Live Update**

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It is not as sophisticated as TCS.

It will not (currently) do wagon wheels and toys like that

It won't currently run on Windows or Apple Laptops or PCs without using an emulator e.g. via <http://www.laptopmag.com/articles/run-android-apps-on-pc> which is perhaps a bit geeky.