



**JOINT STATEMENT BY HERTFORDSHIRE RFU AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY RFU ON LOWER XV'S  
ENTERING THE ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

This statement is issued following the recent votes in Hertfordshire and Middlesex on the question of Lower XV's entering the ECC at level 7 and below. Middlesex clearly overwhelmingly voted No and in Hertfordshire the majority vote was also No, although slightly under the 66.67% required for a definitive No vote. Both Hertfordshire and Middlesex reiterate that they continue to work closely together to resolve the issues that this vote and result has caused. They will work with the Future Competition Structure Implementation Commission, the Leagues Divisional Organizing Committee, other constituent bodies and stakeholders to resolve any of the issues that arise. This will be done by making sure that any resolutions put the game and playing the game at the centre and taking full consideration of the sentiments expressed by the votes.

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