

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET STATISTICIANS AND HISTORIANS

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be The Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians and shall hereinafter be referred to as “The Association”.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 2.1 To promote and encourage research into the statistical and historical aspects of cricket throughout the world at all levels and to publish the findings;
- 2.2 The provision and maintenance of such premises as the Association shall from time to time acquire;
- 2.3 The other advantages and benefits usually associated with an association.

3. POWERS

In furtherance of such objects but not otherwise the Association may:

- 3.1 employ and pay any person or persons to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Association and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their widows and other dependants;
- 3.2 promote and carry out or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and publish the results of such research, surveys and investigations;
- 3.3 collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting such objects and exchange information with other bodies having similar objects whether in this country or overseas;
- 3.4 procure to be written or produced and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents (whether in physical or electronic form), or films or recorded tapes or any other media as shall further such objects;
- 3.5 purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of such objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary for the work of the Association;
- 3.6 make regulations for any property which may be so acquired;
- 3.7 sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Association;
- 3.8 accept gifts and borrow or raise money for such security as shall be thought fit;
- 3.9 invest the money of the Association not immediately required for such objects in or on such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law;
- 3.10 do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of such objects.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Admission of members shall be by election by the General Committee. A candidate for election who receives the votes of the majority of the General Committee or as may otherwise be decided shall be declared elected subject to payment of the current annual subscription. Membership will deem to have commenced seven days after the application has been communicated to the General Committee unless, before the end of the seven-day period, any Committee member requests that the application be referred to the next Committee meeting for consideration and decision. In the case of an applicant under the age of 18, confirmation of Junior membership at the concessionary rate is subject to the provision of written evidence as to the age of the applicant;
- 4.2 For the avoidance of doubt, it is confirmed that members paying a digital subscription (see Rule 8.1) are ordinary members of the Association on otherwise exactly the same terms as those paying a non-digital subscription rate.

5. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership can be purchased at a rate to be agreed from time to time on terms to be established by and at the discretion of the General Committee.

6. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The General Committee shall be empowered to admit Associate Members who shall be permanently resident in specified countries other than the United Kingdom. The list of eligible countries for Associate Members shall be determined by the General Committee.

Associate Members shall not be regarded as eligible members in the context of Rules 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18 or 19 and thus for the avoidance of doubt shall not be entitled to be a Committee candidate or proposer or seconder, to participate in any ballot of members, to require or attend a general meeting or to receive the property of the Association upon its dissolution.

Associate Members shall be entitled to receive, in electronic form only, those publication sent to all ordinary members and to participate in all other membership activities not otherwise precluded.

7. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Association may, on the recommendation of the General Committee, elect Honorary Life Members on account of their services in advancing the interest of the Association. Such members shall be eligible for any office and shall have the same privileges as other members, but shall not be liable for any subscriptions.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 8.1 The annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of members following a recommendation of the General Committee. Different subscription rates may be set for those living in different parts of the world, and/or for those wishing to receive their regular mailings from the Association by digital means rather than by post. The latter are referred to as 'digital subscriptions', and the members concerned as 'digital members' (but see Rule 4.2);
- 8.2 The option of digital membership is open to all members of the Association, including Junior members and Honorary Life Members;

- 8.3 Subscriptions for the ensuing financial year shall become due on 1st December and the membership of any member whose subscription remains unpaid on 1st February following shall lapse. No member shall be readmitted unless that year's subscription is paid. In the event that a lapsed member has not paid the current year subscription by 30th November of the current financial year, any subsequent request for reinstatement will be subject to the membership application process laid out in Rule 4. The General Committee shall have the power to recommend a change in subscription at any time, subject to the Association's approval given at the Annual General Meeting.

9. PRESIDENT

The members present at the Annual General Meeting shall elect a President, who shall be a member of the Association of some standing in the cricket world and who will hold office for five years, but will be eligible for re-election thereafter. The President shall be nominated by the General Committee.

10. GENERAL COMMITTEE

The management of the Association shall be in the hands of the General Committee which shall consist of three ex-officio officers and ten other members of the Association.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be paid-up members of the Association and shall be ex-officio members of the General Committee;
- 11.2 With the exception of the President, the Officers and the other members of the General Committee shall each be elected for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for re-election thereafter. Four members of the General Committee shall be re-elected each year. (In one year, this would be the Secretary and three other members; in another year, this would be the Treasurer and three other members; in the third year, this would be four ordinary members). Should there be a tie in any election, the President, or his nominee, shall have a second (casting) vote. Should the President, or his nominee, not be available for any reason the second (casting) vote shall be exercised by the Treasurer or failing him an honorary life member, provided that the casting vote is not exercised by a member involved as a candidate in the tie. Written nominations for Officers and other members of the General Committee, each together with the names of a proposer and a seconder and confirmation of willingness to stand, shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before 15th November each year. All candidates, proposers and seconders shall be paid-up members of the Association. Election of Officers and other members of the General Committee shall be by ballot of all members. Should voting be necessary, members shall be asked to send their vote (at their cost) by post or fax to an independent teller appointed by the General Committee;
- 11.3 In the event of a vacancy occurring on the General Committee, including the Officers, or there being insufficient nominations in a given year, the General Committee shall be empowered to co-opt a replacement who shall serve out the remainder of the term of the Officer or committee member replaced. The General Committee shall have the power to re-organise the duties of the Officers in the event of ill-health or for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the General Committee present and voting at a meeting;
- 11.4 A person may stand as both an Officer and a normal member of the General Committee in one election. However, should the candidate be elected both as an Officer and as a normal member, he or she may take up only the Officer position, the normal member position being taken by the next un-elected candidate in the ballot.

12. MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Meetings of the General Committee may be convened either in person or in remote (virtual) format. Six members of the General Committee shall form a quorum. In the case of meetings convened in person, members of the General Committee may attend either in person or by remote access in a manner agreed by the Committee. Members attending in person or through an agreed means of remote access shall count towards the quorum. The words ‘those present’ in other parts of Rule 12 shall include those taking part by remote access;
- 12.2 The General Committee at its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting shall appoint, from amongst its members, a Chairman;
- 12.3 The General Committee at its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting shall organise the duties of the members of the committee (other than Secretary and Treasurer) as it decides at its sole discretion;
- 12.4 All General Committee meetings shall be chaired by the General Committee Chairman or, in his absence, some other member chosen from those present shall take the chair;
- 12.5 Voting at General Committee meetings shall be by simple majority of those present and entitled to vote and the General Committee Chairman, or anyone acting as such, may use a second (casting) vote if it becomes necessary. The General Committee shall, if it thinks fit, make arrangements for members unable to be present to vote by other means;
- 12.6 The Minutes should be open to the inspection of any member on application in writing to the Secretary, subject to the withholding of any minute if, in the opinion of the committee, its disclosure would breach commercial or legal confidentiality or clearly be prejudicial to the broad interests of the Association. Minutes shall be taken of all the proceedings at all General Committee meetings;
- 12.7 The General Committee Chairman shall have the right to invite any Association member or non-member to attend a General Committee Meeting, if he or she feels it is in the interests of the Association that such person should attend to help with discussions in a specific matter, but such person shall not be entitled to vote;
- 12.8 The General Committee Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members of the Committee shall form an Executive Committee with power to deal with urgent and important issues which arise in the period between General Committee Meetings. Any member confronted with an urgent and important issue shall clear with the Executive Committee any decision that needs to be taken and particularly any which might involve the Association’s financial standing or have any bearing on its good name. All decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall be minuted at the following General Committee Meeting;
- 12.9 The General Committee at its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, may, if it sees fit, appoint an Editorial Board to work with the Editor of The Cricket Statistician. Such Board members need not be members of the General Committee and the General Committee shall, in making appointments to the Editorial Board, have particular regard to the views of the Editor;
- 12.10 The General Committee shall meet not less than five times per year.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 13.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 7th April each year on a date and at a time to be fixed by the General Committee. The Meeting may be held in person or in a virtual format, at the discretion of the General Committee;
- 13.2 It will receive, consider and approve both the accounts and the report of the General Committee and transact any other business which is on the agenda;
- 13.3 Notice of the Annual General Meeting, together with the agenda, shall be issued to members, either in printed or electronic form, not less than 21 days prior to the meeting and shall be accompanied by the written report referred to in Rule 13.2 above, and the accounts for the previous financial year;
- 13.4 In the event that exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Association prevent the convening and holding of the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the time-frame laid out in Rules 13.1 and 13.3, the Meeting will be postponed until a suitable future date, to be decided by the General Committee. The rearranged meeting will be subject to the notice provisions of Rule 13.3.

14. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Any fifty members, or the General Committee, may, by notice in writing given to the Secretary, require an Extraordinary General Meeting of members to be convened for a specific purpose to be detailed in writing to the Secretary. Such a meeting shall be called within six weeks of receipt of such notice by the Secretary and each member shall be given not less than 21 days notice of that meeting.

15. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 15.1 At all general meetings of the Association the President, or, in his absence, the General Committee Chairman, shall take the chair. If both the President and the General Committee Chairman are absent from any general meeting, the Treasurer or some other member chosen from those present shall take the chair;
- 15.2 All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote, save as provided for in Rules 17 and 18, or under regulations made in accordance with Rule 15.3. Every member present shall be entitled to one vote on every motion, and in the case of a tie the chairman of the meeting shall have a second (casting) vote;
- 15.3 The General Committee shall be empowered, if it thinks fit, to make regulations regarding the voting arrangements at general meetings that are held as virtual meetings, and in the case of both virtual meetings and those held in person, for enabling members unable to be present to vote by proxy or by some other means;
- 15.4 Minutes shall be taken of all the proceedings at general meetings and a record kept of all resolutions passed.

16. FINANCE

- 16.1 The General Committee is responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs and of the surplus or deficit of the Association for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Committee officials are required to:
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
 - Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business;
- 16.2 The Treasurer is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association, and ensuring that the financial statements show a true and fair view;
- 16.3 The financial year of the Association shall end on the 30th November each year;
- 16.4 The General Committee shall propose the name of a professional accountant, who shall not be a member of the Association, and whose appointment and remuneration will be approved at a General Meeting;
- 16.5 As soon as practicable after the end of the financial year, the Association's accounting records shall be presented by the Treasurer to the professional accountant who will prepare the accounts for review by the President and the General Committee;
- 16.6 A statement of the accounts for the last financial year shall be submitted by the General Committee to the members of the Association for consideration and approval at the Annual General Meeting;
- 16.7 The General Committee is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities;
- 16.8 All money raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the Association and for no other purpose provided that nothing contained in these Rules shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Association or the repayment of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to any employee or member of the Association.

17. ALTERATION OF RULES

These Rules may be repealed, altered or added to by a Resolution carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Notice of any proposed repeal, alteration or addition must be sent to each member not less than 21 days prior to such meeting.

18. DISSOLUTION

- 18.1 If the General Committee by a simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association, it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote of which meeting not less than 21 days notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given;

- 18.2 If at such meeting that resolution shall be passed by a simple two-thirds majority of those present and voting on such resolution, the General Committee shall immediately, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Association and after the discharge of all liabilities shall divide such property equally among all the ordinary, life members and honorary life members, and on completion of such division the Association shall be dissolved.

19. NOTICES

- 19.1 Any notice may be served by the Secretary on any member either personally or on his, her or its appointed representative as the case may be or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his, her or its last known address and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 7 days of posting;
- 19.2 The accidental omission to give notice for any meeting to any one or more members not exceeding 30 shall not invalidate that meeting.

20. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 20.1 In any case of doubt as to the interpretation of the Rules, the decision of the General Committee on appeal shall be final;
- 20.2 The General Committee shall be empowered to deal with any matter not covered within these Rules and its decision shall be final;
- 20.3 In the event of exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Association preventing the implementation of any of these Rules in the terms herein stated, then subject to the specific provisions of Rule 13.4 the General Committee shall be empowered to take such measures as it deems fit to ensure the continued management and operation of the business of the Association.

21. INDEMNITY

The Association shall indemnify against personal expense out of the Association property any member facing personal litigation in relation to any actions properly taken at the request of the Committee and on behalf of the Association.

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