

# CONSTITUTION

## OF

# THE ATLANTA GEORGIA CRICKET CONFERENCE



The name of the Association shall be “**The Atlanta Georgia Cricket Conference**” and officially abbreviated to “**AGCC**”

### ARTICLE II – MISSION:

The AGCC shall exist for the following purposes:

- To promote, foster and improve the game of Cricket throughout the state of Georgia, and in the United States of America
- To create and make sportsmen and good citizens of its members, who shall be recruited from Schools, Colleges and Universities, Youth Organizations, Clubs and Committees.
- To ensure that all cricket matches played under the jurisdiction of the AGCC are conducted within the laws of cricket and that the traditions and spirit of the game are upheld by all its members
- To promote and conduct League tournaments and representative matches between member clubs and teams from various states, regions, zones or areas of the United States of America and elsewhere that will further the best interests of the game of Cricket
- To make all relevant decisions pertaining to the conduct of the game between and involving member clubs and to have binding authority as regards matters pertaining to all games between member clubs
- To foster, encourage and develop the highest standard of officiating in all AGCC cricket matches
- To establish and develop venues where local cricket can be played
- To participate in all cricket-related activities in the state of Georgia, operating solely as a Non-profit Organization

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP:

#### Section 1:

Membership shall be open to any person who exhibits a strong enthusiasm for the game of Cricket and the willingness to promote it. Membership is open to all without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, creed, or sexual orientation

## Section 2:

Membership in the AGCC shall consist of three classes; such classes to be known and constituted as herewith set forth:

- a] **Active membership** – consisting of bonafide cricket clubs actively playing cricket in AGCC tournaments; all participating clubs shall be **active member clubs**, and all players of said member club officially registered with the AGCC shall be **active members**. Active member clubs are required to pay membership fees that shall be determined by the Board of Directors annually
- b] **Sustaining membership** – consisting of persons desirous of furthering the best interests of the game of Cricket and supporting the AGCC to that end. Such persons are required to make applications to the AGCC and may be granted sustaining membership on approval by the Board of Directors
- c] **Honorary membership** – consisting of persons elected to such membership on the recommendation of the AGCC Board of Directors in recognition of past good services to the AGCC or to the game of cricket

## Section 3:

All classes of membership shall be renewed on an annual basis

## Section 4:

- a] Any active member club may be suspended or expelled for misconduct or non-payment of funds or disbandment by the Board of Directors. The grounds for expulsion shall be developed by the Board of Directors and the member club shall be given a fifteen [15] day notice including the reasons for suspension or expulsion, and an opportunity to defend itself. The decision to expel a member club shall require a two-thirds [2/3] majority of the Board of Directors
- b] Any active member of any club may be suspended or expelled for misconduct by the Board of Directors. The grounds for expulsion shall be developed by the Board of Directors and the member shall be given a fifteen [15] day-notice including the reasons for suspension or expulsion and an opportunity to defend himself. The decision to expel a member shall require a two-thirds [2/3] majority of the Board of Directors
- c] An active member club may notify the Board of Directors in writing of the release of one of its registered individual members, in which case that individual's membership is revoked. Individuals whose active membership status has been revoked may apply to the Board of Directors for Sustaining membership
- d] Any member or member club may resign from their membership only after the completion of the calendar season by written notice to the Board of Directors, provided the full indebtedness to the AGCC has been discharged
- e] Teams may be refunded their annual membership fees, less sunk costs, provided they notify the AGCC of their intention to withdraw prior to the commencement of the season's fixtures
- f] All fees paid to the AGCC by any suspended or expelled member club shall remain the undisputed property of the AGCC and the AGCC retains complete control over said fees
- g] If any member club has been expelled by the Board of Directors for non-payment of funds or other financial reasons, no active member of that team shall be allowed to play in the AGCC League until his share of the team's indebtedness to the AGCC has been paid in full. Such members, after paying their share of the team's indebtedness has been paid in full, may seek transfers to other teams as provided for in By-Law 4, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4

## ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall act as governing body of the AGCC

### Section 2:

Each member club shall submit in writing to the AGCC two of its members representing the club to be on the Board of Directors at the commencement of the calendar season. While any active member can attend and participate in AGCC

meetings, the presence of at least one of the two representative members shall be required for casting votes. Only one vote may be cast by a member club in any AGCC proceeding

**Section 3:**

Only active member clubs in good financial standing shall have a representative on the Board of Directors

**Section 4:**

Elected Officers shall not act as representatives of member clubs in the Board of Directors

**Section 5:**

Member clubs desirous of changing their representatives on the Board of Directors after the commencement of the calendar season are required to submit written notification of the same to the existing Board of Directors, including reasons for the change. Such changes may be limited to two [2] per calendar season

**ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**Section 1:**

The Board of Directors shall determine and implement overall policy, approve the budget and fixtures, set guidelines and establish priorities for AGCC matters, and in general, manage the affairs of the AGCC

**Section 2:**

The Board of Directors shall have full powers of managing and administering the affairs of the AGCC. The Board of Directors shall have the power to take disciplinary action as it may deem fit against any player, club or affiliated organization for any actions contravening any article of this constitution, any by-laws of the AGCC, any measures previously approved by the Board of Directors at any general meeting of the AGCC or which it may deem prejudicial to the game of Cricket. It shall have the right to punish, fine, suspend or expel member clubs or members for disciplinary reasons. It shall also have the right to suspend or expel such member clubs or members being in default with regard to fees, penalties, fines or other liabilities. All sanctions, penalties, suspensions or expulsions on any member or member club shall require a two-thirds [2/3] majority of the Board of Directors

**Section 3:**

The Board of Directors may appoint a maximum of three Honorary Vice-presidents to serve each year. These appointees may attend all general AGCC proceedings, but will have no voting power

**Section 4:**

Excluding representation for teams not stationed in the Atlanta metropolitan area, fifty percent of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum. Teams not stationed in the Atlanta metropolitan area should attend 2 AGCC General meetings

**Section 5:**

The Board of Directors shall have control of all funds and all trophies. The Board of Directors are responsible for safeguarding the game of Cricket in Georgia and with the administering of all affairs of the AGCC. It shall submit to the annual general meeting a report of the past year's proceedings and a statement of receipts and expenditures during the financial year with the certificate of the auditor thereon

**Section 6:**

The Board of Directors shall also be responsible for selecting the best current performance-based team drawn from all active members in order to represent the AGCC against visiting teams

## **Section 7:**

The Board of Directors may appoint committees to deal with such matters as may be assigned to them. All committees shall report proceedings from time to time to the Board of Directors

## **Section 8:**

The Board of Directors may authorize, at its sole discretion, any agent to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, the AGCC. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless authorized by the Board of Directors, no agent or other person shall have any power or authority to bind the AGCC to any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount

## **ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:**

### **Section 1:**

The Executive Officers [henceforth “EO’s”] shall comprise of the following officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Marketing. Executive Officers may hold only one position of office during a calendar season

### **Section 2:**

All EO’s shall be elected by simple majority vote of the Board of Directors, conducted as a secret ballot

### **Section 3:**

Elections for all EO’s shall be held before January 31 each year. Elected Officers shall serve for one calendar season that spans one year from the day of the elections to no later than January 31 of the following year

### **Section 4:**

The Board of Directors may recall any Executive Officer by a simple two-thirds [2/3] majority vote in the event of misconduct, failure to execute duties or other behavior not becoming the position of Executive Officer. The Board of Directors may also appoint any member to serve as any Executive Officer by a simple two-thirds [2/3] majority vote, should an unexpected vacancy arise

### **Section 5:**

All Executive Officer’s shall attend all regularly scheduled AGCC meetings. More than two [2] unexcused absences from regularly scheduled AGCC meetings shall preclude the offending Executive Officer from election proceedings for the following year

### **Section 6:**

All officers are elected for one year term and eligible to be reelected. However, The President shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. A President who serves for two consecutive terms cannot be re-elected as an officer for two consecutive terms.

## **ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:**

### **Section 1:**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the AGCC and shall enforce a due observance of the AGCC Constitution and By-Laws to the best of his ability. He shall exercise a general supervision over all affairs of the AGCC. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees. He shall have the power to cast a deciding vote in case of a tie. He shall also maintain liaison with the United States of America Cricket Association [henceforth USACA] and inform the

AGCC about USACA memberships, dues, selections and trials. In addition, he may be required to perform other such duties as needed

## **Section 2:**

The Vice-president shall attend all meetings of the AGCC. In the absence of the President, he will assume those duties of the President. The Vice-president shall also prepare and present the fixtures for the calendar season. He shall be responsible for the coordination of all cricket-related committees and sub-committees, including but not limited to umpiring, grounds, discipline, constitution and rules. In addition, he shall be responsible or appoint a member of the AGCC for maintaining up-to-date win-loss, batting and bowling statistical records of all active member clubs and members during the season

## **Section 3:**

The Secretary shall keep an accurate and minuted record of the proceedings of the AGCC. He shall keep a complete record of the name, mailing address and e-mail address, if available, of the officers and representatives of each active member club and/or organization and of Sustaining and Honorary members. The Secretary of the AGCC shall receive and send all communication to members and member clubs. The Secretary shall also maintain an accurate record of all active members registered with all active member clubs. The Secretary is required to maintain an accurate record of all communication and correspondence between the AGCC and its members or outside parties and present the same at the general proceedings of the AGCC. In addition, the Secretary shall maintain liaison with Insurance agents/companies and inform the AGCC about insurance status as required

## **Section 4:**

The Treasurer shall keep correct and up-to-date records of AGCC accounts, finances and taxes, including an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, assets, liabilities and retained earnings, and report the same at regular AGCC meetings or as directed by the Board of Directors. At the start of the calendar season, he shall prepare and submit a budget for the season to the Board of Directors. He shall also prepare each year a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures during the year, and submit to the Board of Directors brief monthly accounting statements. He shall file proper, adequate and complete tax returns if required as per federal, state and city laws. In addition, he shall be responsible for maintaining the annual status of the AGCC as a Non-profit Association, registered with the State of Georgia under the appropriate sections of the Internal Revenue Code

## **Section 5:**

The Director of Marketing shall be generally responsible for generating public awareness for cricket and the AGCC. He shall also be responsible for maintaining the AGCC's internet presence, for the design and development of the various web pages, including the regularly updated contents therein. He shall maintain liaison with the press and furnish members of the press with AGCC and cricket-related events. The Director of Marketing shall also be responsible for organizing special AGCC events, tournaments and coaching camps. In addition, he shall actively seek sponsorships for the AGCC and coordinate all attempts at gaining sponsorships for the AGCC

## **Section 6:**

All Elected Officers that have completed their tenures must transfer control of all AGCC affairs to the newly elected Board within one [1] month of the new leadership taking office, failing which they are liable to face disciplinary proceedings as outlined in the AGCC Code of Conduct document. All Elected Officers that have completed their tenures shall cooperate with newly elected Officers and offer assistance as required to ease the annual transition of the AGCC leadership

## **Section 7:**

The Executive Officers shall constitute the following committees at the beginning of the calendar season comprising of at least 3 persons per committee: The committees include Fixture, Umpiring, Web and grounds. Each member of these Committees shall belong to a different member clubs.

## **ARTICLE VIII – DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

### **Section 1:**

The Executive Officers shall constitute a Disciplinary Committee at the beginning of the calendar season comprising of at least five persons in order to deal with specific matters of discipline as they arise. This committee shall be approved by the Board of Directors

**Section 2:**

Each member of the Disciplinary Committee shall belong to a different member club. Members of the Disciplinary Committee whose teams are involved in a particular disciplinary matter shall excuse themselves from that disciplinary matter

**Section 3:**

The Disciplinary Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Officers for resolution of the disciplinary infractions

**Section 4:**

The Disciplinary Committee, in addition to disciplinary issues, shall advise the Executive Officers with matters pertaining to constitution issues.

**Section 5:**

The EO's should refer all appeals to the Disciplinary Committee.

**Section 6:**

The Disciplinary Committee will use the AGCC Member Code of Conduct document as a guide when dealing with infractions.

**ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

**Section 1:**

The Disciplinary Committee is charged with the responsibility of investigating breaches in the AGCC Code of Conduct on the part of any member of the AGCC, and after investigation according to procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct document, recommend sanctions on members or member Clubs to the Executive Officers. The Disciplinary Committee shall prepare or review a list of disciplinary infractions and associated penalties/suspensions/fines and submit the same to the Executive Officers for ratification, prior to the commencement of the competition

**Section 2:**

The Disciplinary Committee may convene hearings and meet in closed sessions as necessary, but is required to submit written reports of its proceedings, findings, reasoning and recommendations to the Executive Officers on a case-by-case basis

**ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

**Section 1:**

All deeds, contracts, agreements or other documents for the purpose of the AGCC shall be valid when signed by the President and the Secretary or Treasurer, pursuant to Article V, Section 8 of the AGCC Constitution

**Section 2:**

Checks, drafts, promissory notes and other such documents for the receipt or payment of monies may be drawn, made, accepted or endorsed on behalf of the AGCC by the President or Treasurer. If permitted by financial institutions, checks or documents for payment of monies shall require the dual signatures of the President and the Treasurer

**Section 3:**

Upon dissolution of the AGCC, the Executive Officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the association, dispose of all of the remaining assets of the association by dividing said assets among the active member clubs extant at the time of dissolution. Individual active member clubs are not responsible for AGCC liabilities at the time of dissolution

#### **ARTICLE XI – AUDITOR:**

The Executive Officers shall appoint one member of the AGCC to oversee AGCC finances and to appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year, and if none is appointed, the auditor of the previous year shall continue to act as the auditor of the AGCC

#### **ARTICLE XII – APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

##### **Section 1:**

Applications for club membership to the AGCC should be made in writing to the Board of Directors at least thirty [30] days before the annual general meeting in January for participation in the ensuing calendar season

##### **Section 2:**

Applicants shall be required to furnish such information as the Board of Directors may direct to process said application

##### **Section 3:**

All new applicants shall be processed at the next annual general meeting and informed as soon as practicable about the decision of the Board of Directors regarding the application

#### **ARTICLE XIII – MEETINGS:**

##### **Section 1:**

The annual general meeting of the AGCC shall be held in January of each year. Notice of such meeting, together with a copy of the minutes of the last meeting and a copy of the current balance sheet shall be mailed to each active member club, sufficiently in advance of such meeting reasonable to permit compliance therewith. All existing member clubs of the previous calendar season must attend, and elect the leadership for the new season

##### **Section 2:**

General meetings of the AGCC shall be held every month between March and October inclusive in order that the Executive Officers administer the AGCC League effectively and manage AGCC affairs as needed in an informed and collective manner

##### **Section 3:**

Special general meetings of the AGCC may be called by the Board of Directors or upon the written request of fifty percent or more [over 50%] of the active membership in good standing. The initiator of this request shall state the purpose for which the special general meeting is to be called and the written requests of other active members must support the stated purpose. Such meeting shall be called no later than fifteen [15] days from receipt of the request. Notice of such special general meetings shall be mailed to each member club not less than five [5] days before the date of such meeting as defined by Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution

##### **Section 4:**

The rules described in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the AGCC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Articles, By-Laws and any special rules of order the AGCC may adopt. Members are therefore expected to behave with dignity, follow Parliamentary procedures of dialog [Robert's

Rules of Order] and maintain decorum at all AGCC meetings. The President reserves the right to eject any member/members for unruly or disruptive behavior

#### **Section 5:**

Member clubs that fail to send any of its members to any of the regularly scheduled General meeting shall incur fines and penalties that will be determined by the Board of Directors on an annual basis

### **ARTICLE XIV – ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The order of business at every general meeting of the AGCC shall be:

- 1] Reading of the last general meeting minutes
- 2] Adoption of minutes of preceding meeting
- 3] Matters arising from minutes/corrections and omissions
- 4] Communications and Correspondence
- 5] Reports, Finances, Judicial matters, and Selections
- 6] New Business
- 7] Good and Welfare of the AGCC
- 8] Adjournment [closure]

### **ARTICLE XV – COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS AND MEMBER CLUBS:**

#### **Section 1:**

The Secretary of the AGCC shall be notified in writing by each active member club of at least two mailing and two electronic mailing addresses for communication purposes. The Secretary of the AGCC receives and sends all communication to all active members and member clubs that he has addresses for. All notices and communications shall be binding upon the member club if sent or mailed to the last known member club address

#### **Section 2:**

For legal purposes, written communication shall occur either through registered mail and/or electronic mail. In cases where date and time documentation may be required, the date stamp on the registered mailing record or the date-time stamp in the header of the electronic mail shall suffice as adequate date or date and time documentation

#### **Section 3:**

In mass communication through electronic mail, all members shall send and respond to messages politely and refrain from making personal attacks. In the event of disrespectful language or personal vilifications in mass electronic mailing, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against the offending members

### **ARTICLE XVI – AMENDMENTS:**

#### **Section 1:**

Any article of this Constitution, or any of the By-laws or the Code of Conduct or Competition Rules herein may be altered, amended or suspended by the consent of two-thirds [2/3] vote of the qualified ballots cast at any annual or special meeting called for that purpose

#### **Section 2:**



Amendments may be proposed by an active member club in good standing, or by the Executive Officers. Copies of the proposed amendments must be sent, mailed or e-mailed to the Secretary at least fifteen [15] days before the scheduled annual general or special meeting

**Section 3:**

Notifications of all proposed amendments of the Constitution or By-laws shall be sent, mailed or e-mailed by the Secretary of the AGCC to the members thereof mentioned at least twenty-one [21] days prior to the date of the annual or special general meeting of the AGCC, pursuant to Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution

**Section 4:**

Articles of this Constitution, or any of the By-laws or the Code of Conduct or Competition Rules may be altered, amended or suspended in a general or special meeting only after discussion of the same has occurred in a previous general meeting

**Section 5:**

Any such original proposed amendment may be amended by a second amendment moved from the floor at the relevant meeting, provided said second amendment in the sole opinion of the President only clarifies or does not materially change the original proposed amendment

**ARTICLE XVII – INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:**

The ruling of the majority of the Board of Directors present at any general meeting shall be final as regards the interpretation of the constitution and by-laws of the AGCC and of any rule or regulation in force for the time being

# BY-LAWS OF THE ATLANTA GEORGIA CRICKET CONFERENCE

## April 6, 2005 BY-LAW 1 – FEES:

AGCC fees payable by all active member clubs shall be determined annually and shall take effect the following season. The fees may include, but not be limited to, the annual AGCC membership fee, USAGCC registration fee, fees for cricket balls, insurance expenses, contingency fees, pitch preparation fees for teams without grounds, refundable good-faith fees for new active members, umpiring fees, web fees, magazine expenses, banquet fees, trophy presentation fees, etc.

## BY-LAW 2 – REGISTRATION OF CLUBS:

### Section 1:

Each club shall have at least fourteen [14] players registered in writing with the AGCC at least fifteen [15] days before the AGCC competition for the season. These registered individuals automatically become active members as defined by Article III – Section 2[a] of the AGCC Constitution

### Section 2:

Captains of each active member club must attend the annual captains' meeting. Such meeting shall be scheduled for the week prior to the commencement of the competition. If captains or their acting nominees fail to attend the captains' meeting, their club shall incur a penalty that shall be determined by the Board of Directors

## BY-LAW 3 – REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS:

### Section 1:

No new player shall take part in the AGCC competition unless his full name has been registered in writing with the Secretary 3 day prior to the commencement of the fixture. Only active members, as defined in Article III, Section 2[a] of the AGCC Constitution shall take part in AGCC competitions

### Section 2:

A player's registration may be cancelled in the event of written notification to the Secretary of his release from the club for which he had been registered. The Secretary shall also attempt to notify such players, who may then seek transfers to other teams as provided for under By-law 4, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4

### Section 3:

Any member of any club who was not a registered player of that club [as defined in By-law 2, Section 1 and By-law 3, Section 1] and who has not played for that club in at least five [5] regular fixtures of the calendar season shall not be eligible for either play-off or championship matches

### Section 4:

Each member player shall agree to abide by the following terms and conditions :

1. Comply with the AGCC by-laws and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the spirit of cricket.
2. Affirm that the member is not currently banned or suspended from playing by the ICC or any association affiliated with ICC.

## BY-LAW 4 – TRANSFER OF PLAYERS:

### Section 1:

Any active member of any club may be granted a transfer to another club by the Executive Officers during the same season subject to the following restrictions:

- Any active member may transfer to another club once per season. Any further change must be communicated to and approved by the Executive Committee
- said transfer occurs before 6<sup>th</sup> game of the club's total matches for the season have been played, irrespective of the number of matches the member seeking transfer may have played prior to the transfer application
- the total number of games that any transferred player may play during the season shall not exceed the total matches for the season, excluding play-offs. In cases where the potential number of games that the transferred player can play exceeds the total number of regular season games, said player shall be restricted from playing that excess number of games at his discretion

#### **Section 2:**

Any active member seeking a transfer must submit his case in writing to the EO's and his transfer must be supported by written documentation from the member club that the player is transferring to. The EO's shall document the application for transfer with the member club that the player is seeking the transfer from

#### **Section 3:**

The player may play for the club that he is transferring to only after the transfer is approved in writing by the EO's. Executive Officers communicate within the 1 game waiting period after briefly investigating the reasons for the transfer. If approval is granted, the player may play for the club he is transferring to adhering to a 1 game waiting period after the date of the application for transfer, provided the conditions outlined in Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution have been met. All approved/rejected transfers must be announced to the Board of Directors at the next general meeting and through electronic mail.

#### **Section 4:**

Any member club that uses a player who had previously played for another member club during the same season will automatically lose that fixture, if a transfer has not been officially approved by the EO's and the member club so notified. Any member club that uses a transferred player for fixtures in excess of the games allowed for the transferred player shall automatically lose all such fixtures and the member club so notified

#### **Section 5:**

No active member who has been suspended by AGCC, for disciplinary reasons, will be allowed a transfer until that active member has served out the time of suspension in full.

#### **Section 6:**

In case of a member club being disbanded or being removed from the league for failure to meet their obligations, the said member club players may join another active member club of his choosing, but may not play for them until their registration has been submitted by the said member club and accepted by the EO's.

### **BY-LAW 5 – SCHEDULE OF MATCHES:**

#### **Section 1:**

The schedule of matches, also termed the season's fixtures, shall be presented by the Vice-president and adopted by the Board of Directors and then sent out to all active member clubs at least seven [7] days before the commencement of the competition

#### **Section 2:**

All AGCC League Competition matches shall be limited over engagements. The number of overs for all fixtures shall be decided by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the regular season

### **Section 3:**

Matches during the regular seasonal competition abandoned owing to inclement weather shall not be rescheduled. Only the AGCC League championship match may be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather

## **BY-LAW 6 – STATUS OF FIXTURES**

### **Section 1:**

After the AGCC schedule of matches for the season has been adopted by the Board of Directors and published, no member club or team shall play a friendly or practice match that interferes or conflicts with AGCC scheduled matches

### **Section 2:**

In the event of unforeseen circumstances whereby a member club may not be able to play a particular fixture, that member club may negotiate with its opponent for that particular fixture to play the fixture on another date. After mutually agreeing to alter the fixture, the two teams must inform the Executive Officers in writing about the reasons for alteration and when the unplayed fixture will be played. The Executive Officers must receive the request for alteration of the fixture at least fifteen [15] days before the date of the originally scheduled fixture, pursuant to Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution. The Executive Officers must then approve or deny the alteration and inform the member clubs involved about the decision as soon as practicable

### **Section 3:**

In the event of emergent circumstances whereby a member club may not be able to play a particular fixture, that member club must inform the opposing club captain, the umpire, or any of the Executive Officers, before the time when the match can officially be called off, pursuant to Competition Rule 4[a]

### **Section 4:**

If the member clubs mutually decide to alter their fixture without informing the Executive Officers at least fifteen [15] days before the date of the originally scheduled fixture, pursuant to Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution, or if the Executive Officers do not approve the alteration, no points will be awarded to either team for that fixture

### **Section 5:**

If the opponent team is not amenable to the rescheduling of the fixture, then the member club that is not able to play the fixture on the scheduled date will be deemed to have forfeited the fixture, and winning points will be awarded to the opponent team as per Competition Rule 11[b]

### **Section 6:**

Only under exceptional or extenuating circumstances, the Executive Officers may alter the fixtures of a published schedule during the middle of a calendar season

## **BY-LAW 7 – PROVISION FOR REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES:**

Representative matches played under the jurisdiction of the AGCC shall take precedence over any and all club or other AGCC fixtures

## **BY-LAW 8 – WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION:**

### **Section 1:**

All matches of the season, played or unplayed, by any member club against any disbanding member club shall be deemed forfeits charged against the disbanding member club

## **Section 2:**

Members of a disbanding club may seek transfers to other teams pursuant to By-law 4, Sections 1,2,3, 4, 5 and 6

## **BY-LAW 9 – RULES AND LAWS TO BE FOLLOWED:**

All games under the jurisdiction of the AGCC shall be played under the International Cricket Council one-day limited over engagement rules and the Marylebone Cricket Club rules as adapted by the AGCC Board of Directors for the context of the Georgia region. Such adapted rules may be created, amended or suspended periodically as warranted by a simple two-thirds [2/3] majority of the Board of Directors before the commencement of the AGCC League Competition

## **BY-LAW 10 – UMPIRES:**

### **Section 1:**

Before the commencement of each season, the Executive Officers shall appoint a member of the BOD's as the Umpires Coordinator for the duration of the season. In addition, the Executive officers will appoint an Umpiring Committee which is made up of at least 3 members in good standing lead by the Umpires Coordinator. The duties of the Umpiring Committee shall be to exercise control of the selection and scheduling of umpires for all AGCC matches during the calendar season. The Umpiring Committee shall also examine and pass upon the qualifications of those who desire to become umpires. In addition, the Umpiring Committee will set up at least one training session per year for the umpires and for people who want to become umpires.

### **Section 2:**

The Umpiring Committee shall also prepare guidelines, rules and benchmarks report prior to the commencement of league tournaments and distribute the same to all captains at the captains' meeting

### **Section 3:**

Umpire certification may be revoked by the Umpiring Committee after adequate investigation for abuse of position, ineptness, tardiness or excessive written complaints. Such investigations will be carried out by the Umpiring Committee and appeals will be handled by the Disciplinary Committee and appeals will follow the process as stated in the constitution.

### **Section 4:**

The Umpiring Committee will submit a schedule of umpires and alternate umpires corresponding to the fixtures to the Executive Officers. The committee will also communicate the schedule to the umpires at least three days in advance via electronic communication (e-mail). The Umpiring Committee will also submit a list of certified umpires to the Executive Officers and to the BOD's before beginning of the season.

### **Section 5:**

The Executive Officers, the BODs and the Umpiring Committee shall jointly determine the per-match payment by member teams to certified umpires on an annual basis. The Umpiring Committee is also responsible for informing the Secretary and the member clubs about umpiring arrears incurred by member teams during the season

### **Section 6:**

After play has commenced, both member clubs at the venue must pay all certified umpires in full before or during the interval between innings. In the event that a match is called off at a playing venue before the scheduled commencement of the match, both member clubs shall pay the certified umpires at the venue one-half [1/2] of the fee due for a regular match

### **Section 7:**

The Umpiring Committee shall designate non-participant (neutral) clubs to provide Umpires for each match. The clubs designated shall be responsible for the on-time attendance of their appointed Umpires. Certified Umpires provided by neutral clubs shall not be subject to veto by the playing team Captains.

## **BY-LAW 11 – DUTIES OF UMPIRES:**

### **Section 1:**

Umpires are solely in charge of matches under the AGCC jurisdiction and shall enforce the Code of Conduct, notions of fair play and all AGCC-defined Competition Rules

### **Section 2:**

Umpires are required to be at the playing venue on the day of the fixture at least thirty [30] minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of play

### **Section 3:**

Other duties shall include the following:

- i. Umpires shall be cognizant of all AGCC-defined Competition Rules, ICC and MCC laws [refer By-law 9 and the AGCC Competition Rules document]
- ii. Umpires shall inspect the wicket before the matting is laid and ensure adequate pitch conditions
- iii. Umpires shall inspect the outfield and ensure that the outfield is adequately prepared
- iv. Umpires shall ensure that all boundaries are clearly marked and visible from their stations
- v. Umpires shall ensure that the match proceeds in a brisk and timely manner and are authorized to take steps to prevent clubs from indulging in time-wasting or delaying tactics [refer Competition Rule 3[d]]
- vi. Umpires shall ensure that both captains understand the duration of each match, and the scores and overs allowed for the club batting second [refer Competition Rules 1[d], 1[e], 1[f], 3[a], 3[b], 3[d] and 4[c]]
- vii. Umpires shall ensure that opposing clubs' score sheets tally and are authorized to make corrections at appropriate junctures
- viii. Umpires shall sign the completed score sheets of each club at the conclusion of the fixture [refer Competition Rule 16[b]]
- ix. In case a dispute arises on the field which requires attention of the Executive Officers
  1. The match report should be written after the conclusion of the match and that report should be signed by the assigned Umpire(s). In addition, the Umpire can optionally get the report signed by one or more members from two competing teams.
  2. A copy of the report should be sent to the Secretary and the Umpires Coordinator within 24 hours of the conclusion of the fixture either by fax or via e-mail. The report should be prepared as per Competition Rules 14[a] and 14[b]
  3. The report should include one or more of the following: adequate descriptions of the playing conditions, the preparedness of the "Home" team [refer Competition Rules 14[a] and 14[b]].

## **BY-LAW 12 – PENALTIES, FINES, ARREARS AND OTHER OUTSTANDINGS:**

### **Section 1:**

All penalties, fines, arrears and other outstanding incurred by any of the member clubs shall be cleared before the commencement of the next fixture in order for the member club to remain in good financial standing. Penalties for individual members may include, but not be limited to, disciplinary warnings, suspended sentences, suspension or disciplinary probation. Penalties for member clubs may include, but not be limited to, disciplinary warnings or point deductions. Fines or other punishments may be assessed to individuals and clubs over and above the penalties. The Secretary shall inform member clubs about their respective outstanding as they arise. The outstanding may be mailed to the Secretary, or handed to the umpire scheduled to officiate the next fixture before the commencement of that fixture

### **Section 2:**

After notification by the Secretary, should penalties, fines, arrears or other outstanding incurred by any of the member clubs not be paid in full before the commencement of the next fixture, that member club shall be deemed to have lost the fixture, irrespective of the result of the fixture. The member team in arrears will continue to be deemed to have lost all succeeding fixtures until such time as all its arrears or outstandings are paid in full

### **Section 3:**

Penalties, monetary fines and arrears may be accrued by members or member clubs for the following:

- i. Member clubs not represented at regularly scheduled general meetings [refer Article XIII, Section 5 of the AGCC Constitution]
- ii. Member clubs defaulting on payment to certified umpires for adjudicating matches [refer By-law 10, Section 6]
- iii. Member clubs failing to submit match summary score sheets in time [refer Competition Rule 15[c]]
- iv. Member clubs not represented by the captain or designee for the annual captains meeting [refer By-law 2, Section 2]
- v. Member clubs forfeiting regularly scheduled matches [refer By-law 14, Sections 1[a], 1[b], 1[c] and 1[d]]
- vi. Members or member clubs penalized or sanctioned for disciplinary reasons [refer Article V, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution and the Code of Conduct document]

## **BY-LAW 13 – HOME AND AWAY TEAM DESIGNATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **Section 1:**

The published schedule of matches shall contain clear designations of “Home” and “Away” teams for each fixture

### **Section 2:**

Designated “Home” teams shall be responsible for ensuring playable conditions. The umpires scheduled for the fixture shall solely determine whether a match may be played based on his judgment of the playing conditions. Under no circumstances should any umpire allow the match to continue if, in his sole opinion, conditions become dangerous for players, and is thereby empowered to call off the match. The designated “Home” team is also responsible for maintaining a clean environment at the playing venue and for returning all borrowed items or equipment to their respective locations

### **Section 3:**

The designated “Home” team shall prepare the pitch and grounds adequately to the satisfaction of the umpires, including the following:

- i. Ensuring that the grass is adequately mowed and the outfield is free of obstacles
- ii. Clearing away all grass and debris from the pitch
- iii. Ensuring that the pitch is flat and is watered and rolled prior to the commencement of the match
- iv. Installing the matting and ensuring that the laid matting is free of bumps, holes, folds and wrinkles
- v. Installing the stumps and bails
- vi. Setting all boundary markers and ensuring their clear visibility from the umpires’ stations
- vii. Providing a cover for the matting in the event of play being interrupted by rain
- viii. Providing drinking water for both teams and umpires for the duration of the game
- ix. Maintaining a clean environment at the playing venue both during and after the game
- x. Returning all borrowed items or equipment to their respective locations
- xi. Ensuring that no alcohol or drugs are consumed in the playing venue or its vicinity

### **Section 4:**

Should a match be called off by the scheduled umpire because of unplayable conditions related to the “Home” team responsibilities, the designated “Home” team will be deemed to have forfeited the fixture and the “Away” team will be declared the Winner

## **BY-LAW 14 – FORFEITURES:**

### **Section 1:**

Forfeitures are defined as matches that could not be played as a result of particular behaviors on the part of member clubs. Forfeitures may occur in the following forms:

- a] If a particular member club is not ready to play one hour after the scheduled commencement time or has fewer than seven players ready to play one hour after the scheduled commencement time, that member club shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture, pursuant to Competition Rule 3[c]
- b] If a particular member club cannot play the fixture on the scheduled date and its opponent is not amenable to rescheduling the fixture, that member club shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture, pursuant to By-law 6, Section 5
- c] If a particular member club is designated as the “Home” team for the fixture, and the match is called off by the scheduled umpire owing to unplayable conditions related to “Home” team responsibilities, that member club shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture, pursuant to By-law 13, Section 4
- d] If a particular member club walks off the field of play during the fixture in protest without completing the fixture that shall be deemed to have forfeited the fixture, pursuant to Competition Rule 17 [c]

### **Section 2:**

All member teams shall make every attempt to play every fixture, and should participate fully in the design of the fixtures

### **Section 3:**

Every forfeiture shall be accompanied by a fine – such fine shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and should be paid in full before the next fixture, failing which the forfeiting club will be deemed to have lost the succeeding fixture(s) pursuant to By-law 12, Section 2

### **Section 4:**

In order to maintain good standing with the AGCC, member teams may forfeit a maximum of four [3] fixtures, as defined by By-law 14, Section 1. Should a member team forfeit more than three fixtures, it will cease to be an automatic active member club in the following season, and shall be required to submit a fresh application for membership into the AGCC for the following season

### **Section 5:**

Should a “new” member club forfeit more than four [4] fixtures, the AGCC will not refund the “good-faith fee for new member clubs” as defined in By-law 1 to said club and retain complete possession of the funds. In addition, the provisions of By-law 14, Section 4 will also hold for the “new” member club

## **BY-LAW 15 – TROPHIES:**

### **Section 1:**

Statistics derived from only those summary match score sheets that are submitted by each member club to the Vice-president or Statistical officer shall be used in order to determine trophy winners

### **Section 2:**

The following trophies/medals shall be instituted and/or presented at the end of the calendar season at the annual AGCC banquet on a date determined by the Board of Directors:

#### **A] Permanent League Championship Trophy**



The name of the club declared as the AGCC League champion for the calendar year shall be inscribed on the Permanent League Championship Trophy

#### **B] Champion of Champions and Runners-up of Champions Trophies**

The overall AGCC Champions and overall AGCC Runners-up clubs shall be awarded the Champion of Champions and Runners-up of Champions Trophies respectively at the end of the calendar season

#### **C] Regular Season AGCC League Champions Trophy**

The overall AGCC League champions determined by the points standings at the end of the round-robin league matches shall be awarded the Regular Season AGCC League Champions Trophy

#### **D] Batting Trophies**

Batting trophies shall be awarded to the following:

- i] Members with the best and second best batting averages based on a minimum of eight [8] innings
- ii] A member with the highest aggregate runs in the calendar season
- iii] A member with the highest individual score in any AGCC match in the calendar season
- iv] All members with centuries to their names made in any AGCC match during the calendar season

#### **E] Bowling Trophies**

Bowling trophies shall be awarded to the following:

- i] Members with the best and second best economy rate [runs per over] based on a minimum of forty-eight [48] overs
- ii] Members with the best and second best strike rate [runs per wicket] based on a minimum of twenty-four [24] wickets
- iii] A member with the highest aggregate number of wickets in the calendar season

#### **F] Youth Trophies**

Youth Trophies shall be awarded to recognize youth potential and to reward cricket performances to AGCC members below the age of 25 years

#### **G] Special Trophies and Plaques**

The AGCC may at its discretion, also issue special trophies, plaques, monetary awards or gift-cards to honor persons or teams that have contributed to the AGCC or to cricket during the season

#### **H] Tournament Trophies**

The AGCC shall also award winners and runners-up trophies, and batting, bowling and fielding performance-based trophies, plaques or gift-cards for each tournament conducted during the calendar season, not including the AGCC League tournament

### **Section 3:**

The Board of Directors may award other trophies or awards as they deem fit, pursuant to budget constraints

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND TEAMS IN THE ATLANTA GEORGIA CRICKET CONFERENCE

## SECTION I: -- Definitions:

In this Code of Conduct the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

### **Code of Conduct:**

All those provisions comprising this Section, namely "1 - Definitions" and the following Sections 2 - 6 inclusive

### **AGCC:**

The Atlanta Georgia Cricket Conference follows the definition specified by Article I of the AGCC Constitution, and is a registered member of the United States of America Cricket Association, that is responsible for administering cricket in the Atlanta metropolitan area, and in the vicinity of Georgia

### **Executive Officers:**

The Elected Officers of the AGCC that are responsible for the day-to-day administration of AGCC affairs, in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the AGCC Constitution

### **President:**

The person from time to time holding office as chief executive of the AGCC, in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the AGCC Constitution

### **Secretary:**

The person from time to time holding office as the Secretary of the AGCC, in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the AGCC Constitution, and to whom all notification or reporting is addressed to

### **Board of Directors:**

Two representatives from each Member Club that have active voices in AGCC proceedings, in accordance with Article IV of the AGCC Constitution

### **Disciplinary Committee:**

A five (or greater) member body, comprising of active AGCC Members, in accordance with Article VIII, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the AGCC Constitution, that is charged with the responsibility of investigating breaches in the Code of Conduct on the part of any Member of the AGCC. After investigation, the Disciplinary Committee recommends sanctions on Members or Member Clubs to the AGCC Board of Directors

### **Member:**

Any Member of the AGCC, as defined by Article III, Sections 2[a], 2[b] and 2[c] of the AGCC Constitution

### **Member Club:**

Any club team or teams recognized by the AGCC Board of Directors, as defined by Article III, Section 2[a] of the AGCC Constitution.

### **Club Administrators:**

The administrative body of a Member Club charged with responsibility for the administration of cricket within the relevant Member Club and recognized by the AGCC as having such authority

### **Member Club Official:**

Any person, not being a player, who is employed by, is an agent of, represents or is affiliated to the cricket team of a Member Club

### **Player:**

Any person registered as a player in any team to represent a Member Club in the AGCC League, whether that person actually plays cricket in such matches or not. A Player is equivalent to an active member, as defined by Article III, Section 2[a] of the AGCC Constitution

**Umpiring Panel:**

The Georgia Cricket Umpires Association [GCUA] that administers the selection and scheduling of all Umpires for League Matches, comprising at least all certified Umpires, as mentioned in By-Law 10, Section 2

**Umpire:**

Any person recognized by the AGCC Board of Directors to adjudicate in League Matches, and belonging to the AGCC Umpiring Panel as defined in By-Law 10, Section 2

**Laws of Cricket:**

The Laws of Cricket, including periodic revision, as amended from time to time by MCC/ICC Regulations and contextually by the AGCC Board of Directors, as stated in By-law 9

**League Match:**

An AGCC-authorized limited over cricket engagement between AGCC Member Clubs, in accordance with the AGCC By-laws and Competition Rules as specified in By-law 5, Section 2 and Competition Rule 1[a]

**Representative Match:**

Any match that is played between an opponent team and an AGCC League team comprising of members of the AGCC, selected by the AGCC Board of Directors

**Rules of Conduct:**

The rules [numbered 1-10] contained herein, forming Section C of this Code of Conduct

**SECTION II -- Applicability of the Code of Conduct:**

**A] Applicability to members:**

This Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all members of the AGCC

**B] Applicability to matches:**

This Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all AGCC League Matches and AGCC Representative Matches

**C] Applicability to Location:**

This Code of Conduct shall be applicable within the precincts of all AGCC League-designated venues, and not limited to just the playing area

**SECTION III -- AGCC Members Rules of Conduct:**

- 1] The captains of the Member Clubs are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket, both on the playing field and within the precincts of the AGCC League-designated venue
- 2] Members shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status, which could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute
- 3] Members must at all times accept the Umpire's decision and not show any form of dissent at the Umpire's decision
- 4] Members shall not direct verbal or written abuse at, assault, intimidate or attempt to assault or intimidate any Umpire, spectator, Player or Member Club Official
- 5] Members shall at no time engage in any conduct towards or speak or write to any other Player, Umpire, spectator, or Member Club Official in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies the other person on the basis of that other person's race, religion, color, descent or national or ethnic origin

- 6] Members shall at no time indulge in crude or abusive language or make offensive gestures
- 7] Members shall not disclose or publicly comment upon any alleged or actual breach of this Code, whether by themselves or any other person to whom the Code applies, or upon any hearing, report or decision arising from such an alleged or proven breach
- 8] Members shall not at any time breach any AGCC Regulation that may periodically be in force
- 9] Members shall not use or distribute illegal drugs
- 10] Members shall at all times treat cricketing venues and cricketing equipment with respect, and at a minimum, leave venues and equipment in the same or better condition as prior to usage [refer Competition Rule 18[a]]

#### **SECTION IV -- Reporting / Notification Procedure:**

##### **A] General**

An alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct can be reported to the AGCC Secretary or the AGCC Executive Officers by any of:

- i] the Umpires
- ii] the Players
- iii] the Member Club Officials
- iv] the Members

A report must be made in writing, signed and dated by the person(s) making the report

##### **B] Breaches in the Rules of Conduct made on the Field of Play**

- 1] If any Member eligible to lodge a report decides to lodge a report relating to an alleged breach of the Rule of Conduct committed on the field of play, that Member must file the report within seven [7] days after the alleged incident(s) with the AGCC Executive Officers, pursuant to the conditions of Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution
- 2] If the person lodging a report is an Umpire under Code of Conduct Section IV, A[1], he shall inform the appropriate person of his intention to lodge a report or of the fact he has lodged a report as soon as reasonably practicable
- 3] After receipt of the report, the AGCC Secretary shall notify the following as soon as reasonably practicable:
  - i] the player(s) involved
  - ii] the captain(s) of the teams involved
  - iii] the Member Club Administrators/AGCC Representatives of the Member Club(s) involved
- 4] The report shall contain written particulars of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached including date, time, venue, context and witnesses. In addition, the report should identify which of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached, and a brief description of how it is alleged they have been breached. If more than one breach is alleged, whether of the same or separate Rules of Conduct, each alleged breach must be identified and briefly described

##### **C] Breaches in the Rules of Conduct committed otherwise than on the Field of Play but within the precincts of the AGCC League-designated Venue**

- 1] If any Member eligible to lodge a report decides to lodge a report relating to an alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct committed off the field of play but within the precincts of the ground, that Member must file the report within seven [7] days after the alleged incident(s) with the AGCC Executive Officers, pursuant to the conditions of Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution
- 2] After receipt of the report, the AGCC Secretary shall notify the following as soon as reasonably practicable:
  - i] the Member(s) involved
  - ii] the Player(s) involved, if any

- iii] the Captain(s) of the teams involved, if any
  - iv] the Member Club Administrators of the Member Club(s) involved, if any
- 3] In the event of a breach of the Rules of Conduct committed by a Player, where it is not possible to identify the particular Player(s) who has breached the Code of Conduct, the Member Club Captain may be the person charged and, if appropriate, sanctioned
  - 4] The report shall contain written particulars of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached including date, time, venue, context and witnesses. In addition, the report should identify which of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached, and a brief description of how it is alleged they have been breached. If more than one breach is alleged, whether of the same or separate Rules of Conduct, each alleged breach must be identified and briefly described

## **SECTION IV -- Arbitrating Procedure:**

### **A] Initiating the Arbitration Procedure:**

The alleged breach in the Rules of Conduct shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled AGCC Meeting by the AGCC Secretary

### **B] Transfer of Case to the AGCC Disciplinary Committee:**

The AGCC Executive Officers shall review the alleged charges, and determine whether the matter should be referred to the AGCC Disciplinary Committee, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the AGCC Constitution

### **C] Convention of AGCC Disciplinary Committee:**

- 1] The Disciplinary Committee shall notify all the Members, Captains, Member Clubs and witnesses involved, as soon as reasonably practicable, convene a disciplinary hearing, and notify all the Members, Captains, Member Clubs and witnesses involved, at least seven [7] days prior to the hearing following the communication procedures outlined in Article XV, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution
- 2] The Disciplinary Committee shall require the attendance at the hearing of any person to whom this Code of Conduct applies, or any other person/umpire, for the purposes of giving evidence. Failure on the part of any Member or Player or Member Club Official to attend a hearing or to give evidence when requested by the Standing Rules Committee shall itself be liable, in the absence of extenuating circumstances or a written explanation, to be considered as a breach of Rule 2 of the Rules of Conduct
- 3] The Disciplinary Committee shall at a minimum, require the attendance at the hearing of:
  - i] the Member(s) / Player(s) charged with the breach(es) in the Rules of Conduct
  - ii] the Member(s) / Player(s) who lodged the report
  - iii] any witnesses of the incident
- 4] The Disciplinary Committee shall allow the attendance at the hearing any or all of:
  - i] the Captain(s) involved in the incident
  - ii] the Member Club Administrators of the Member Club(s) involved in the incident
  - iii] the AGCC League-designated Umpire(s) involved in the incident
  - iv] any additional witnesses, provided the Standing Rules Committee is given notification of the same prior to the hearing
- 5] None of the persons mentioned in Code of Conduct Section IV, C[iv] shall be denied the right to be at the hearing or make representations to the Disciplinary Committee. However, if such a person fails to attend the hearing and the Disciplinary Committee has complied with the requirements of Code of Conduct Sections IV, C[i] the hearing may, at the Disciplinary Committee's absolute discretion, proceed in the absence of any or all such persons
- 6] Any other person may be allowed to be present at the hearing if given permission by the Disciplinary Committee, such permission to be a matter for the Disciplinary Committee's absolute discretion. Any such

person may, at the Disciplinary Committee's absolute discretion, be allowed to make representations on behalf of the person charged

**D] Powers and Duties of AGCC Disciplinary Committee shall include:**

- 1] The Disciplinary Committee may be allowed to conduct its own investigation if necessary
- 2] If the Disciplinary Committee decides to use written or video or photographic evidence to assist it in determining whether the person charged is in breach of the Rules of Conduct (whether at the request of any other person, including the person charged, or of its own volition), the Disciplinary Committee shall only be entitled to use such evidence in making its decision if it has considered the written or video evidence in the presence of the person charged, giving the person charged, or any person on his behalf, an opportunity to make such comments, if any, as they wish to make on the written or video or photographic evidence
- 3] The Disciplinary Committee may at its sole discretion, allow additional evidence to be presented
- 4] The Disciplinary Committee may at its sole discretion, allow adjournments to the hearing
- 5] At the hearing of the alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct, the person charged shall be entitled to cross-examine any witnesses called by any other person. The Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to cross-examine the person charged and any witnesses called on his behalf
- 6] The Disciplinary Committee is entitled, if in its absolute discretion it is required, to seek legal advice prior to or during any hearing (for which purpose the Disciplinary Committee is entitled to adjourn the hearing) and/or prior to giving its recommendations
- 7] After the hearing, the Disciplinary Committee shall prepare a brief report, outlining the alleged breach of Rules of Conduct, the Member(s) involved, the proceedings of the hearing, and its recommendations for sanctions
- 8] The Disciplinary Committee shall use the AGCC Member Code of Conduct document to determine the level of infraction and the fine and penalties that need to be applied.

**E] Authority for Placing Sanctions on Members:**

- 1] The AGCC Executive Officers shall study the Disciplinary Committee Report, and take disciplinary action as it may deem fit against the Member(s), Player(s), Member Club(s) for their actions contravening the Rules of Conduct, in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the AGCC Constitution
- 2] The AGCC Executive Officers decision is final and binding and it shall inform the person(s) charged of its decision in writing, signed by the President of the AGCC

**SECTION V -- Penalties and Sanctions**

**A] Types of Penalties and Sanctions:**

In any case where the AGCC Executive Officers has determined that a breach of Rules of Conduct has indeed occurred, it is within the AGCC Executive Officers absolute discretion to impose penalties or sanctions comprising of:

- i] a reprimand and/or
- ii] a fine and/or
- iii] a suspension and/or
- iv] point reductions and/or
- v] a suspended sentence, and/or
- vi] disciplinary probation

**B] Scope of Penalties and Sanctions:**

Any penalties/sanctions imposed must be within the minimum and maximum limits outlined in the AGCC member code of conduct document.

**C] Temporal Limits of Penalties and Sanctions:**

Any fine or penalty may be suspended for a period not exceeding one year

#### **D] Fines**

- 1] The minimum fine that can be imposed shall be US \$ 50.00
- 2] The maximum fine that can be imposed shall be US \$ 250.00 for a single breach in the Rules of Conduct
- 3] The maximum fine that can be imposed shall be US \$ 500.00 for multiple breaches in the Rules of Conduct

#### **E] Suspensions**

- 1] The maximum suspension that may be imposed on any Player is 2 years, unless, it is an indefinite suspension, and if necessary, the Suspension may carry over into the next season of the AGCC League
- 2] The Suspension shall be applicable to the fixtures immediately succeeding the decision by the AGCC Executive Officers, providing that the member(s) involved are notified as per Section 4 – E[2]
- 3] Suspensions imposed by the AGCC Executive Officers shall not affect the Player's ability to represent his Club in non-AGCC Matches, or in his ability to play cricket in other Leagues
- 4] If a person found in breach of the Rules of Conduct is, at the time the breach occurred, the subject of a penalty or fine and/or suspension for a previous breach of the Rules of Conduct, the AGCC Executive Officers shall:
  - i] impose the previously suspended fine and/or penalty to have immediate effect, and
  - ii] sanction the person in breach as if there had been no suspended fine and/or penalty
  - iii] add the fine and/or penalty and/or suspension for the new breach of the Rules of Conduct to the current suspension and add any further fine for the new breach of the Rules of Conduct to the suspended fine
- 5] The AGCC Executive Officers shall provide written notification to the person(s) charged of:
  - i] clear identification of the commencement of the suspension
  - ii] clear identification of, in the event of a suspended fine, the period of suspension and the date on which the suspension commences
  - iii] clear identification of, in the event of a suspension being implemented, when the suspension shall take effect
  - iv] clear identification of any fine ordered to be paid
  - v] clear identification of the name of the person to whom the sanction applies, or in the case of applicability of sanctions to an entire team, the name of the team and the identity of all individuals comprising the team to whom the sanction applies

### **SECTION VI -- Miscellaneous**

**A]** Any section headings in this Code of Conduct are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the substantive provisions contained within each section and in the AGCC member code of conduct document.

**B]** Every reference in this Code of Conduct in the masculine shall be deemed, for the purposes of interpretation, to include a reference to the feminine gender

**C]** Where the context so permits references in the singular shall be deemed to include references in the plural even though not expressly stated

# COMPETITION RULES FOR THE ATLANTA GEORGIA CRICKET CONFERENCE

## Rule 1 -- Duration:

- a] Each match shall consist of one inning per club, and each inning shall be limited to an annually designated number of six-ball overs
- b] For regular season (ex: 40 overs) and play-off matches, play is scheduled to commence at 11:00 AM. Play may also be rescheduled in advance of the fixture to commence one hour prior to or one hour after the scheduled start of play (11:00 AM). Play in day-night games is scheduled to commence at 3:00 pm or as scheduled by the Board of Directors. For other league authorized tournaments, the start time of the games will be decided jointly by the EO's and BOD's.
- c] Each captain shall provide the umpires with a list of players including first and last names in block letters representing the club for that match at least fifteen [15] minutes before the scheduled commencement of play. Players may be changed any time before the scheduled commencement of play. All substitutes and super-sub should be clearly indicated in the list
- d] Each club shall be allowed a maximum time of 3 hours and 40 minutes to complete a quota of 40 overs. Time limits shall be revised for variations in the number of overs per inning
- e] Any club that has bowled the maximum number of overs to the batting club shall be entitled to play the maximum number of overs without time constraints
- f] The club batting second shall be allotted the same number of overs as the club that batted first. If the club batting first is bowled out in less than the allotted overs, the club batting second shall be entitled to the maximum allowed overs stipulated for that match

## Rule 2 – Umpires:

- a] The Umpiring Committee shall provide the Executive Officers with a list of certified umpires for matches during the calendar season that corresponds with the published fixtures at least fifteen [15] days before the fixtures
- b] The Umpiring Committee shall assign umpires for all official AGCC tournament matches, wherever possible. In the event that no umpire is assigned to or arrives at the venue for a specific match on the day of the fixture, each club shall provide one preferably non-playing active member to act as umpire for the match. If one club cannot provide an umpire, then the umpire(s) provided by the other club shall officiate the entire match

## Rule 3 – Penalties and Delays:

- a] In case of late starts owing to inclement weather, two overs shall be deducted from the total number of overs comprising of both innings for every ten [10] minute loss of time. All time losses will be deducted from the total playing time of 7 hours and 20 minutes, and the time remaining shall be divided equally between the two clubs
- b] Clubs responsible for late starts shall have one over deducted from their maximum allotted overs for every five [5] minute delay. This includes clubs arriving late to the field of play, or the designated home team for the match not being able to prepare the grounds/field adequately on time.
- c] If a club has fewer than seven [7] players ready to play one hour after the scheduled start of the game, or if a club is not ready to play one hour after the scheduled start of the game, then that club is deemed to have forfeited the match, pursuant to By-law 14, Section 1[a]. A win is awarded to its opponent and points will be then awarded as stated in Competition Rule 11[b]
- d] Umpires have the sole responsibility in ensuring every club's completion of the scheduled number of overs in the allotted time. If after two [2] warnings, in the sole opinion of the umpire, if the bowling club still indulges in delays and time-wasting tactics, the umpire is authorized to deduct one over for every five [5] minutes of estimated delay, or add time to the allotted time for the batting club as he deems fit
- e] Any club that utilizes the services of a player who had previously played for another club without authorization to transfer from the AGCC Governing Body, will automatically lose the fixture and points will be then awarded as stated in Competition Rule 11[b]
- f] All clubs and players are expected to follow the AGCC Code of Conduct specified previously in this document, failing which the umpire or any other member is authorized to initiate disciplinary complaints to the AGCC Board of Directors,



as specified in the Code of Conduct document. Since the umpires are in charge of adjudicating the match, all clubs and players are expected to abide with the umpires' rulings in a polite manner

- g) All clubs shall complete the match once the match has commenced. In the event that a club walks out of a match under protest, that club will automatically lose the fixture. All clubs should inform the umpires and the opposing captain of their intention to protest, but must complete the match once the match has commenced. All protested games should be filed in writing with the AGCC Governing Body

#### **Rule 4 – Weather-related Match Truncation and Abandonment:**

- a) The AGCC scheduled umpires for any game are the sole judges for deciding the playing conditions, including the quality and condition of the pitch, the quality and conditions of the outfield, weather conditions and lighting. In the absence of the scheduled umpires, the two opposing captains may mutually agree on playing conditions, but the prerogative for calling off play owing to lighting conditions lies with the batting club. If play is called off, wins and losses will be determined pursuant to Competition Rule 11[c]. An AGCC match officially may be called off only one [1] hour after the scheduled commencement time
- b) In the event that owing to rain, the field is not fit for play, the umpires will call off the match, which is then recorded as a "Draw." In any case, clubs consisting of seven [7] or more players are required to show up for play – rain-outs can be determined only at the field of play, since play might be possible on some fields. However, the AGCC may call off play on any fixture in case of continuous inclement weather. Drawn matches will be awarded points as stated in Competition Rule 11[b]
- c) For a decision to be reached in any particular match, each side must have batted for a minimum of 50% of the total number of allocated overs to one team, and winners will be decided as stated in Competition Rule 11[c]. In the event that rain or poor lighting conditions prevent further play after the commencement of play and the team batting last has not completed 50% of their allocated overs, the match will be recorded as a "Draw" and points will be awarded as stated in Competition Rule 11[b]
- d) Once play has commenced, and there is a possibility that the match may be legally completed, the players and umpires must remain at the playing field for the scheduled time
- e) In case of inclement weather, if it becomes evident that the time remaining will not permit the minimum number of overs to be bowled, the umpires may call off the match, which is then recorded as a "Draw." Points will be awarded as stated in Competition Rule 11[b]. Time remaining should be less than the time required for bowling the remaining overs at a rate of five [5] minutes per over, or the time required for bowling the minimum number of overs at a rate of five [5] minutes per over for a match decision to be reached
- f) Play-off matches beyond the regular season that are abandoned owing to inclement weather conditions shall be rescheduled by the Executive Officers with the consent of the Board of Directors of the AGCC.

#### **Rule 5 – The Toss:**

- a) The toss shall be done on the field of play fifteen [15] minutes before the scheduled commencement of play. The captain of the club winning the toss shall inform the umpire and the opposing captain of his decision within five [5] minutes of the completion of the toss
- b) Any club that is not available to spin the toss fifteen [15] minutes before the scheduled commencement of play shall automatically lose the toss
- c) If one club has seven [7] or more players ready to play [15] minutes before the scheduled commencement of play and the other club does not, the club with seven [7] or more players ready to play automatically wins the toss, and the captain of that club must inform the umpires and the opposing captain of his decision at that time

#### **Rule 6 – Intervals:**

- a) In typical 40-over games, each club is allowed two [2] drinks breaks at the completion of fifteen [15] and thirty [30] overs, with each break not to exceed five [5] minutes. For longer versions of the game, two [2] scheduled drinks breaks may be allowed at appropriate intervals
- b) Drinks may be brought on to the field at any time, provided that this is done between overs or at a stoppage of play, and does not interfere with the progress of play. Any unscheduled drinks breaks may be had only with the umpires' permission

- c] There shall be an interval of not more than fifteen [15] minutes between innings. Captains may mutually agree to shorten said interval by notifying the umpires

#### **Rule 7 – Attire:**

- a] All players shall be properly dressed in the appropriate attire for play at all times
- b] Proper attire shall include long white/cream pants, white/cream shirt, and sports shoes or consistent, colored clothing
- c] Footwear with pegs or spikes that may cause damage shall not be allowed on matting surfaces

#### **Rule 8 – Substitutions:**

- a] Any active member of a club may act as a substitute for any other active member of the same club without permission from the opposing captain. All other ICC/MCC rules for substitutions apply
- b] Only active members in proper attire may act as substitutes for other active members of the same club

#### **Rule 9 – Number of Overs per Bowler:**

- a] Each bowler may bowl a maximum of one-fifth [1/5] the maximum allotted overs for a complete inning
- b] In truncated games, where the number of allotted overs is not exactly divisible by five [5], one additional over may be bowled by the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the remainder of the division
- c] In the event of a bowler being unable to complete an over, another bowler may bowl the deliveries remaining for the completion of that over. Such part of an over shall count as a full over only insofar as each bowler's limit is concerned, pursuant to Rule 9-[a]

#### **Rule 10 – General Cricketing Equipment:**

- a] The same type of new ball [make and manufacture] approved by the AGCC Governing Body shall be utilized for each inning in the match
- b] Each team shall provide or make available to the umpires at least two good used balls for each match to be used as replacements in the event of a lost ball
- c] All AGCC matches shall be played on a matting wicket or on a properly prepared surface (turf, astro etc.), which in the opinion of both captains and umpires, is suitable for the proper conduct of the game. In the event of a disagreement, the umpires' decision on the adequacy of the matting or playing surface shall be final and binding

#### **Rule 11 – Match Results:**

- a] All club records and matches shall be designated as Win, Loss or Draw
- b] Points shall be awarded to clubs based on Win, Loss, Tie or Draw as 10 points, 0 points, 5 Points and 5 points respectively during the regular season
- c] Match winners shall be determined by the following:
  - Higher score in a completed match
  - Higher score in a match where the maximum number of scheduled overs have been bowled
  - In a tie situation, during the regular season, the two teams will share the points (5 each) . At the end of any final game in case there is a tie, the two teams will share the trophy. In other play-off matches, the winner will be decided based on the following:
    - o Loss of fewer wickets where the scores are tied in a match where the maximum number of scheduled overs have been bowled
    - o Higher score at the end of 50% of allocated overs to one team where the scores and number of wickets are identical, in a match where the maximum number of scheduled overs have been bowled

- o Higher overall average run-rate in a truncated match where each club has batted for a minimum of 20 overs
  - o Loss of fewer wickets in a truncated match where each club has batted for a minimum of 20 overs and where the run-rates are equal
- The AGCC Board of Directors, in the eventuality of a situation not covered by the above
- d] In playoff games, winners will be decided pursuant to Competition Rule 4[f] and Competition Rule 11[c]. Winners advance to the next round and losers are eliminated

#### **Rule 12 – AGCC League Standings:**

- a] Ties between clubs of equal points at the end of the regular season shall be broken by:
- Higher average of cumulative net run-rate (NRR).
  - Number of Wins versus the same opponents in descending order of the opponents' standings in the League at the end of the season, 2nd, if ties cannot be broken by the 1st method
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#### **Rule 13 – Definition of Average of Cumulative Net Run-Rate:**

- a] Net Run-Rate for any club in a match is defined as the difference between the average number of runs scored per over for a club and the average number of runs scored per over against that club
- b] In the event of any club in any match being all out in less than its scheduled full quota of overs, calculation of the Net Run-Rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which the club would have been entitled to, and not on the actual number of overs in which the team was dismissed
- c] Average of Cumulative Run-Rate for any club is defined as the total of the individual match-based Net Run-Rate divided by total number of games.

#### **Rule 14 – Umpires' Report**

- a] Umpires shall prepare and submit a match report in writing as per BY-LAW 11 (DUTIES OF UMPIRES), section ix. In the absence of umpires, the captain of the designated "Home" team shall prepare and submit to the Secretary or Vice President a match result card within seven [7] days of a match. All submissions may be made using regular or electronic mail
- b] The umpires' report shall contain the following:
- Details of Club and Venue
  - Field and Pitch Conditions before match commencement
  - Match commencement time and time that stumps were drawn
  - Delayed match commencement time and circumstances/reasons for delay
  - Match Result
  - Field and Pitch Conditions after match completion/abandonment
  - AGCC Rules of Conduct violations, if any, witness details, people involved in the issue, date/time of the incident, issue description, place the issue happened and other relevant details.
- c] The Executive Officers are authorized to discipline any umpire that does not submit Umpires' reports. Such measures may include reprimands, suspensions or removal from the list of AGCC certified umpires for that calendar season.

#### **Rule 15 – Reports of Matches and Score Sheets:**

- a] All clubs shall prepare and submit to the Vice-president or Statistical Officer the match summary score sheet by the end of Monday (day following the match day). All clubs shall enter and submit all the score details including all individual scores and bowling figures by the end of. Submissions may be made through the new AGCC website or electronic mail

- b] The Executive Officers shall provide each team with a hard-copy template and an electronic template for reporting the match summary scores sheet
- c] Clubs that submit incomplete match summary scores sheets, or do not submit match summary scores sheets at all shall be subject to a monetary penalty that will be determined annually by the Board of Directors

#### **Rule 16 – Score Book**

- a] Standard cricket score sheets shall be used to record all games under the jurisdiction of the association and shall show in full detail the batting and bowling performance for each AGCC match up to the official time for drawing stumps. The score sheet must include provision for noting the total number of runs after each over
- b] Only score sheets of AGCC matches that bear the signatures of the umpire(s) or the opposing captain in the absence of umpires will be deemed valid for AGCC purposes and proceedings. The AGCC Governing Body reserves the right to inspect any score sheets of any club during the calendar season
- c] All valid score sheets shall be recorded by officials of each club until after the subsequent Annual General Meeting

#### **Rule 17 – Protests and Complaints**

- a] All protests and complaints that members may wish to bring before the Governing Body should be submitted to the Secretary in writing within seven [7] days of the incident
- b] Full details of the incident(s) shall be set forth showing the nature of the protest or complaint, including the names and addresses of witnesses or other persons who have a personal knowledge of the matter and are willing and able to give evidence, either personally or in writing to the EO's. The EO's shall resolve the matter then or refer it to the Disciplinary Committee. All appeals are automatically referred to the Disciplinary Committee
- c] Should member clubs walk off the playing field in protest, they will be deemed to have lost the fixture, irrespective of the results following the investigation of the protest or complaint.
- d] All appeals that members may wish to bring before the Governing Body should be submitted to the Secretary in writing within three [3] days since the first verdict was announced. The processing fee for appeals are \$50 and will be refunded for winning the appeal.
- e] No more than one appeal is allowed per violation.

#### **Rule 18 – Playing Environment:**

- a] All AGCC clubs must ensure that their players and guests maintain a clean environment at all cricket venues. Umpires shall verify this requirement is met with both captains. In the event of a violation of this rule, umpires must report the circumstances to the General Body for appropriate action along with their report
- b] All designated “Home” teams must ensure that all equipment borrowed or located at the venue is returned or replaced in the appropriate locations respectively. At the very minimum, clubs are expected to leave the venue in the same or better condition as prior to usage

#### **Rule 19 – Fielding Restrictions:**

Fielding restrictions must be ratified annually by the AGCC Board of Directors prior to the commencement of the competition.

##### **a] 30 – yard boundary measures:**

- i] With the middle stump as center, a semi-circle of 30 yards radius on either end shall be marked. The two ends of the semi-circle shall be joined by straight lines on either side and parallel to the length of the pitch to form the 30 – yard boundary
- ii] The 30 – yard boundary may be marked with chalk, foam-core, rubber or paper plates at 5-yard intervals and must be clearly visible from the umpires' stations

##### **b] Fielding Restrictions for Complete Games:**

- i] At no stage in the game can the number of fielders on the leg-side be greater than 5 [five] at the instant of delivery of the ball
  - ii] In the first 12 [twelve] overs of a 40 [forty] over game, only 2 [two] players may be positioned outside the 30-yard limit. The remaining 9 [nine] players must be within the 30-yard limit at the instant of delivery of the ball during the first 12 overs
  - lii] In the first 12 [twelve] overs, at least two fielders must be stationary, in catching positions
  - iv] From over 13 [thirteen] till the completion of the innings, only 5 [five] players may be positioned outside the 30-yard limit

**c] Over Limits in Shortened Games based on the list below:**

<b>Overs</b>	<b>Limit for Fielding Restriction</b>
50	15
47-49	14
44-46	13
40-43	12
37-39	11
34-36	10
30-33	9
27-29	8
24-26	7
20-23	6
15-19	5

**d] Umpires' Responsibilities:**

The umpires shall ensure all the above rules are met. Any infringement of any of the above rules must result in that delivery being called a no-ball

**Rule 20 – Playing Environment: Boundaries with Fence**

- a] In an event where a fielder catches the ball and touches the fence or falls on the fence, the batsman will be declared not out and four runs will be awarded
- b] In the case where a ball hits the fence directly without touching the ground four runs will be awarded. Six runs will be awarded only in the case when the ball goes over the fence

**Rule 21 – Wide Ball**

- a] During an Over, any ball pitching and going over the batsman's shoulders will be declared as a No Ball
- b] Full toss balls above the waist will be declared No Ball
- c] It will be the responsibility of the home team to measure and draw wide markers before the commencement of the game. The Umpires will have to ensure that the wide markers are drawn before the commencement of the game.

**Rule 22 – No Ball**

- a] During an Over, any ball pitching and going over the batsman's shoulders will be declared as a No Ball
- b] Full toss balls above the waist will be declared No Ball only for Fast and Medium paced bowlers

## **Rule 23 – Super Sub**

- a] The super-sub has to be indicated in the list of players provided by both the captains to the umpire before the toss.
- b] A super-sub cannot take the place of a wicket-keeper.
- c] A super-sub can be always used as a regular fielding substitute by the fielding team.
- d] A super-sub cannot super-sub and bowl in place of a bowler in the fielding side who has already bowled an over in the game.

## **Rule 24 – Other Penalties**

### **Section I:**

1. ASSIGNMENT: All clubs shall be required to fulfil their umpiring assignments as appearing in the schedule.
2. FAILURE: The failure to meet the each umpiring assignment shall result in an automatic fine of \$100 per failure, payable to the Umpire or to an Executive Officer on or before the commencement of the next game. Should the penalty described above be defaulted the team in violation shall automatically lose the next game it plays. In addition to the fine, the team violating the umpiring assignment shall have two points deducted from its total.
3. TRAINING: All Bona-Fide members shall be obliged to go through continuous training.

### **Section II:**

1. ASSIGNMENT: All clubs shall be required to fill out of Scores on the website. The scores should be filled within three (3) days of the completion of the match
2. FAILURE: The failure to meet shall result in an automatic fine of \$50 per failure, payable to the Umpire or to an Executive Officer on or before the commencement of the next game. Should the penalty described above be defaulted the team in violation shall automatically lose the next game it plays.

### **Section III:**

1. Assignment: Member clubs are required to fulfill meeting requirements as stated in Article XIII.
2. Failure: The first failure to meet the meeting requirements shall result in an automatic fine of \$100 payable to the Umpire or to an Executive Officer on or before the commencement of the next game. Should the penalty described above be defaulted the team in violation shall automatically lose the next game it plays. The next failure shall lead to deduction of two points from the team's total which is in addition to the fine.

## **Rule 25– Playing in two leagues**

An AGCC registered player cannot play in more than one league in the State of Georgia and Alabama. Penalties for violating this rule will be decided jointly by the BODs and EOs.