



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HAMILTON DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

ARTICLE 1 - Title

The body, herein termed the league, shall properly be called the Hamilton District Cricket League also refer (known) as HDCL.

ARTICLE 2 - The League operations:

- a) Promote the interests of cricket in general in Hamilton District and nearby regions as outlined by Provincial Cricket Association.
- b) Provide, manage & regulate fair Cricket competition amongst its member clubs with in Hamilton District, nearby regions, as well as other likewise bodies as outlined by Provincial Cricket Association.
- c) Cooperate with the Provincial Cricket Association and National Cricket Association on all matters concerning cricket in its region, province and country.

ARTICLE 3 - Member Clubs

The League shall consist of such member clubs deemed acceptable by the League Assembly, which agree to abide by the league's Constitution, Bylaws, Playing conditions, Code of Conduct and all decisions of the league, its committees and Officers.

ARTICLE 4 - Management

The affairs of the League shall entrust to the League Assembly, or to the League Executives in its stead.

ARTICLE 5 - League Assembly

- a) The League Assembly shall consist of:
 - a. Two delegates or alternates, being appointed by each member club; and
 - b. The league executive body, as defined in Article 6.
- b) Delegates or League Executives shall have the right to table motions. The league President on behalf of the league executive body shall only carry a tiebreaker vote.
- c) Alternates may serve for absent delegates and for delegates ruled ineligible to vote on a particular matter by the league President.

- d) Two-thirds of the member clubs represented by at least one delegate or alternate shall constitute a quorum at all General Assembly Meetings
- e) The assembly shall meet minimum twice annually: for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Spring Annual General Meeting (SAGM). A Special General Meeting may be further convened at the discretion of the League Executives. A minimum notice of twenty-one (21) days, via electronic mail is mandatory as notice of General Meeting of members.
- f) Participation in the league assembly meetings is mandatory for all member clubs
- g) Any member club failing to attend league assembly meeting shall be subject to a monetary fine as communicated by the league executive with the notice of meetings
- h) The Annual General Meeting shall:
 - a. Elect the League Executives, as defined in Article 6.
 - b. Be convened preferably prior to thirty-first day of December each year but no later than the fifteenth day of February each year.
 - c. Spring General Meeting (SAGM) shall be convened not later than the thirtieth day of April each year.

ARTICLE 6 - League Executives

The league executive body shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Scheduler/Statistician, Treasurer, Umpiring Coordinator, and one (1) Executive at Large. At any meetings of League Executives, the President shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote in case of a tie.

If an elected position is unfilled at the AGM, the League Executive body shall appoint a suitable candidate to fill this position until the SAGM where this position can be validated/approved or else if not approved, formal election to such position must take place to fill vacant position

There shall be no more than two (2) members on the executive board from one club. If the league executive body consists of more than two (2) members from a club, then only one of those two members shall have voting privileges at any executive meeting.

- ❖ President and Vice President shall not be from the same club.
- ❖ President and Treasurer shall not be from the same club.

ARTICLE 7 - Selection Committee

- a) The league executives shall appoint the selection committee members.
- b) The selection committee shall comprise of three (3) members with no more than one member from the same club. For regular league
- c) The committee shall operate within the mandate of committee's term of reference as approved by the league executives.
- d) At its discretion, this committee may appoint the team captain and/or a manager/coach

ARTICLE 8 - Fixtures

The Scheduler/Statistician shall prepare a schedule for regular league fixtures, play-offs and other fixtures pertinent to the League.

ARTICLE 9- Financing

- a) The League shall be financed by membership fee as set by the League Assembly and in accordance with the League Bylaws.
- b) Fees shall be payable not later than dates outlined in the League Bylaws.
- c) The League Treasurer is required to keep an account of all financial transactions pertaining to the League operations.
- d) The financial fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December each year.
- e) The League shall maintain a General Fund for all incoming monies and expenditures, which shall be authorized by the League Executives.
- f) The League shall also maintain a Special Fund for all extraordinary expenditures authorized by the League Assembly who shall also apportion monies to the account from the General Fund.
- g) Payment of accounts by the League shall be made by cheque, signed by two officers of the League.

ARTICLE 10 - Discipline

- a) Settlement of disputes, and administration of disciplinary action, shall rest with the League Executives, and may take the form of fines, suspensions, point deduction, expulsions, and disqualifications for actions detrimental to the League, the game of cricket, and/or unfair, improper or unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the field.
- b) Disciplinary action agreed upon by the League Executives shall be taken only after all aggrieved parties have had the benefit of a full hearing, which may be by submission of written evidence and/or attendance by the parties involved or their representatives. It is incumbent upon the League Executives to settle all disputes or incidents in a fair and speedy manner. League Executives must make efforts to render a decision on all disputes within 14 days of the dispute or incident where possible.

ARTICLE 11 - Rules of Play

- a) Competition for the league championship shall be conducted under the laws of cricket as prescribed by the ICC subject to amendments of the National, Provincial Cricket Associations, the bylaws and playing conditions of Hamilton District Cricket League.

ARTICLE 12 - Revisions

- a) Revisions, amendments, deletions and/or additions to this Constitution shall not be made except by the League Assembly only at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- b) A prior notice of minimum twenty-one (21) days shall be provided to member clubs via electronic mail.
- c) A two-thirds majority of all member clubs present and eligible to vote provided quorum is established must ratify all revisions, amendments, deletions and/or additions to this Constitution.
- d) By-laws voted upon at the Annual General Meeting may not be reconsidered at the following Spring Annual General Meeting unless ratified by all member clubs present and eligible to vote provided quorum is established.