

League Governing Rules

Toronto and District Cricket Association (the "Association"))

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BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED as a by-law of the Toronto and District Cricket Association (the "Association") as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.1 The board of the Association shall provide official communications to the Designated Representative of each member and the Designated Member of each member shall provide communications to the Association in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 8 of By-Law No. 2.

ARTICLE 2 – FEES

- 2.1 A member shall be assessed its annual fee based on the number of teams it intends to have compete during the ensuing season. One-third of the total annual fees shall be payable on June 1st, one third shall be payable on July 1st and the remaining one third shall be payable on August 1st of each year (the "**Annual Fee Payment Procedure**"). Annual fees for members shall be determined prior to the start of the cricket season, which is the second week of May, by the board. The Association shall be entitled to charge interest at a rate of two (2) per cent (2%) per month on outstanding balances on total billings and may in any year also offer a discount of not more than three (5) per cent (5%) for annual fees paid in full by the end of April. Failure to pay annual fees in accordance with the Annual Fee Payment Procedure may result in any or all teams affiliated with the offending member being

2.1.1 suspended from further participation in Association games, and/or

2.1.2 penalized two (2) points for each violation of this Article 2.

- 2.2 Each team of a member shall deposit a bond fee, as determined by the board, prior to the start of the cricket season. The bond will be fully refunded when a team leaves the member and is no longer affiliated with any member of the Association, provided it has fulfilled its financial obligations to the Association. The bond shall be deposited into a segregated account and must not be used as part of the Association's general operating funds, with the exception of the interest earned, which

interest earned shall be used for junior cricket development or any authorized coaching program.

- 2.3 Each player shall be required to pay a levy as per Schedule A attached hereto when he/she registers for the first time with the Association.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding 2.1, any new member applying for membership in the Association must include an application fee as determined by the board and shall be calculated separately from the new member's annual fees. All new members shall be on probation for a period of two (2) consecutive playing seasons, and after the expiration of such two-year probation period, the status of a new member shall be reviewed.
- 2.5 Notwithstanding 2.1, by March 1 of each calendar year, each existing member is required to notify the board as to the number of teams it will be entering for the upcoming season.

ARTICLE 3 – REGISTRATIONS

- 3.1 **Clubs** - Each member shall be responsible for ensuring the correct member information is provided to the Association's Correspondence Secretary. Each Member is also responsible for entering/maintaining its information on the Association's website. The specifics of what information is required to be maintained are detailed on the Association's website.
- 3.2 **Executives** - Each member shall be responsible for entering/updating the information for its Designated Representatives on the Association's website. Required information includes but is not limited to the name, address, including postal code, telephone numbers, and email addresses. The Association shall correspond with a member's Designated Representative in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 8 of By-Law No. 2.
- 3.3 **Players** - Each player shall register annually by filling out and filing the registration form, which can be found on the Association's website. Every registered player will be given a registration number. The membership status of each player (junior, senior, guest, etc. must be included. Providing one's birth date is mandatory for a player who wants to be considered as a junior or colt – if the birth date of the player is not entered, then the player will not be considered a junior or colt. Full information is required, and if the application form is not completed to the satisfaction of the board, then the player will not be considered registered. Members are responsible for ensuring that similar names of players on their teams are readily distinguishable either by giving full names or by giving the dates of birth in addition to the names. If a player's signature is absent from the registration form provided by the member and such player has not played

- in any Association sponsored games, then the member which owns such a player may not hold that player for release and such player may transfer to any team of his or her choice. The spelling of player names registered on the Association's website must match the spelling of the player's name located on a valid government-issued photo ID. And for purposes of clarity, a valid government issued ID shall be restricted to passports and driver's licences. Players must be registered on the Association's website by 9:00 PM, the day before the match in which they wish to play; otherwise, a player will not be eligible to play in the match the following day.
- 3.4 If a player is found not to be duly registered by his/her Member, the board shall investigate the circumstances and may suspend, fine, or reverse the result of any game the player played in, with any points awarded to the offending team being distributed to the opposing team.
 - 3.5 Any player playing under an assumed name, or any team willfully using variations in the spelling of a player name, for purposes of circumventing the registration or release process, shall be in violation of the playing rules. The Association may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, suspend the offending player and fine the member. In addition, if the offending team wins any match while a player has competed in such a match in violation of this section 3.5, the points awarded for any game won shall be taken away and awarded to the losing team.
 - 3.6 If a player is registered by a member other than the member with which he was last registered in any previous season, the new registration must be accompanied by a release, stating that the player is in good standing with the previous member and a copy of the release form shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association.
 - 3.7 Members, teams, and players registered with the Association shall not be permitted to participate or play in Ontario in any league match that is not sanctioned by the Association without prior permission from the board. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension or termination from the Association and/or a maximum fine, as per Schedule A, to be paid by the offending Member, team, or player to the Association.
 - 3.8 Members shall be restricted to registering one (1) colt team in Association competitions, and the registration fee shall be set by the board. A colt team shall be comprised of at least eight (8) colt players. a colt player is defined as a player 21 years of age and under and whose 21st birthday fell, or would fall, on or after September 1st of the previous year. If a player is found to have been registered as a colt player but did not meet the restrictions of this section 3.8 at the time of registration, the player and/or member shall be levied a fine as per Schedule A for each infraction. In addition, if the infraction is committed by a winning team, any points acquired in any game won shall be taken away and awarded to the losing team.

- 3.9 The board, notwithstanding the proper registration of any player, may debar any player from participation in Association games who is indebted to the Association.

ARTICLE 4 – TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 4.1 The board may permit the transfer of any player, who is duly registered with the Association, from one member to another member, as it deems such transfer proper, provided that any application for transfer shall be submitted to the Association prior to July 15th by the player concerned and shall include a release, duly signed by the Designated Representative of the member to which the player wishes to transfer. Any player transferring from one member to another member must be in good standing with the player's current member; otherwise, the transfer shall be denied by the board. A Designated Representative shall notify the Association's Secretary immediately of any player who ceases to be in good standing with the Designated Representative's Member. A player shall not be considered to have been granted a transfer until both the current member and member to which the player requests a transfer to have been so notified by the board of the transfer. Unless the player and the member to which the player is to be transferred to agree otherwise in writing, the player shall only be responsible for club playing fees, up to a three (3) year maximum, starting from the date the player is transferred from the player's existing team. An extra fee shall not be required for the transfer of a registered player.
- 4.2 If a player is in good standing, wants to transfer from one member to another member prior to July 15th, and has been refused a release by the member from which the player wishes to transfer, or the release has been delayed for more than seven (7) days after the player requested the same, the player or the member to which the player wants to join, may apply directly to the board. The board, after being satisfied that the player is entitled to a release, may grant such a release, and where it determines that the release was arbitrarily or willfully withheld, may take disciplinary action against the offending.
- 4.3 If a player is not in good standing with his/her member and wishes to transfer to another member, the player must settle all outstanding balances with his/her current member. The player may settle such outstanding balances on his/her own behalf or the member which the player intends to join may settle such outstanding balances, provided such member agrees to do so.
- 4.4 If the Association is called upon to grant a player's release, in accordance with section 4.2 above, the circumstances regarding the release shall be reviewed by the board. If the member holding the release did not report

the player as being in default of payments to the Association and the member has insufficient documented evidence of the same, the Association shall use its best judgment to address the matter and render a verdict. The Association shall issue releases in such cases after reviewing the circumstances, and notifying the member and player.

- 4.5 Junior players who have been brought up through the ranks of a member shall not be permitted to play for another member without the former member receiving reasonable financial compensation from the member the player is transferring to. The amount of compensation shall be determined on an annual basis by the board and will remain the same unless it is changed by the board and shall apply to all juniors for a period of up to three (3) years after the date on which the player graduates from the junior competition. The financial compensation is as per Schedule A.

ARTICLE 5 – SEEDED PLAYERS

- 5.1 All members with more than one team and which are playing in the S9, Elite and Premier Divisions shall submit the names of five (5) players to the Association, before the start of the season, to be seeded in each higher division. The board or a committee designated by the board, shall review the names submitted by the member and may adjust the players' list as necessary. The board shall electronically publish and inform the Designated Representative of each Member of the changes at least one (1) week prior to the start of the season. On any given day, max of 2 seeded players can play/team in immediate lower division in club. Where the board has not published a list at the beginning of the current season, the last published list at the end of the previous season shall remain in effect. The Association shall update the list on June 15th, July 15th and August 15th during the season (the "**Seasonal Changes**"). The updated list shall be posted to the Association's website, and the board shall electronically inform the Designated Representative of each member of all Seasonal Changes at least one week prior to each Seasonal Change taking effect. It is the member's responsibility to adhere to this by-law.
- 5.2 Penalty for contravening section 5.1 - If the offending team wins a match, the points awarded for the win shall be taken away and awarded to the losing team. Three points will also be subtracted from the winning team's total points. If the infraction was committed by the losing team, three points shall be taken away from the team's total points. The offending team shall also be liable to pay a fine in the amount of \$50.00, as per Schedule A attached hereto.

ARTICLE 6 – SCHEDULE OF GAMES

- 6.1 Each year and no later than the last day of April of each year, a schedule of Association sponsored games shall be prepared and posted to the Association's website by the board. . Subject to revision by the board, the divisions shall be known and have seniority as follows, with the most seniority being given to the Elite and the least seniority being given to division IV.
- Super 9
 - Elite
 - Premier
 - Division I
 - Division II
 - Division III
2. Each division may be divided into two (2) or more conferences.
3. The board shall have the power to modify the schedule as it deems fit, as such amendments may be necessary to safeguard the best interests of the Association and the members.

ARTICLE 7 – GAME PLAY & PARTICIPATION

- 7.1 Refusal of a member or team to participate in a scheduled game or unilateral withdrawal of a member or team from a game shall result in the member or team being deemed to have withdrawn from the Association. All fees paid to the Association by a member or team withdrawing from the schedule shall remain the undisputed property of the Association.
- 7.2 Any team defaulting three (3) consecutive games or a total of six (6) games in any season shall be deemed to have disbanded. Any points won against any team deemed to have disbanded during the playing season shall not be counted in the final standings.
- 7.3 No scheduled Association sponsored game shall be postponed, cancelled or relocated, except if a ruling of the board or person(s) so designated by the Association to handle such matters. In such circumstances, within a reasonable period of time, the board shall post adequate information to the Association's website so as to inform members of such postponements, cancellations, or relocations. Additionally, all changes made to the schedule shall be communicated to the Designated Representative at least one week before the date of the rescheduled match. The board also has the discretion to reschedule Association sponsored games with shorter notice.
- 7.4 After the Association's schedule of games has been published, no Member or team shall play a friendly match, which interferes or conflicts

with Association sponsored games. Representative games played under the jurisdiction of the Association shall take precedence over any and all other Association game.

- 7.5 Score / game sheets shall be used to record all games under the jurisdiction of the Association and shall show in full the batting and bowling performances for each Association match up to the official time for drawing stumps (the “**Game Sheets**”). The Game Sheets shall bear the signature of both umpires officiating at each game and a copy of each Game Sheet must be held by the Designated Representative of each Member until after the annual general meeting of the members concludes. At the close of the first innings of each game the captains of each team shall examine the scores and verify the scores for validity. The umpire(s) will make a final and binding ruling concerning the scores in the event the captains of each team do not agree on the scores.
- 7.6 Not later than three (3) days after the completion of each Association sponsored game, the umpire, or in the absence of an umpire, the captain of each competing member team shall deliver or electronically send to the Secretary of the Association, or such other person as the board may direct, the Game Sheet . Any member failing to comply with all the terms of this Section 7.6, at the discretion of the board, may be omitted from all Association records and deemed to have never competed in any game for which the member failed to timely submit a completed Game Sheet .
- 7.7 It is the member’s responsibility to compute and complete the statistics of its innings and data for each game (the “**Statistics**”) and post the Statistics on the Association’s website within three (3) business days of completion the game to which the Statistics relate. Failure to comply with this Section 7.7 will result in a deduction of two (2) points from the member’s standings.

ARTCILE 8 – GROUNDS

- 8.1 Grounds for Association sponsored games granted to the Association shall be at all times under the control of the board and shall be allotted to members for their use during such periods and times as the board may deem proper.
- 8.2 If any Association sponsored game is suspended or halted by the actions of the officials of the ground on which the match is being played, the Umpire(s) must bring this action to the attention of the Association within five (5) days.
- 8.3 Where any Association sponsored game is played in a public park and a municipal official or officer has ceased, either temporarily or entirely, play

of any match, members, teams, and players are required to comply immediately with the municipal official's or officer's decision. Games cancelled by municipal officials or officers shall be deemed an incomplete game and shall not be rescheduled. The result would be determined based on the time of the cancellation, the same as a rain interrupted game.

ARTICLE 9 – FINAL STANDING, PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 9.1 The board shall announce the structure of the league , methodologies, rules and regulations that will be applied for promotion and relegation at the beginning of each new season, but in no case shall such announcement be later than the second week of May each year.
- 9.2 No member shall be permitted to field two (2) or more teams in either the Elite or Premier divisions.
3. Promotion and relegation should be based solely on points barring any extenuating circumstances. In any extenuating circumstance, such as a promoted club becomes non-existent or banned, the board will apply the rule of 'next in line' to choose the replacement. The board shall announce the 'next in line' rule at the beginning of each new season or before the commencement of the playoffs.

ARTICLE 10 – UMPIRES & LIAISON

- 10.1 Before the commencement of each season, the board shall appoint from its membership an umpire's liaison who will work in cooperation with the Selected Umpires Association to ensure that umpires for the games of the Association are properly and efficiently allocated to regular season games and to recommend officials for representative and playoff Association sponsored games.
- 10.2 Within three (3) days of the completion of a Association sponsored game, umpires shall report in writing to the board any and all teams not ready to commence play by the starting time, specifically and comprehensively stating the circumstances for any such team's failure to commence play by a scheduled start time. Umpires shall also report in writing on the Game Sheets to the board any member, team, or player whether present as players or spectators, who at any time during the game are guilty, in the

umpire's reasonable opinion, of conduct detrimental to the best interest of the game or the Association.

ARTICLE 11 – PROTEST AND COMPLAINT

- 11.1 All matters of protest and complaints which Members may wish to bring before the board must be submitted in writing within seven (7) days of the occurrence of any incident.
- 11.2 All protests must be filed by completing the 'Protest Form', which can be found under 'Forms Section' of the Association's website, and the Protest Form must be signed by the Designated Representative of the protesting member and must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association. A protest fee, as per Schedule A attached hereto, payable per occurrence, must be accompanied with the Protest Form for a protest to be processed by the Association. Fees will only be returned to the protesting/complaining team if the ruling is favorable to that team and any and all points scored by the offending team during the game from which the dispute arose shall revert from the offending team to the opposing team. A fine equal to the protest fee will be levied against the offending team.
- 11.3 On receipt of a Protest Form and protest fee, the board shall forward the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, which may cause a hearing to be held. Following the review of the incident as described in the Protest Form, the Disciplinary Committee shall recommend to the board any action deemed appropriate under the circumstances against the member, team, or player. If the board agrees with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, the board shall have the decision communicated to the member, team, or player that was listed in the Protest Form. Otherwise, the board shall initiate a review of the decision by giving notice to all parties, and such review shall be performed before issuing a request to communicate to all parties concerned. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the member, team, or player involved shall be deemed to have received notification of the decision fifteen (15) days after such notification was sent by the Secretary of the Association.
- 11.4 Any member which has sent a protest or complaint or been the subject of disciplinary action by the Association shall have the right to appeal the Association's decision concerning a protest or complaint by requesting a review within thirty (30) days of the decision being rendered.
- 11.5 On an appeal by the member, the board may consider any new evidence that was not available at the time of the Disciplinary Committee hearing, provided the board deems such new evidence to be relevant and material. The board reserves the right to impose a lesser or a greater penalty than that which was originally imposed.

- 11.6 In determining what penalties should be applied in each case, the Disciplinary Committee and the board shall be guided by the Players Code of Conduct, a copy of which can be found on the Association's website.
- 11.7 The board shall have the power to investigate any match in which it appears that players have been chosen contrary to the best interest of Association and to take such action as it feels necessary.

ARTICLE 12 – JUNIOR TEAMS, PLAYERS & JUNIOR CRICKET COMMITTEE

- 12.1 For the encouragement, administration and regulation of junior cricket, the board may appoint a junior cricket coordinator from the elected board, following the annual general meeting of the members. The selected junior coordinator shall chair the junior cricket committee. The duties of the junior cricket committee shall be to organize the junior league structure, institute competition, maintain and implement the rules for junior cricket as specified by the Association. All actions of the junior cricket committee shall be subject to the approval of the board .
- 12.2 All members, except those who have been a member for less than a year, must sponsor and maintain at least one junior team. Failure or inability to comply will result in a penalty, as per Schedule A attached hereto, to be levied against the Member per year such member fails to comply with its obligation in this section 12.2 herein. The proceeds from this penalty will be used for the development of junior cricket.
- 12.3 All penalty fees and all other revenues collected for junior cricket shall be deposited in a segregated account to be managed by the Association's treasurer and must not be grouped with the Association's general operating funds.
4. Junior players who wish to transfer to another member must comply with Section 4.5 herein.
- 12.5 A junior player must receive written permission from the board before he/she can play for a member that is not his/her parent member. A junior player must play a minimum of six (6) games, junior games included, for a member before he/she can represent such member in any senior division playoff game.

ARTICLE 13 – REPRESENTATIVE GAMES

- 13.1 For all Association sponsored games, selection of umpires and grounds, together with other arrangements, shall be carried out by the board, unless it deems it necessary that such powers shall be delegated to any person or persons, or other committee or committees.
- 13.2 The board may, in its discretion, reward caps or other suitable forms of recognition to all players who take part in any inter-provincial or other representative match.

ARTICLE 14 – TROPHIES

- 14.1 All trophies presented to or purchased by the Association shall be the property of the Association and shall be vested in the board as trustees. Any such trophy shall be for competition, as designated in the deed of gift, or if there is no deed of gift, as determined by the board. Any member winning a trophy through competition in an Association sponsored game, shall be held responsible for its proper custody and safe keeping and shall be liable to the Association for any damage or loss sustained while such trophy is in the member's possession.

ARTICLE 15 – TRANSFER OF CLUB OWNERSHIP

- 15.1 Members in good standing may transfer member ownership from one organization to another, subject to the approval of the board and provided an application to transfer is submitted to the Secretary of the Association prior to February 1 of the year in which a transfer is sought. If the application to transfer is submitted to the Associations Secretary before February 1 of the year in which the transfer is sought and the board approves the transfer, the transfer will be effective as of the start of the playing season in such year.

ARTICLE 16 – PLAYOFFS

- 16.1 In order to qualify to participate in the play-offs of any season for any division, all senior players must have played at least one-third (rounded-up) of regular scheduled league games in the same or lower division in the current season.
- 16.2 Junior players are required to comply with 12.5.
3. No later than April of each year, the board shall post the play-offs format on the Association's website. .

- 16.4 The board shall have the power to analyze the playoffs participants and will announce, before the commencement of the playoffs, an adequate procedure, which shall be fair to all playoff participants, for resolving any conflicting possibilities relating to promotion and relegation.

ARTICLE 17 – PLAYER DEFINITION

- 17.1 **Junior Player:** As defined by the International Cricket Council (the “**ICC**”) for non-test playing countries, a player 19 years of age and under and whose 19th birthday fell, or would fall, on or after September 1st of the previous year of that summer competition.
- 17.2 **Colts:** As defined by the ICC for non-test playing countries, a player 21 years of age and under and whose 21st birthday fell, or would fall, on or after September 1st of the previous year of that summer competition.
- 17.3 **Local Player:** A Local Player is one who meets the following conditions:
- 17.3.1 Is a Canadian citizen, or
 - 17.3.2 A Canadian permanent resident, or
 - 17.3.3 Any player who has legally lived in Canada for more than nine (9) months in the previous year, despite their immigration status, and has a member submit to the board satisfactory evidence, demonstrating that such player has legally lived in Canada for a period of more than nine (9) months.

It is the player’s or his/her member’s responsibility to establish his/her player status upon request by the Association.

- 17.4 **Foreign Players:** A Foreign player is defined as any player who does not qualify as a local player.
- 17.4.1 Each member is required to submit the names of all Foreign players on its roster to the board before any Foreign player can participate in any Association sponsored games.
 - 17.4.2 Each team is only allowed to play a maximum of three Foreign players in the same Corporate sponsored game.
 - 17.4.3 Foreign players must be registered under the following membership type: Guest Player.
 - 17.4.4 Any breach of the specific rules governing Foreign players may result in the following penalties:

- 17.4.4.1 Any points gained in the game shall be revoked and awarded to the opposing team; and/or
- 17.4.4.2 A fine, as per Schedule A.

ARTICLE 18 – INTERPRETATION

All capitalized terms used in this by-law shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meanings given to them in the Association’s By-Law No. 2.

SCHEDULE A

	Article Number	Category	Amount
1.	2.3	Levy amount for a player upon registering for the first time with the Association	\$10.00
2.	2.6	Deposit amount for the existing member to be paid with the application	\$300.00
3.	3.7	Fine levied against a player or member for violating Article 3.7 – participating in other leagues that are not sanctioned by the Association	\$1,000.00
4.	3.8	Fine for violating Article 3.8 – playing over-aged players on a colt’s team	\$100.00
5.	4.5	Compensation for transfer of Junior players	1 st Year - \$500.00
			2 nd Year - \$400.00

			3 rd Year - \$300.00
6.	5.2	Penalty for playing seeded players in lower divisions	\$50.00
7.	11.2	Protest fee to be accompanied with the protest form	\$200.00
8.	12.2	Junior team penalty	\$250.00
9.	17.4.6.2	Foreign player penalty	\$1,000.00