

**ICC World Test Championship 2025-2027
Competition Regulations**

INTRODUCTION

- (A) The following Members have agreed the concept and structure of the fourth edition of the ICC World Test Championship, which they shall contest in the period from June 2025 – March 2027:

Cricket Australia
Bangladesh Cricket Board
England & Wales Cricket Board
The Board of Control for Cricket in India
New Zealand Cricket
Pakistan Cricket Board
Cricket South Africa
Sri Lanka Cricket
Cricket West Indies

- (B) These Competition Regulations set out the basis upon which the Parties shall commit and bind themselves to their participation in the WTC and the way in which the WTC shall be organised as set out in these Regulations.

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 These Regulations set out the rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Members between themselves and with regard to the ICC (where relevant) in relation to the WTC and their participation in their Team's Matches. The Parties accept and agree to be bound by, to observe and to comply with the terms of these Regulations.

- 1.2 In these Competition Regulations (except where the context otherwise requires and unless otherwise defined herein) capitalised words and expressions shall have the meanings set out below:

"Acceptable Non-Compliance" shall have the meaning set out in Regulation 6.1;

"Competition Regulations" means these Regulations;

"Competition Window" means, in relation to the 2025-2027 edition of the WTC, the period from June 2025 to end of March 2027 inclusive, subject to any extension in line with Regulation 4.3;

"Covid-19 Situation" means circumstances where a Party's ability to fulfil its obligations under these Regulations is significantly impacted by public health measures and/or other restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, including but not limited to (i) international travel restrictions and border requirements; (ii) the non-availability of commercial air travel on standard terms; (iii) mandatory quarantine requirements; (iv) recommended precautionary self-isolation; (v) costs relating to compliance with public health measures; and/or (vi) other relevant biosecurity requirements;

"Effective Date" means 11 April 2025;

"Force Majeure Event" shall have the meaning set out in Regulation 6.3;

"Host Member" means the Party scheduled to host the Tour, Series or Match as set out in the WTC Schedule, whether hosted in the Host Member's country or in another country at a venue approved by the ICC;

"ICC" means ICC Business Corporation FZ LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the International Cricket Council Limited, incorporated under the regulations of the Dubai Development Authority with its registered address at DMC-BLD05-VD-G00-075, Dubai Media City, Dubai, United Arab Emirates and having its administrative office at Street 69,

Dubai Sports City, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road, PO Box 500070, Dubai, United Arab Emirates;

"ICC Minimum Hosting Requirements" means the ICC's regulations in relation to the staging of international cricket, as may be amended and communicated to the Parties from time to time, including but not limited to venue guidelines and security, medical and anti-corruption requirements;

"ICC Regulations" means the ICC's Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, Anti-Corruption Code for Participants, Anti-Doping Code for Players and Player Support Personnel, Anti-Racism Code for Participants, Player Eligibility Regulations, Clothing and Equipment Regulations and any other ICC rules and regulations that may be in force and applicable from time to time;

"Independent Report" shall have the meaning set out in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4;

"Match" means any Test Match scheduled to be played between the Parties and set out in WTC Schedule;

"Member" means each ICC Member that has agreed to participate in the WTC, as referenced at recital (A) of the Introduction;

"Participation Terms" means the terms on which all ICC Members participate in ICC events from time to time;

"Parties" means any and all of the Members and the ICC as applicable to the context of the relevant Regulation;

"Playing Conditions" means the ICC World Test Championship Playing Conditions, as communicated by the ICC to the Parties and as may be amended by the ICC from time to time;

"Round Stage" means the twenty-seven (27) Series comprising the 2025-2027 edition of the WTC;

"Security Situation" shall have the meaning set out in Regulation 6.4;

"Series" means two or more Matches contested between the same Parties in succession, and noted as such in the WTC Schedule;

"Squad" means the group of players and officials representing one of the Parties in a Match, Series or Tour that is part of the WTC Schedule;

"Team" means the team representing one of the Parties in a Match which is part of the WTC Schedule;

"Term" means the duration of these Regulations as set out in Regulation 2;

"Tour" means a tour during which a Series is played, as set out in Schedule 1;

"Unacceptable Non-Compliance" shall have the meaning set out in Regulation 6.2;

"Visiting Member" means the Party scheduled to be the visiting team for a Tour, Series or Match set out in the WTC Schedule;

"WTC" means the ICC World Test Championship;

"WTC Schedule" means the Matches set out in Schedule 1, as may be updated from time to time; and

“WTC Technical Committee” means the committee constituted by the ICC and having the composition and jurisdiction set out in Schedule 3 of these Competition Regulations.

- 1.3 In these Competition Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter and vice versa.
- 1.4 References to Regulations, Paragraphs and Schedules are, unless otherwise stated, references to regulations and paragraphs of and schedules to these Competition Regulations. The expression "this Regulation" shall, unless followed by the number of a specific part of the Regulation, refer to the whole Regulation in which it occurs.
- 1.5 All Schedules to these Competition Regulations are incorporated into and form an integral part of these Competition Regulations.
- 1.6 Any table of contents and any headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of these Competition Regulations.
- 1.7 References to any of the Parties include their respective successors in title and permitted assignees.
- 1.8 References to a person (or to a word importing a person) shall be construed so as to include that person's successors in title and assigns or transferees; and references to a person shall also be construed as including an individual, firm, partnership, trust, joint venture, company corporate, body corporate, unincorporated body, association, organisation, any government, or state or any agency of a government or state, or any local or municipal authority or other governmental body (whether or not in each case having separate legal personality); and references to a person's representatives shall be to its officers, employees, legal or other professional advisers, sub-contractors, agents, attorneys and other representatives.
- 1.9 The "Eiusdem Generis" rule does not apply to the interpretation of these Competition Regulations. The words **"include"**, **"including"** and **"in particular"** or any similar expression indicate examples only and do not limit the general nature of any preceding words. A phrase starting with the words "or other" or "otherwise" is not limited by any preceding words where a wider interpretation is possible.
- 1.10 References to these Competition Regulations or any other document shall be construed as references to these Competition Regulations or that other document, as amended, varied, novated, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
- 1.11 Where these Competition Regulations define a word or expression, related words and expressions have a consistent meaning.

2. **COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION**

These Competition Regulations shall come into force on the Effective Date and shall continue in force until the last Tour in the WTC Schedule has been concluded and there are no outstanding unresolved issues involving any Party relating to these Competition Regulations.

3. **GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

- 3.1 The Parties agree (subject only to Acceptable Non-Compliance) that their Teams shall fully participate in the WTC, in accordance with these Competition Regulations.
- 3.2 Each Party agrees, acknowledges and undertakes that it shall:

- (a) ensure that its Team plays in each Match in which it is scheduled to take part under the WTC Schedule, in accordance with the dates, venues and scheduled hours of play set out in the WTC Schedule or as may be amended in accordance with these Competition Regulations;
- (b) procure that, in relation to their participation in Matches covered under these Competition Regulations, all members of its Squad shall at all times be bound by and shall comply fully with the Playing Conditions and all ICC Regulations in force and applicable from time to time;
- (c) provide such information as may be reasonably required by the ICC or another Party from time to time relating to the administration and organisation of the WTC;
- (d) comply with all reasonable requests or deadlines set out in official communications from the ICC from time to time;
- (e) ensure that all Players in its Team are eligible to represent that Party in the WTC pursuant to the ICC Player Eligibility Regulations;
- (f) select its strongest Team in the event that it qualifies for the WTC Final; and
- (g) comply with all requirements set out in the applicable ICC Regulations and Playing Conditions in relation to the organisation and conduct of Matches;
- (h) take out and maintain (or ensure that its Squad members take out and maintain) insurance cover for all members of its Squad at an appropriate level covering, at a minimum, damage to or loss of all baggage and personal effects, theft, flight delays or cancellation throughout the duration of these Regulations; and
- (i) arrange and pay for all necessary medical treatment for members of its Squad as may be necessary in relation to their participation in Tours and shall be liable for the costs of any such treatment that may arise.

3.3 The Host Member agrees, acknowledges and undertakes that it shall during the Round Stage:

- (a) organise and administer each Match, Series and Tour to international standards in accordance with the ICC Minimum Hosting Requirements and the Playing Conditions;
- (b) comply in all respects with the values set out in the Principles of Mutual Respect in relation to Tour Hosting set out at Schedule 2;
- (c) ensure the provision of the minimum level of DRS technology specified by the ICC, as may be amended by the ICC and advised to the Parties from time to time.

4. **COMPETITION FORMAT**

4.1 The WTC shall be contested by nine Teams: Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies.

4.2 The WTC shall consist of the Round Stage (contested by the Teams set out in Regulation 4.1 above) and the WTC Final (contested by the top two Teams on the Points Table following the conclusion of all Matches that were completed within the Competition Window).

4.3 All Matches shall be scheduled to be completed within the Competition Window.

- 4.4 The Round Stage shall consist of each Team playing six (6) Series, comprised of three (3) Series in which they shall be the Host Member and three (3) Series in which they shall be the Visiting Member. The Series that comprise the Round Stage are set out in Schedule 1 (WTC Schedule).
- 4.5 Each Series shall comprise a minimum of two (2) Matches and a maximum of five (5) Matches, with the exact number of Matches being subject to mutual agreement between the relevant Parties in accordance with the process set out in Regulation 5 of these Competition Regulations.
- 4.6 All Match venues shall be determined by the Host Member from its list of ICC accredited venues for Test Matches.
- 4.7 The Playing Conditions shall stipulate that all Matches shall be scheduled to be of five (5) days' duration.
- 4.8 Host Members shall be entitled to schedule day/night Matches with the consent of the Visiting Member.
- 4.9 There shall be a minimum of three (3) clear days scheduled between each Match within a Series.

5. **SCHEDULING**

- 5.1 All Parties have bilaterally agreed (and submitted to the ICC) information regarding the number of Matches that shall comprise each Series. This information has been approved by the ICC and forms the WTC Schedule set out at Schedule 1 to these Competition Regulations.
- 5.2 In order to protect the sporting integrity of the WTC, the relevant Parties may only agree to amend the number of Matches in a Series with the approval of the WTC Technical Committee.
- 5.3 The relevant Parties shall mutually agree and submit the following information (which shall upon approval by the ICC be incorporated into the WTC Schedule) to the ICC no later than six (6) months in advance of the commencement of the Series (as indicated in the WTC Schedule):
 - (a) exact dates for each Match;
 - (b) venues for each Match; and
 - (c) scheduled hours of play for each Match.
- 5.4 Amendments to the details set out in Regulation 5.3 above may be agreed mutually between the relevant Parties at any point up to 30 (thirty) days prior to the first scheduled Match of a Series, provided such changes do not impact on the Matches or Series of other Teams within the WTC Schedule. In order to protect the sporting integrity of the WTC, any amendments to the details set out in Regulation 5.3 above within 30 (thirty) days of the first scheduled Match of a Series shall be subject to the approval of the WTC Technical Committee.
- 5.5 The ICC shall maintain a current version of the WTC Schedule by updating the dates, venues and scheduled hours of play (in accordance with the information submitted by the Parties as set out in Regulations 5.1 and 5.3 above) and shall circulate a revised version to the Parties.

- 5.6 Where a Tour, Series or Match cannot take place in the country of the Host Member for any reason then the possibility of playing it in the country of another full or associate member of the ICC should be considered in good faith by both of the relevant Parties.
- 5.7 Any re-scheduling of a Tour, Series or Match shall only take place provided such Tour, Series or Match does not negatively affect any other Tour, Series or Match taking place at the same time under the WTC Schedule. When re-scheduling involves a Tour, Series or Match being held in another country: (i) such Tour, Series or Match must be approved by the relevant full or associate member in which any rearranged Tour, Series or Match is to be held, and (ii), consideration shall be given (without limitation to the generality of the foregoing) to any contractual obligations of other Parties to broadcasters and commercial partners.

6. **NON-COMPLIANCE**

- 6.1 The Parties acknowledge that the only situations where a failure by a Party to comply with their obligations under these Competition Regulations will constitute Acceptable Non-Compliance shall be where such failure to comply is attributable to:
- (i) a material breach by another Party;
 - (ii) a Force Majeure Event;
 - (iii) a Security Situation;
 - (iv) a Covid-19 Situation; or
 - (v) the circumstances set out in Regulation 6.5.
- 6.2 Any failure by a Party to comply with their obligations under these Competition Regulations other than as set out in Regulation 6.1 above shall constitute Unacceptable Non-Compliance.
- 6.3 A Force Majeure Event means any event preventing that Party from performing any or all of its obligations which arises from or is attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the control of the Party so prevented including strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes not involving the workforce of the Party so prevented, nuclear accident or acts of God, war or terrorist activity, riot and civil commotion (including in each case any threat thereof), compliance with any law or governmental order, policy, rule, regulation or direction, accident, fire, flood or storm but always excluding a Party's own negligence and/or lack of funds.
- 6.4 A Security Situation means circumstances where a Party complying with its obligations under these Competition Regulations is likely to give rise to a risk of death or serious personal injury to the Squad due to take part in the Tour concerned and, in each case, where there is no action that the Party or Parties concerned could reasonably take to render compliance with their obligations under these Competition Regulations possible, free of a risk of death or serious personal injury.
- 6.5 If a Party is unable to obtain express governmental clearance or permission to play any Match, Series or Tour against another Party then such circumstances shall constitute Acceptable Non-compliance and the relevant Party shall not be obliged to take part in any such Match, Series or Tour provided that the relevant Party has used its best endeavours to obtain any such required clearance or permission, including without limitation, by making such request for clearance or permission sufficiently in advance of the relevant Match, Series or Tour, promptly providing all required documentation and materials to the relevant authorities and regularly following up on the request.

7. PROCESS RELATING TO NON-COMPLIANCE

- 7.1 Where either Party involved in a Tour (whether the Host Member or Visiting Member) decides that it shall not be fulfilling an obligation to participate in a Tour, Series or Match on the basis that it believes that a Security Situation (or Force Majeure Event that relates to safety or security concerns) applies, the relevant Party shall notify the other Party and the ICC of their decision and the basis for their decision at the earliest opportunity. Any notification by a Party to the ICC to the effect that they have been informed that the other Party involved in a Tour will not be fulfilling a Tour, Series or Match shall also constitute a notification for the purposes of this Regulation.
- 7.2 Where a notification is made in accordance with Regulation 7.1, the relevant Parties shall promptly consult with each other and determine whether the Tour, Series or Match(es) in question may be rescheduled, so that it takes place as soon as reasonably possible after its original scheduled date set out in the WTC Schedule within the Competition Window. The Parties shall use best endeavours to reschedule the Tour, Series or Match(es) as soon as reasonably practicable and shall notify the ICC of the relevant information within forty-eight (48) hours of reaching agreement on such rescheduling. The subsequent participation of the relevant Parties in such rescheduled Tour, Series or Match shall fulfil their obligations under these Competition Regulations.
- 7.3 Where a notification is made in accordance with Regulation 7.1 and the relevant Parties cannot agree to reschedule the Tour, Series or Match(es) in question within the Competition Window as set out in Regulation 7.2 above, the relevant Parties shall use best endeavours to reach agreement as soon as reasonably practicable on whether the failure to meet the obligation to participate in the Tour, Series or Match(es) in question constitutes Acceptable Non-Compliance and shall notify the ICC within forty-eight (48) hours of reaching agreement.
- 7.4 In the event that a notification is made in accordance with Regulation 7.1 and the relevant Parties are unable to reschedule the Tour, Series or Match(es) in question within the Competition Window, and they are subsequently unable to reach agreement on whether the failure to meet the obligation to participate in the Tour, Series or Match in question constitutes Acceptable Non-Compliance within thirty (30) days of the receipt by the ICC of a notification pursuant to Regulation 7.1 above, then the ICC shall request an Independent Report in accordance with the process set out in Schedule 4.
- 7.5 Upon receipt by the ICC of the Independent Report following the conclusion of the process set out in Schedule 4, the ICC shall refer the matter to be determined by the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee in accordance with its Terms of Reference. The burden of proof shall be upon the Party or Parties claiming Acceptable Non-Compliance. The Dispute Panel of the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee shall, with regard to any issue of whether circumstances give rise to Acceptable Non-Compliance, take account of the Independent Report and any submissions made and other evidence filed by the Parties (including any security advice received by a Visiting Member from its government agencies to the extent such information is provided to the Dispute Panel) and shall determine whether or not the circumstances constitute Acceptable Non-Compliance.
- 7.6 Where a notification is made to the ICC in relation to a failure or potential failure to comply with obligations to participate in a Tour, Series or Match(es) under these Competition Regulations other than following a notification made in accordance with Regulation 7.1, or if any other issue arises in relation to the satisfaction of a Party's obligations to participate in a Tour, Series or Match(es) under these Competition Regulations, the matter shall be immediately referred to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee in accordance with its Terms of Reference for a determination of whether such failure or potential failure constitutes Acceptable Non-Compliance or Unacceptable Non-Compliance.
- 7.7 Where any matter falls to be referred to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee less than four (4) weeks before the commencement of the Tour, Series or Match concerned (or in

such other circumstances where the ICC so requests), the Dispute Panel of the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee shall determine the issue of whether or not the circumstances constitute Acceptable Non-Compliance on an expedited basis in accordance the Terms of Reference of the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee.

8. CONSEQUENCES OF MATCHES OR SERIES NOT BEING PLAYED

- 8.1 Where any Match does not take place due to the Unacceptable Non-Compliance of a Party then points shall be distributed on the basis of that Party having lost the relevant Match, and that the relevant other Party won the relevant Match.
- 8.2 Where any Match does not take place due to the Acceptable Non-Compliance of one or both Parties, no points shall be distributed in respect of the relevant Match and such Match shall not be taken into account in the calculation of the Points Percentage (as set out in Regulation 9.4).

9. POINTS

- 9.1 Points for Matches shall be distributed as follows:

| Match Result | Points |
|--------------|--------|
| Win | 12 |
| Tie | 6 |
| Draw | 4 |
| Loss | 0 |

- 9.2 If a Match is abandoned and the pitch and/or outfield is ultimately rated as 'Unfit' under the ICC Pitch and Outfield Monitoring Process, points for that Match shall be distributed on the basis that the Visiting Member won the Match and the Host Member lost the Match. Any abandoned Match will be classified as a drawn match for statistical purposes.
- 9.3 Any Team which has been unable to maintain the minimum over rate as defined in the WTC Playing Conditions shall incur one Penalty Over for each full over it is short of the minimum over rate requirement. A Team will have one (1) point deducted from its points total for each Penalty Over it incurs during the Round Stage.
- 9.4 The WTC Points Table shall rank Teams by percentage of available points earned ("**Points Percentage**"). The Points Percentage for a Team is calculated as follows:

[Points earned for Wins, Draws or Ties] less [Points deducted for Penalty Overs], divided by maximum available points [12 times the number of Matches played by the Team].
- 9.5 Any Matches which do not take place due to the Acceptable Non-Compliance of one or both Parties shall not be taken into account in the calculation of the Points Percentage.
- 9.6 Where two or more Teams have an identical Points Percentage at the end of the Round Stage, they will be ranked by the higher number of Series wins. If still equal, they will be ranked by the higher percentage of available points earned by each Team in their away matches ("**Away Points Percentage**"). The Away Points Percentage is calculated as in Regulations 9.4 and 9.5 above but includes only Matches played as the away Team. If still equal, the Team that is ranked in the higher position in the ICC Men's Test Team Rankings immediately after the final day of the Competition Window (1 April 2027) shall be ranked higher.

10. **WTC FINAL**

- 10.1 The WTC Final shall be contested between the two Teams in first and second place on the WTC Points Table at the conclusion of the Competition Window. In the event of two or more teams being level on Points Percentage, the criteria set out in Regulation 9.6 above shall apply.
- 10.2 The WTC Final shall be hosted by an ICC Member determined by the ICC (pursuant to a host agreement to be entered into between the ICC and such ICC Member).
- 10.3 The Playing Conditions shall stipulate that the WTC Final shall be scheduled to be of five (5) days' duration and will also specify the circumstances in which a 'Reserve Day' will be activated.
- 10.4 The winner of the WTC Final shall be the ICC World Test Champion. In the event of the WTC Final being drawn, tied or abandoned, both Teams shall be declared joint Champions.

11. **COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

- 11.1 The commercial rights in respect of all Matches, Series and Tours comprising the Round Stage of the WTC shall be exercised by the Parties (in line with existing practice in bilateral cricket), as set out in Regulations 11.2 and 11.3 below.
- 11.2 As between the Parties, the Host Member shall (subject always to compliance with applicable law, relevant ICC Regulations and their obligations under Regulation 11.5) have the sole discretion to exercise the following commercial rights during the Round Stages which are without prejudice to the ICC's rights in respect of the WTC Final as set out in Regulation 11.4:
- (a) Broadcast and digital rights;
 - (b) Title sponsorship of Tours, Series and Matches;
 - (c) Venue advertising, sponsorship and branding;
 - (d) Ticketing and hospitality;
 - (e) Team sponsorship rights and other ancillary commercial rights relating to the Host Member's Team (subject always to compliance with the ICC Clothing and Equipment Regulations); and
 - (f) Any other commercial right capable of exploitation and which, prior to the Effective Date, was commonly exercised by the Host Member in bilateral cricket.
- 11.3 The Visiting Member shall retain Team sponsorship rights and other ancillary commercial rights relating to the Visiting Member's Team (subject always to compliance with the ICC Clothing and Equipment Regulations).
- 11.4 The Parties acknowledge and agree that all commercial rights (including but not limited to the rights referred to in Regulations 11.2 and 11.3) relating to the WTC Final shall be exercised by the ICC and shall accordingly be subject to the Participation Terms relating to the ICC events 2024-2027.
- 11.5 The Parties shall provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to the ICC in relation to the marketing and promotion of the WTC (in relation to Series where they are the Host Member).

12. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

12.1 Each Party shall treat as strictly confidential and use solely for the purposes contemplated by these Competition Regulations all information concerning any other Party, the WTC or related matters, obtained or received by it as a result of entering into or performing its obligations under these Competition Regulations and which is not in the public domain (or which has come into the public domain but through the actions of that Party) ("**Confidential Information**"); and shall not, except with the prior written consent of the Party from whom the Confidential Information was obtained, publish or otherwise disclose to any person any Confidential Information except for the purposes contemplated by these Competition Regulations; to its professional advisers, officers or employees (in each case on terms that they maintain such confidentiality) or as required by any law, court or other authoritative regulatory body.

13. **TERMINATION**

13.1 These Competition Regulations shall terminate in relation to any Party immediately upon the happening of any of the following events:

- (a) such Party ceasing to be a member of the ICC;
- (b) a petition for an administration order is presented or any step is taken by any person with a view to the administration of that Party under Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986 including the passing of any resolution by its directors or shareholders approving the presentation of any such petition;
- (c) any step is taken to enforce security over or a distress, execution or other similar process is levied or served against the whole or a substantial part of the assets or undertaking of the Party, including the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, manager or similar officer to enforce that security in respect of all or any part of the Party's property or undertaking;
- (d) a petition is presented, order made, meeting convened, resolution passed or any step is taken by any person with a view to the winding up (whether solvent or insolvent) of the Party, or it ceases or threatens to cease to carry on its business, except for the purpose of and followed by a reconstruction; amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation;
- (e) any event or circumstance occurs which under the law of any relevant jurisdiction has an analogous or equivalent effect to any of the events or circumstances listed in Regulations 13.1(a) to 13.1(d) inclusive.

13.2 Other than termination as regards any Party pursuant to Regulation 13.1 above, these Competition Regulations shall only otherwise terminate upon expiry of the Term.

13.3 Upon termination or expiry of these Competition Regulations:

- (a) the rights and obligations of the Parties under these Competition Regulations shall terminate and be of no future effect, except that Regulation 12 (Confidentiality), 15 (Disputes), 16 (Language and Governing Law) and this Regulation 13.3 shall remain in full force and effect;
- (b) any rights or obligations to which any Parties may be entitled or be subject before such termination shall remain in full force and effect; and
- (c) termination shall not affect or prejudice any right to a claim in respect of losses which any Party may have and which existed at or before the date of termination.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

Entire Agreement

- 14.1 These Competition Regulations, together with the Schedules, constitute the whole agreement between the Parties relating to its subject matter and supersede and extinguish any prior drafts, agreements, undertakings, representations, warranties and arrangements of any nature, whether in writing or oral, relating to such subject matter.

Variation

- 14.2 Other than as provided for in these Competition Regulations, no variation of these Competition Regulations shall be effective unless agreed by the ICC Board (or its delegate).

Rights

- 14.3 The rights, powers, privileges and remedies provided in these Competition Regulations are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights, powers, privileges or remedies provided by law or otherwise.
- 14.4 No failure or delay by any Party to these Competition Regulations in exercising any right, power, privilege or remedy under these Competition Regulations shall impair or operate as a waiver thereof in whole or in part.
- 14.5 No single or partial exercise of any right, power privilege or remedy under these Competition Regulations shall prevent any further or other exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, privilege or remedy.

Further assurance

- 14.6 At any time after the Effective Date each of the Parties shall, at the request and cost of the relevant Party, execute or procure the execution of such documents and do or procure the doing of such acts and things as the Party so requiring may reasonably require for the purpose of giving to the Party so requiring the full benefit of all the provisions of these Competition Regulations.

Invalidity

- 14.7 Each of the provisions of these Competition Regulations is considered reasonable by the Parties and necessary for the protection of their legitimate interests, but if any provision of these Competition Regulations shall be held to be illegal, void, invalid or unenforceable under the laws of any jurisdiction:
- (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remainder of these Competition Regulations in that jurisdiction shall not be affected, and the legality, validity and enforceability of the whole of these Competition Regulations in any other jurisdiction shall not be affected;
 - (b) if any such restriction would be valid and enforceable if some part thereof were deleted, such restriction shall apply with such modification as may be necessary to make it valid and enforceable; and
 - (c) without prejudice to Regulation 14.7(b) above, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to replace such void or unenforceable restriction with a valid restriction which, as far as possible, has the same legal and commercial effect as that which it replaces.

Time of the essence

- 14.8 Save as expressly provided in these Competition Regulations, any time, date or period mentioned in these Competition Regulations may be only extended by written agreement between the relevant Parties and otherwise as regards any time, date or period originally fixed or any time, date or period so extended as aforesaid, time shall be of the essence.

Relationship of the Parties

- 14.9 Nothing in these Competition Regulations shall constitute, or be deemed to constitute, a partnership between the Parties nor, except as expressly provided, shall it constitute, or be deemed to constitute, any Party the agent of any other Party for any purpose.

15. **DISPUTES**

- 15.1 The WTC Technical Committee shall be convened in accordance with Schedule 3 of these Competition Regulations and shall have exclusive jurisdiction on the matters set out in paragraph 2.1 of Schedule 3.

- 15.2 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 7, each Party agrees that it will first seek to resolve any dispute arising out of or in connection with or in relation to these Competition Regulations (other than those that are expressly referred to other persons or bodies for resolution pursuant to any applicable ICC Regulation; or those which are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the WTC Technical Committee in accordance with Schedule 3) (a "**Dispute**") by entering into good faith discussions with each of the other Parties as may be involved in that Dispute. Where such good faith discussions are unable to resolve the Dispute, it shall be referred to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee for resolution in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

16. **LANGUAGE AND GOVERNING LAW**

- 16.1 These Competition Regulations are drawn up in the English language. If they are translated into any language other than English, then the English language version shall prevail.

- 16.2 The interpretation, construction and effect of these Competition Regulations (including any non-contractual obligations arising from or connected with these Competition Regulations) shall be governed exclusively and in all respects by English law.

SCHEDULE 1

ICC World Test Championship Schedule 2025-2027

| Series No. | Home team | Away team | No. of matches |
|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | England | India | 5 |
| 2 | Sri Lanka | Bangladesh | 2 |
| 3 | West Indies | Australia | 3 |
| 4 | India | West Indies | 2 |
| 5 | Pakistan | South Africa | 2 |
| 6 | India | South Africa | 2 |
| 7 | New Zealand | West Indies | 3 |
| 8 | Australia | England | 5 |
| 9 | Bangladesh | Pakistan | 2 |
| 10 | England | New Zealand | 3 |
| 11 | West Indies | Sri Lanka | 2 |
| 12 | West Indies | Pakistan | 2 |
| 13 | Sri Lanka | India | 2 |
| 14 | England | Pakistan | 3 |
| 15 | Australia | Bangladesh | 2 |
| 16 | South Africa | Australia | 3 |
| 17 | Bangladesh | West Indies | 2 |
| 18 | New Zealand | India | 2 |
| 19 | South Africa | Bangladesh | 2 |
| 20 | Pakistan | Sri Lanka | 2 |
| 21 | Australia | New Zealand | 4 |
| 22 | South Africa | England | 3 |
| 23 | New Zealand | Sri Lanka | 2 |
| 24 | India | Australia | 5 |
| 25 | Bangladesh | England | 2 |
| 26 | Sri Lanka | South Africa | 2 |
| 27 | Pakistan | New Zealand | 2 |

SCHEDULE 2

World Test Championship - Principles of Mutual Respect

1. The Parties recognise that Tours are a fundamental pillar of bilateral international cricket and provide a fascinating dimension to Test Matches, through the demands they place upon visiting players in terms of environmental adaptation and the examination of cricketing skills in unfamiliar conditions.
2. The Parties also acknowledge that international cricket is underpinned by the values of mutual sporting respect as embodied in the Spirit of Cricket, and that this is not limited to the well-established principles of on-field fair play but also extends to the off-field courtesy extended by a Host Member towards a Visiting Member.
3. The Parties note that there are numerous ways in which competing parties may seek off-field incremental advantages with a view to ultimately increasing their competitive edge in the on-field contest. Whilst many of these may be fully legitimate, the Parties agree that it would be to the detriment of the sport of cricket as a whole if this approach meant that a Visiting Member was unable to properly prepare for their Matches, or if the Host Member's organisation of a Tour meant that the off-field experience of a Visiting Member was not comparable with the environment provided by the Host Member for its own players.
4. Further, given the schedule of the WTC, the Parties note that the adoption of such an approach by Host Members would be likely to be self-perpetuating and would lead to a lowering of standards and the nursing of grievances between Parties, none of which would be in the wider or long-term interests of cricket.
5. These Principles of Mutual Respect are not intended to disregard national cultural norms, ignore specific local customs or overlook the role that local climate and geography plays in providing the environment within which international cricket takes places. All of these are an integral part of the sport of cricket and indeed provide a large part of the attraction of the contest.
6. Considering the above, the Parties agree that:
 - Host Members shall aspire to treat Visiting Members in the way that they would themselves wish their players and player support personnel to be treated;
 - It shall be an overriding aim of all aspects of Tour organisation and administration to ensure parity of off-field experience as between all representatives from Visiting Members and Host Members;
 - Host Members shall communicate transparently with Visiting Members and wherever possible meet reasonable requirements in relation to practice facilities, warm-up matches and logistical arrangements.
7. Specifically, the Parties agree that:
 - the Visiting Member shall be entitled (but not obligated) to play a first-class match scheduled over at least three days prior to the start of any Test series and, where a Tour includes a day/night Test Match, the Visiting Member shall also be entitled (but not obligated) to play a day/night warm-up match scheduled over at least two days, either prior to the first match of the Tour or at an appropriate point in the Tour schedule in advance of the day/night Test Match;
 - the opposition provided by the Host Member for the Visiting Member's warm-up matches shall be of a standard that would be competitive within the Host Member's domestic first-class competition;

- the composition of the opposition provided by the Host Member for the Visiting Member's warm-up matches shall within reason correlate to the likely composition of the Host Member's team for Matches during the Tour (for example, the balance of the bowling attack as between pace and spin bowlers);
- the pitch conditions for warm-up matches shall wherever possible correlate to the anticipated pitch conditions for the Matches between the Host Member and the Visiting Member;
- the venues for warm-up matches shall meet all relevant requirements for hosting matches in the Host Member's domestic first-class competition (including boundary size and practice facilities, but excluding any broadcast-specific requirements);
- the practice facilities made available to the Visiting Member throughout the Tour shall be of equivalent standard to those used by the Host Member's team, including but not limited to considerations such as time of day, access to net bowlers of an appropriate type and quality, and access to changing, analysis and meeting facilities; and
- at the end of each Tour, the Visiting Member shall complete and return to the ICC a Tour Hosting feedback form evaluating the quality of the of the logistical arrangements, practice facilities and general preparation provided for the Visiting Member by the Host Member.

SCHEDULE 3

WTC Technical Committee

1. Formation and composition
 - 1.1 The ICC shall procure the establishment of the WTC Technical Committee, which shall have jurisdiction in respect of the WTC in accordance with the following provisions of this Schedule 3 with effect from the Effective Date until the commencement of the WTC Final.
 - 1.2 The WTC Technical Committee shall be convened by the ICC's General Manager – Cricket, and shall consist of the following three individuals, or such replacements as may be considered appropriate by the ICC General Manager – Cricket, in his/her absolute discretion:
 - (i) ICC General Manager – Cricket (who shall act as Chair);
 - (ii) ICC General Counsel; and
 - (iii) ICC Head of Events.
2. Jurisdiction
 - 2.1 The WTC Technical Committee shall have jurisdiction in relation to the following cricketing, technical or operational matters relating to the WTC:
 - (i) considering and approving any changes to the WTC Schedule pursuant to Regulations 4.3, 5.2 and 5.4;
 - (ii) the allocation of points in relation to Matches that are not played following a determination of Acceptable Non-Compliance or Non-Acceptable Non-Compliance;
 - (iii) resolving any issues related to the interpretation of the Playing Conditions.
 - 2.2 Other than the matters set out in paragraph 2.1 above, the WTC Technical Committee shall not have jurisdiction over any matter, and for the avoidance of any doubt shall not have jurisdiction to deal with:
 - (i) matters concerning corruption and/or doping and/or any other matter in relation to which the relevant ICC Regulations provides for separate jurisdiction, which such matters shall be referred to and dealt with by the specialist bodies set up to handle those issues under these Competition Regulations and the relevant ICC Regulations; or
 - (ii) any dispute in relation to whether a Security Situation (or Force Majeure Event that relates to safety, security or public health concerns concerns) applies;
 - (iii) any disputes relating to the commercial rights of the Parties; or
 - (iv) matters relating to the WTC Final which are determined by the technical committee established under the Participation Terms relating to the ICC events 2024 - 2027.
 - 2.3 If the WTC Technical Committee decides that a particular matter which it has been asked to determine falls outside its jurisdiction, the WTC Technical Committee shall refer such

matter to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee for resolution in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

2.4 Decisions of the WTC Technical Committee shall be subject to a right of appeal in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4.1 of this Schedule 3.

3. Procedure

3.1 Any Party wishing to submit a matter to the WTC Technical Committee must do so in writing to the ICC General Manager – Cricket and include details of:

- (i) the Parties involved;
- (ii) a brief statement of the issue to be submitted to the WTC Technical Committee for determination; and
- (iii) details of the resolution that is sought.

3.2 The procedure to be adopted by the WTC Technical Committee for the convening and holding of meetings and the hearing and determination of matters submitted to it shall be determined by the ICC General Manager – Cricket.

3.3 Decisions of the WTC Technical Committee shall be taken by majority vote and shall be advised in writing to the relevant Parties as soon as practicable.

4. Appeals

4.1 Decisions of the WTC Technical Committee shall be subject to a right of appeal to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee, to be resolved in accordance with its terms of reference. The deadline for filing an appeal to the ICC Dispute Resolution Committee shall be forty eight (48) hours from the date of receipt of the written decision of the WTC Technical Committee by the Party wishing to appeal.

SCHEDULE 4

Independent Report

1. The ICC shall maintain a list of internationally recognised independent consultants with expertise in safety, security and public health matters as amended from time to time. Upon receipt of a notification relating to a decision by a Party not to fulfil a Match or Series due to a Security Situation (or Force Majeure Event that relates to safety, security or public health concerns) as provided for in Regulation 7.1, the process set out in this Schedule shall be followed.
2. The ICC shall immediately appoint an independent consultant from the ICC list (or more than one such consultant if the issues raised require reports from consultants with expertise in different fields) to review and investigate the issues cited by the relevant Party with regard to such Match or Series.
3. The consultant(s) appointed in accordance with paragraph 2 shall conduct a full and thorough investigation (including consultation with the authorities in the host country and consideration of any advice received by a Visiting Member from its government agencies, to the extent such information is provided to the ICC for consideration by the consultant(s)) and shall prepare a detailed report ("**Independent Report**").
4. Any consultant(s) appointed in accordance with this Schedule shall deliver their Independent Report directly to the ICC.
5. Unless otherwise agreed by the ICC, the Independent Report shall be submitted to the ICC within five (5) days of the appointment of the consultant(s).
6. Where a consultant is appointed in accordance with this Schedule, the costs of conducting the investigation and the provision of the Independent Report shall be borne by the ICC.