

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ICC STRATEGIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

Capitalised terms referred to in the following Terms of Reference are defined herein.

1. REMIT AND RESPONSIBILITY

1.1 The ICC Strategic Growth Committee (the “Committee”) has been established by the ICC Board, in accordance with Article 5 (A) of the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of ICC, to act as a committee of the ICC Board in furtherance of the objects of ICC (“ICC”), which include promoting and developing the game of cricket at all levels throughout the world, and governing and regulating cricket at International level.

1.2 The Committee is established to assist and advise

the ICC Board with respect to the following:

- (a) To develop and oversee the various pillars of the ICC Strategy;
- (b) To consider suitable countries/territories/markets (whether new and/or existing) where the development of the game can be accelerated in line with the ICC Strategy;
- (c) To consider appropriate programs and initiatives to increase participation in the game, including schools and club programs, liaising with the Women’s Cricket Committee on the growth of the women’s game;
- (d) To consider appropriate international cricket structures including an international calendar incorporating ICC events, bilateral international cricket and domestic leagues impacting international cricket e.g. where they involve oversea international players;
- (e) To consider and propose an appropriate system of accountability for both receipt of monies from the Strategic Initiative Fund and ICC Member distributions to ensure alignment with the ICC Strategy;
- (f) To consider any governance changes to optimise the ICC’s ability to develop and oversee the ICC Strategy; and
- (g) Any other matter deemed relevant and raised by the ICC Board or the Committee itself and/or by ICC management

(together, the Committee’s “**Areas of Activity**”).

1.3 In the discharge of its remit and responsibilities in the Areas of Activity:

- (a) the Committee shall have the authority to request from the ICC or any ICC member cricket federation (or any individual and/or third party as may be affiliated to or in any way connected with the ICC or any ICC member cricket federation) information in such form, whether verbal, written or otherwise recorded, as it may, in its absolute discretion, consider to be reasonably necessary for the proper discharge of its duties under these Terms of Reference.

1.4 In support of the Committee’s activities, all ICC member cricket federations will (and to the extent that it is within their power, procure that such other individuals and third parties will) provide all such information and do all such things as are reasonably within their power to facilitate the discharge of the Committee’s duties under these Terms of Reference.

The Committee shall have no autonomous decision-making powers and shall act as an advisory committee to the ICC Board and, where appropriate, the Financial & Commercial Affairs Committee.

- 1.5 Once the Committee has established the strategies, policies and practices to be implemented under paragraph 1.2 above, and the ICC Board or, where appropriate, the IBC Board has approved such strategies, policies and practices, the ICC management shall undertake the operational responsibilities and activities necessary to implement such policies and practices and keep the Committee updated on progress.

2 MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The membership of the Committee shall consist of the following:
- (a) a Chairperson, who shall be one of the ICC Board Directors; and
 - (b) such additional ICC Board Directors as the ICC Board may determine from time to time
- 2.2 The ICC Chairperson and the ICC Chief Executive shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee.
- 2.3 Each Committee member and all *ex-officio* members of the Committee will undertake an induction process to ensure that they understand the role, responsibility and workings of the Committee and their duties to their fellow members of the Committee, the ICC Board, the IBC Board and to the Members.
- 2.4 A Committee member will cease to be a member of the Committee in the following circumstances:
- (a) such individual resigns his/her appointment by providing notice in writing to the Chairperson of the Committee; or
 - (b) where the ICC Board considers, in its absolute discretion and for whatever reason, that it is no longer appropriate for such individual to be a member of the Committee; or
 - (c) where he or she is convicted of a criminal offence in any jurisdiction (other than an offence which is, in the opinion of the ICC Board, a minor offence); or
 - (d) the Committee member's term of appointment expires and he or she is not re-appointed.
- 2.5 In the case of paragraph 2.4(a), (b), or (c) above, cessation of membership will take effect immediately upon written notice being provided to or by the individual concerned and the relevant individual will be replaced, pursuant to the criteria for appointment, as quickly as is reasonably practicable.
- 2.6 In addition to the above, the Committee may:
- (a) appoint the ICC strategy department lead, or any other appropriate person, to act as secretary to the Committee;
 - (b) utilise such other members of the ICC's management team (or other stakeholders within the sport of cricket) to assist the Committee as may be appropriate from time to time; and/or
 - (c) request other third party advisers to attend, present and speak at Committee meetings from time to time.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the individuals described in paragraphs 2.6(a), (b) or (c) will not be regarded as members of the Committee and will not have any entitlement to vote.

3 MEETINGS

- 3.1 Committee meetings will take place in person and at such venue and with such frequency as its Chairperson (in consultation with the other Committee members) shall determine necessary, save that the Committee shall meet, in full, on not less than two occasions in any twelve month period. Where necessary and practicable, such meetings may also take place via telephone/video conference.

- 3.2 All Committee members shall be entitled to attend each Committee meeting and the quorum at any meeting will be a majority of Committee members entitled to vote at meetings. All members of the Committee (including its Chairperson) shall be treated as being present in person at a meeting where he/she is in continuous communication with the meeting either in person or by telephone/video conference. Such a member will be counted in the quorum of the meeting and shall be entitled to vote. A duly convened Committee meeting at which a quorum is present will be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Committee.
- 3.3 The agenda and conduct of such Committee meetings will be at the discretion of its Chairperson (in consultation with the other Committee members, who shall be entitled to request for any relevant item to be placed on the agenda) and the Committee secretary will circulate a meeting agenda and supporting documents to the Committee members and other attendees, as appropriate, a reasonable period in advance of each Committee meeting. Minutes of each meeting will be prepared by the Committee secretary as soon as reasonably practicable after each Committee meeting, circulated for comment and approved at the subsequent Committee meeting.
- 3.4 The Committee is a working committee and attempts should be made to reach a consensus, so that voting will not usually be required. However, on occasions where consensus cannot be reached, then the Committee will resolve such issues by voting.
- 3.5 Only Committee members will be entitled to vote. For the avoidance of doubt, all third party advisers, members of the ICC's staff or *ex officio* Committee members will have no right to vote.
- 3.6 Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at the meeting. In the event of a dissenting vote being recorded, then, to the extent that such dissent relates to any recommendations or report that are subsequently put to the ICC Board, then such dissenting opinion(s) must be presented simultaneously to the ICC Board for it to consider at the same time that the relevant recommendations and/or report are presented.
- 3.7 The Committee may agree separate procedural rules to regulate its business and meeting procedures provided that such rules shall not be in conflict with the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of ICC.

4 REPORTING / PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

- 4.1 The Committee shall report to the **ICC Board** on a regular basis as and when required by the ICC Board, as appropriate, or when the ICC Board considers it necessary to report on a specific matter in advance of the next scheduled reporting date.
- 4.2 All matters discussed, papers prepared and materials disclosed as part of the Committee's activities are strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed to any third party (other than directors of the ICC Board) without the consent of the Chairperson of the Committee unless it is required by law or such information is already within the public domain, such obligation remaining even after any relevant period of appointment has expired.
- 4.3 All information provided to the Committee shall, unless otherwise agreed with its Chairperson in advance, become and remain the property of ICC even after any relevant period of appointment has expired.
- 4.4 In performing their duties and functions described in these Terms of Reference, each Committee member will act in the best interests of the game of cricket, in accordance with their fiduciary duties and in accordance with their individual responsibilities under the ICC's Code of Ethics.

5 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 The Committee may, with the approval of the ICC Chairperson or Chief Executive obtain such external third party professional advice (eg from experts, consultants, lawyers etc) as it deems reasonably necessary to assist in the proper performance of its duties and functions set out in these Terms of Reference. The ICC shall be fully responsible for any such costs and expenses properly incurred directly or indirectly by any such third party.

- 5.2 The members of the Committee shall be entitled to have all reasonable costs and expenses that they incur (or such other fees and allowances as may be determined by the ICC Board) reimbursed by the ICC.
- 5.3 The ICC hereby agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified each member of the Committee from and against all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, suits and expenses which may be incurred by or asserted against the Committee member in such capacity, provided that such indemnity shall not extend to those liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, suits and expenses which have been incurred as a result of any negligence, fraud or wilful misconduct of the Committee member.
- 5.4 These Terms of Reference will be reviewed as and when required from time to time by the ICC Board (taking into account any comments, feedback and/or amendments suggested by the Committee itself) to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.
- 5.5 These Terms of Reference shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. If any dispute arises in relation to the interpretation or application of these Terms of Reference, then such dispute will be determined by the ICC Disputes Resolution Committee. For the avoidance of doubt, no disputes, appeals, questions or interpretation or any other matter in relation to these Terms of Reference shall be submitted to any other process other than as set out in this paragraph 5.5.
- 5.6 These Terms of Reference are approved by the ICC Board on 22 July 2024 and will come into full force and effect immediately upon such approval. Any subsequent amendments to these Terms of Reference must be approved by the ICC Board.

Approved by the ICC Board 22 July 2024