**ICC Regulations on Sanctioning of Events and Player Release**

**Application Form - March 2025**

Applications will be considered according to the ICC Regulations on Sanctioning of Events and Player Release (the “Regulations”).

Pursuant to the Regulations, the ICC has the sole and exclusive right to sanction a domestic cricket match or domestic cricket event that is staged outside of the territory of any National Cricket Federation (Article 2.1.2).

The ICC is also required to provide an ICC No Objection Certificate (“ICC NOC”) for a Special Domestic Event (namely an event that involves more than four players in any one event (or a single match in the case of a one-off match not forming part of an event) who currently play, or have played in the preceding twenty-four (24) leading up to the relevant match or event, for any National Representative Team of a Full Member other than the National Cricket Federation under whose jurisdiction the match or event is taking place) (Article 2.1.4).

In the case of any match or event falling within the terms of Articles 2.1.2 and 2.1.4 of the Regulations, the following application form, completed in full and signed, must be submitted to Clive Hitchcock, ICC Senior Cricket Operations Manager, **at least 3 months before the scheduled start of the match or event.** It must be accompanied by all relevant supporting documentation. Pending the decision of the ICC on whether or not to sanction the event under Article 2.1.2, or issue an ICC NOC under Article 2.1.4, the match or event shall be considered to be Disapproved Cricket.

Events/matches which are not sanctioned by the ICC (in the case of matches staged outside of the territory of a National Cricket Federation) or Special Domestic Events (as per Article 2.1.4) which do not receive an ICC NOC will constitute Disapproved Cricket.

The completed application must be signed (as applicable) by:

1. The Host Member, where applicable (i.e. the Member under whose jurisdiction the match/event is being played);
2. The Member in whose territory the match/event is being played (if different from the Host Member); and
3. Any Third-Party Event Organizer/Promoter.

Confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information will be maintained by the ICC.

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| **1** | **Host Member**  (Name of the Member Board under whose jurisdiction the match/event is to be played) |  |
| **2** | **Name of the Member Board in whose territory the match/event is to be played (if not the Host Member).** |  |
| **3** | **Name of the Event Organizer/Promoter if it is not a Member Board.**  The application must include details of the core business of the promoter/organizer and details of the ownership structure and the senior individuals involved in the promoter/organizer company. In collating this information, Members are expected to conduct appropriate due diligence checks on proposed promoters/organisers (see Appendix 1 for guidance on essential information that should be obtained in addition to general due diligence).  Evidence must be provided with this Application Form which demonstrates the event promoter/organiser’s track record of delivering successful sporting events within the immediately preceding 5 years (as required by Article 2.2.6 of the Regulations). |  |
| **4** | **Proposed Event**  (Give the name of event and proposed format, i.e. 50 overs, T20, T10 etc and details of the event format itself i.e. number of matches, round robin, finals etc) |  |
| **5** | **Proposed Date(s) of Match/Event** |  |
| **6** | **Proposed Venue(s). Provide details of all the venues to be used and confirm that they are compliant with Article 2.2.2 of the Regulations.**  Complete Appendix 2 in full. |  |
| **7** | **Minimum Event Staging Standards**  Provide confirmation that the event will be staged in accordance with the Minimum Event Staging Standards as per Article 2.2.2 and Appendix 2 of the Regulations.  Provide details on how the Member will address any issues of non-compliance with the Minimum Event Staging Standards. |  |
| **8** | **Participating Teams**  The following must be provided:   * The team names * The names of the team and franchise owners and team sponsors, including any beneficial owners. * Full details of all individuals involved in the franchises/teams (see also Appendix 1). |  |
| **9** | **Participating players**  The following must be provided:   * How many foreign players will be invited to play in the match/event. * How many of the foreign players will be current National Team players of a Full Member, as defined in Article 2.1.4 of the Regulations. * The names of the proposed foreign players and their country. * The number of foreign players per team.   Confirmation that in each playing XI, there will be a minimum of seven players who are either affiliated to the Host Member Board or an Associate Member (as per Article 2.2.3.1 of the Regulations). |  |
| **10** | **Details of the solidarity fee arrangements in place with respect to the participation of foreign players in the event/match.** |  |
| **11** | **Explain how the event will fit in with the Host Member Board’s calendar of international and domestic cricket events (as per Article 2.7.2 of the Regulations)** |  |
| **12** | **Confirm that the match or event is consistent with the Fundamental Imperatives and will contribute to the Home Board’s strategy for the development of cricket in its territory, and/or will advance a charitable or benevolent purpose.** |  |
| **13** | **Provide details of the measures that are/will be put in place to ensure that the Host Member will ensure payment of any and all amounts due to players and match officials for their participation in the event.**  **Refer to Article 2.2.4 of the Regulations.** |  |
| **14** | **Is the match/event being:**   * Televised live * Televised for delayed coverage and/or * Streamed on the internet?   (If so, who is the broadcaster/streaming provider and in which territories will the match/event be broadcast and/or streamed?) |  |
| **15** | **If a third party is involved in the organization/promotion of the event, who is that third party (include full details of the company, its owners and any ultimate beneficial owners), what is their involvement, and how will that third party benefit from its involvement?** |  |
| **16** | **Anti-Corruption**  **What anti-corruption measures and protections are/will be put in place to ensure the integrity of the match/event (provide full details)?**  Article 2.2.7 of the Regulations requires that the Host Member and the event organiser/promoter demonstrate, to the ICC Integrity Unit’s satisfaction, that adequate anti-corruption measures, protections and resources are in place to ensure the integrity of the match of event.  At least the following information must be provided:   * The name of the company and details of the relevant personnel who will be responsible for providing anti-corruption cover for the match/event. * A summary of the anti-corruption activities intended to be carried out at the match/event including participant reporting mechanisms, education, intelligence and investigation capability, and response plans. * Details of the ability to adjudicate any issues that arise. |  |
| **17** | **Will it be a condition of eligibility for the event/match that no participant who has participated in any form of Disapproved Cricket in the six month period leading up to the start of the event/match shall be permitted to participate in the event/match.** |  |
| **18** | **What arrangements are in place and who is responsible for the following (and provide details of the arrangements):** |  |
|  | * Safety and Security |  |
|  | * Player Behaviour (Code of Conduct)   A copy must be provided. |  |
|  | * Anti-Doping |  |
| **19** | **How is the health, safety and welfare of all participants involved going to be maintained and promoted (see Article 2.7.1 of the Regulations)?** |  |
| **20** | **Does the host Member Board/promoter/organiser commit to staging the match or event in accordance with and subject to all applicable ICC and/or Member Board rules and regulations? (as per article 2.7.3 of the Regulations.)** |  |
| **21** | **The Host Member confirms that it acknowledges the following:**   1. Applications for an ICC NOC must be submitted at least 90 days before the relevant match/event, and applications received after that deadline (or applications which are incomplete at that deadline) will not be considered by the ICC, save in exceptional circumstances (Refer to Article 2.1.4.1) 2. It is responsible, and ultimately accountable, for cricket matches / events it sanctions, and it is aware of the applicable consequences (pursuant to Article 4.7.4.3) if the ICC determines that the match/event has taken place in breach of the Regulations. | Tick confirmation  [ ] Yes  [ ] Yes |
| **22** | **Any other comments to support the application?** |  |

Each of the undersigned (if applicable) hereby confirms, on behalf of their relevant organisation, that:

* the information submitted in this application is true and correct; and
* the match or event will be staged in accordance with and subject to all applicable ICC rules and regulations (as may be amended from time to time).

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:**

1. **Host Member**

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Signed

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Name

1. **Member Board in whose territory the match/event will be played (if not the Host Member)**

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Signed

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Name

1. **Event promoter/organizer**

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Signed

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Name

**Appendix 1**

Members are advised to conduct full due diligence checks on all potential league or franchise owners and/or sponsors. In addition to standard due diligence checks, the following information should be also requested of any potential sponsors and/or league or franchise owner/s:

1. What is your main business/source of income?

*Describe the corporate or other structure of the legal entities that comprise the Company. Include any helpful diagrams or charts. Provide a list of the officers and directors of the Company and a brief description of their duties.*

1. Provide details on your company background including company certificate of incorporation.
2. What is your motivation for involvement in the league / sponsorship?
3. What is your prior experience in cricket/sports events?
4. Provide details on your ability to pay the required fees, including player payments, operational costs and any other payments related to the franchise.
5. What is the source of your funds that will be utilised to finance the franchise license fee and operations?
6. Who else is involved, whether with a financial interest, or not?

*Provide full details of all linked persons, companies, sponsors, shareholders, team owners/management etc. List of all subsidiaries and other entities (including partnerships) in which the Company has an equity interest; organizational chart showing ownership of such entities; and any agreements relating to the Company's interest in any such entity.*

1. Does any entity have betting links?
2. Do you or any of your immediate family member(s), or any other potential sponsor / entity / related party involved, bet on cricket?
3. Do you or any of your immediate family member(s) have any have any other cricket interests, financial or otherwise? – provide details
4. Do you have any outstanding cricket financial commitments? – provide details *(e.g., do you have any outstanding payments for cricket events?)*
5. Have you or any of your immediate family member(s) / support staff had any current or prior involvement in any anti-corruption unit investigation, anywhere?
6. Do you or any of your immediate family member(s) / support staff have any pending or threatened proceedings or investigations before any court or any regulatory authority?
7. Have you / support staff or anyone else directly involved with the franchise ever been convicted of any criminal offence by any court?

**APPENDIX 2**

**Venues**

The following information on all the venues being used for the event is required:

1. Name and Location of the Venues
2. Pitches and outfields – natural turf or artificial turf
3. Artificial Lighting – yes or no and will it be used?
4. Sightscreens – both ends?
5. Scoreboards – electronic or manual?
6. Practice Pitches – number and location.
7. Ground Resources and Equipment – provide details.
8. Players and Match Officials’ Area – provide full details and specifications.
9. Media and Broadcast – provide details.
10. Spectator Facilities – provide details.
11. Medical – provided details for players, match officials and spectators.