

LAWYERS CRICKET WORLD CUP GENERAL RULES

We, the lawyers of the Commonwealth, in order to promote friendship between those who play cricket and their well-wishers, to promote the rule of law in all countries do establish the following rules for a Lawyers Cricket World Cup.

ARTICLE I

Following the successful first Lawyers Cricket World Cup held in the year 2007-08, it is decided that such further tournaments should be held every two years, give or take six months for the necessities imposed by the seasons in the different hemispheres. There is no rule as to which country shall be host in any particular year, but the same shall be decided at the end of each world cup by the Committee.

ARTICLE II

All powers to direct such a tournament shall be vested in the Lawyers Cricket World Cup Committee (the Committee).

ARTICLE III

The Committee shall be composed of members representing each participating country or region at the next World Cup, each member to be put forward and adopted according to the rules as may be set up in each participating country or region by its own Team Committee. Each country or region shall be represented by one member on the Committee.

The Committee shall be chaired by the member whose country or region is to host the next world cup.

Members will participate in an unpaid capacity.

Each country or region shall form its own Team Committee subject to its own rules, which Committee shall organise a team of players for the following World Cup and, if hosting the event, shall propose a format for the following world cup for consideration and approval by the Committee, and shall be responsible for organising the world Cup in its own Country or Region. The Chairmen of the Team Committees shall declare themselves in writing to the Committee at the time of accepting invitations to play and the chairmen shall be liable for the actions of their Committees so far as those actions concern the organisation of any World Cup.

ARTICLE IV

The Committee shall have powers to arrange its own rules as may from time to time suit the necessities of the moment. The Committee shall meet as and when it deems convenient. Bearing in mind the distances involved, the principle means of communication shall be by email or, by agreement, video link.

The Committee may be aligned with or otherwise work in conjunction with other bodies, but shall be in the last resort be responsible for its own actions and be beholden to no other power.

ARTICLE V

The teams shall consist of lawyers who have been called to the Bar or admitted as solicitors or otherwise qualified to practise law in any country. Employed lawyers employed to carry out legal duties and Judges, Magistrates, Coroners, Presidents of Tribunals or other bodies exercising judicial functions may be selected for a team. The exception to this rule is that a male lawyer, otherwise qualified as above, shall not play for a team if he shall have had 'first class professional experience' (which term shall be decided by the Committee in cases of dispute) unless he be aged forty two (42) or more on the day of the first game in the World Cup in which he is to play.

Each team shall be drawn from a pool of not more than 17 players.

In order to preserve the spirit of the World Cup as evidenced in the first world cup, every team of eleven players that shall be chosen to play in any of the matches in any series of the world cup shall have no more than five of their number aged below 32 as on the day of the first match of the World Cup in which they are to play.

Substitutes of any age may be allowed in the event that a player, whose name has been declared as forming part of the team in the next match, becomes injured or falls ill so that he cannot reasonably be expected to continue to play in that match.

Any team that contains a non-lawyer as defined in accordance with the above definition shall be disqualified from playing in the finals or from winning the World Cup in that year but may, at the discretion of the host country or region's Team Committee, continue to play if to withdraw would upset the format of the world cup then being played or for any other good reason.

ARTICLE VI

The format for each world cup shall depend on the number of teams participating which number may be limited by the Committee if it so thinks fit. At the discretion of the host country or region, a Country may have two teams playing in any World Cup. The Team Committee shall propose a format, which shall include the 'draw' of any pools or order of play in outline suitable for the proposed numbers and to local considerations (accommodation, availability of pitches, likely cost, weather etc. which list is non-exhaustive) and the Committee shall approve and adopt this or an alternative format thirteen months before the date of the next proposed World Cup. The matches shall be played over 10 days. Each game will be of 35 overs per innings. [Amended 2011 in Barbados]

The general rule is that the World Cup should be structured so as to provide at least five games for each team against as many other teams as possible.

The host country or region's Team Committee shall as soon as practicable and not later than thirteen months before the proposed date of the following World Cup inform all other Team Committees of the proposed format and likely costs and issue invitations to the same. Such invitations shall be considered as invitations from the Committee and shall not be issued without prior approval of the same.

Each Team Committee shall reply within one month of receiving such invitation. Any qualifying Country or Region may request at any time to participate in the World Cup.

ARTICLE VII

In recognition of the importance of finance in the World Cup, the following rules are established:

It shall be appropriate for any team to raise finance in any lawful way. The Committee may by diplomatic request ask Team Committees to provide for a contribution towards such costs as may be unavoidable in the general running of the World Cup.

In recognition of the fact that that the generosity displayed by the host Country on the occasion of the first World Cup is unlikely to be repeated, all Team Committees are to be aware that participation in any World Cup is likely to require funding at least to some extent from its own resources.

In the event that the host country or region's Team Committee shall have been put to reasonable expense in organising a World Cup and in the event that a team, having accepted an invitation to participate, withdraws from that World Cup, The Team Committee of the host country or region may request reasonable recompense from the Team Committee that may have withdrawn if there are unavoidable wasted costs incurred by the withdrawal. If the matter cannot be decided amicably, the involved Team Committees shall request the Committee to make a ruling which ruling shall be final without appeal.

ARTICLE VIII

Disputes under these rules will be decided by the Committee. These rules are not meant to be restrict or frustrate the objective of holding a Lawyers Cricket World Cup in any way that is agreeable to the countries and regions so concerned and the Committee, if called upon so to do, shall resolve any dispute in a spirit of equity and fairness.

“Cricket for friendship”



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