

# WASHINGTON CRICKET LEAGUE

## Judiciary Committee Jurisdiction, Regulations and Guidelines

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### Appendix H

Constitution Review Committee

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## Revision History

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## **Article I. Purpose**

The Washington Cricket League Judiciary Committee (hereinafter “the Judiciary”) is a body within the WCL’s governing structure for the purpose of dealing with complaints against players and club officials.

The Judiciary is established under the Constitution of the Washington Cricket League (WCL) and as authorized by the Board of Directors. It is hereby created in a good faith effort to encourage and to safeguard the independence of the Judiciary within the sphere of the Washington Cricket League’s governing structure and to foster a fair and systematic approach to enforcing appropriate behavior for all in the WCL.

## **Article II. Jurisdiction and Power of the Judiciary Committee**

### **Section 2.01 Power**

The Judiciary shall have the power to discipline all players, team official or clubs officials in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Washington Cricket League and its Code of Conduct. The conduct is not limited to actions that take place on the field of play and includes conduct at any WCL sponsored events or conduct after any WCL sponsored event if said conduct is detrimental to the good name of the WCL and to the Spirit of the game.

### **Section 2.02 Jurisdiction**

The Judiciary shall have original jurisdiction and power to hear and determine, in accordance with the WCL By-Laws and the Code of Conduct, any and all reports or allegations laid against players, team officials, club officials or affiliated clubs provided that such reports or allegations shall have been made in the manner prescribed in By-Laws and the Code of Conduct.

### **Section 2.03 Findings**

The Judiciary Committee shall immediately communicate its findings and decisions to the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2.04 Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, the Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the purposes on the goals and objectives of the WCL.

### **Section 2.05 Reclusion**

No one, including permanent members, may serve on this Committee if that person or the club to which he belongs to or associated with is involved in the issue to be adjudicated.

## Article III. Qualifications of the Judiciary Committee

### Section 3.01 Qualifications

Each member of the Judiciary:

- a) Shall be a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America
- b) Shall have the highest personal and professional integrity
- c) Shall be a member in good standing in the WCL and in USACA for the preceding four (4) years
- d) Shall not have committed any Level Two (2) or higher infraction under the WCL Code of Conduct
- e) Shall not be under any sanctions from any related Cricket or Umpiring Associations.

## Article IV. Composition of the Judiciary Committee

### Section 4.01 Composition

The Judiciary Committee is comprised of five (5) members including:

- a) A Chairman
- b) The Vice President of the WCL
- c) The Match Secretary of the WCL
- d) Two members as appointed by the WC Board of Directors.

### Section 4.02 Term of the Chairman

The Chairman shall be duly elected at a General Meeting of the Organization and shall serve a term of two (2) years.

### Section 4.03 Term of the Members

The appointed members shall serve a term of two (2) years.

### Section 4.04 Adherence

The Judiciary Committee shall at all times in the execution of its duties and responsibilities adhere to the complaint procedures, the adjudication procedures, disciplinary, measures and all other provisions of the WCL Code of Conduct as outlined in **Appendix D** of the Constitution of WCL.

## Article V. General Procedures

### Section 5.01 Who may bring Charges

Anyone directly aggrieved, may file a complaint against a member of the WCL. Complaints against member shall be reviewed by the Judiciary Committee to determine whether a formal hearing is warranted and how the hearing should be conducted.

### Section 5.02 Citations

All citations issued by umpires must be resolved through a hearing.

### Section 5.03 Sanctions

Sanctions are governed by the WCL Code of Conduct as outlined in **Appendix D**.

### Section 5.04 Appeals

All Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Appellate Committee by the accused within two (2) working days of the date the accused received the letter advising him or her of the decision of the Judiciary Committee. A Judiciary Committee decision may be appealed to the Appellate Committee only on one or more of the following grounds:

1. There was a substantial departure from the Committee rules and procedures that significantly affected the fairness of the process;
2. A material finding that formed a basis for the Committee's decision was substantially against the weight of the evidence that was before the Committee when it made the decision; or
3. The sanction substantially exceeds the range of sanctions as outlined in the WCL Code of Conduct.

### Section 5.05 Exceptions

All Appeals regarding the expulsion of members from the WCL shall be heard by the Board of Directors.