

# WASHINGTON CRICKET LEAGUE

## By-Laws

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### Appendix C



# Revision History

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## **1. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER**

### **1.1 Registration of Players**

- 1.1.1 Teams shall add players prior to the start of regular season by submitting the following information for each player to the Executive Committee :
- a. Full Name
  - b. Mailing Address
  - c. Phone Number and Email Address
  - d. Photograph
  - e. Highest level of cricket played
  - f. When last played at the highest level
  - g. Guest player indication

- 1.1.2 Teams may add new player(s) throughout the regular season by notifying the statistician, or the executive secretary by midnight (EST) on Wednesday prior to the game.
- 1.1.3 An annual registration fee of \$10 (Ten Dollars) per player must be paid at the time of player registration to provide coverage of individual player insurance and registration with the National Governing Body of cricket in the U.S.
- 1.1.4 Teams are required to designate guest players as defined in subsection 1.1.7 and register them with the Washington Cricket League.
- 1.1.5 No more than 4 guest players can be declared by a team in its playing 11. If a team declares less than 11 players the 4 guest player limit remains the same.
- 1.1.6 Teams that willfully fail to designate and register guest players will have games that the player played forfeited and subject to a fine of \$500 per occurrence.
- 1.1.7 Guest players are players that meet any of the following conditions:
  - 1. a. Are a temporary resident in the United States of America (USA), and their stay is 6 months except for students and individuals on temporary work permits
  - 2. b. Are in the USA primarily for the purposes of playing cricket
  - 3. c. Are on the current roster of teams playing in major tournaments and leagues outside of the USA except for players that are eligible to represent the USA national team
- 1.1.8 The WCL reserves the right to request documentation from players and designate guest players accordingly.
- 1.1.9 A guest player will be identified by an asterisk (\*) next to the player name on the team roster.
- 1.1.10 The burden of ensuring that registration of a player is done properly, including registration of guest players, shall be the sole responsibility of the player and/or team seeking such permission.
- 1.1.11 The league reserves the right to ask for supporting documentation to ensure proper registration of a player, including registration of a guest player

1.1.12 Only players that are listed on the team's roster on the WCL website prior to the start of a game will be eligible to play that game.

4. 1.1.12 All requirements relating to the registration of new players also apply to the 12th man and substitute fieldsmen.

## 1.2 Primary and Secondary Club Designation For Players

1.2.1. A player may designate one club as a primary club and one club as a secondary club for both, T20 and 40-over competitions.

1.2.2. A player that has not played any First Class (as defined by the International Cricket Council) cricket match at any time prior, can choose any club from any division as their primary, and secondary club. A list of tournaments classified as First Class cricket by the International Cricket Council can be found in Appendix A.

1.2.3. A player that has played a First Class (as defined by the International Cricket Council) cricket match in the past 15 years prior to the match that he/she wishes to participate in WCL, will not be permitted to choose a club from Division III as their primary, or secondary club.

1.2.4. A player that has played a First Class (as defined by the International Cricket Council) cricket match in the past 10 years prior to the match that he/she wishes to participate in WCL, will not be permitted to choose a club from Division II or Division III, as their primary, or secondary club. This does not apply to players currently residing in the DC-MD-VA area that have played any First Class cricket match involving the US National (Men's or Women's or U19) team.

1.2.5. The primary and the secondary club for any player cannot be from the same division.

1.2.6. The player transfer rules, deadlines as well as the player transfer fees for the T20 and the 40-over competition shall apply for both, primary and secondary club.

1.2.7. A player cannot play for his/her secondary club if the primary club has a game on the same date.

## **2 Transfers**

2.1.1 A player may transfer only once into a WCL team from another WCL team during the T20 season after being nominated by the team in a T20 game recognized by WCL.

A player is allowed one transfer between teams for each tournament. Transfer shall not be permitted if the player's existing team has already played 50% or more of the games scheduled for the tournament.

- 2.1.2 All transfer requests, including a transfer fee of Twenty-Five dollars (\$25), for T20 season, must be received no later than midnight Wednesday of the week that the player intends to play.
- 2.1.3 The burden of securing a transfer and ensuring that it is done properly shall be the sole responsibility of the player and/or team seeking such permission. A transfer requires permission from both a player and team to which playing is transferring to avoid any conflict. In order for a transfer to be official, a player must seek and receive permission from either the Executive Secretary or the Statistician, and pay a transfer fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Failure to reach either the Executive Secretary or the Statistician shall not be an excuse for a player to transfer to another team without following the official procedure. A player may seek permission from the President in the event the Executive Secretary and the Statistician is not available.
- 2.1.4 A player may transfer only once into a WCL team from another WCL team during the 40 over season after being nominated by the team in a 40 over game recognized by WCL. A player is allowed one transfer between teams for each tournament. Transfer shall not be permitted if the player's existing team has already played 50% or more of the games scheduled for the tournament.
- 2.1.5 All transfer requests for 40 over season, including a transfer fee of Fifty dollars (\$50), for 40 over season must be received no later than midnight of Wednesday of the week that the player intends to play.

## 2.2 Contact Persons

- 2.2.1 Each team is required to submit the name, address and telephone number of a primary contact person to the Executive Secretary by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. All correspondences from the league to the club will be sent to this representative. In addition to the primary contact person, each club is required to submit the names of two (2) other leaders in the organization.
- 2.2.2 In the event of a dispute within a club in which the league has to get involved, the directive of the majority of that club's registered executive officers, board of directors or owner, will be given priority. This directive must be in writing. If this procedure is not followed, then the League will accept the directive of the original registered primary contact person.



### 3 UMPIRES

#### 3.1 League Umpires

- 3.1.1 All umpires shall be governed by ***Appendix G – Umpires Code of Conduct***.
- 3.1.2 The Umpiring Association shall be responsible for appointing umpires for all WCL official games.
- 3.1.3 Only certified umpires or umpires that have attended or passed a WCL approved umpiring course, may officiate in WCL games. The Umpiring Association may alter this requirement as it deems necessary.
- 3.1.4 Where only one official umpire is present, the batting team shall provide the Striker's End Umpire, who must also be one of the eleven (11) declared players, or a 12th or 13th player declared on the team list submitted to the official umpire. In this case, the Striker's End Umpire shall not call wides or no-balls.
- 3.1.5 In the case where the batting team provides the Striker's End Umpire, including the 12th or 13th man, and that Striker's End Umpire is found to be dishonest in his declarations then he shall be deemed to have committed a Level 2 Offense under the Appendix D – Code of Conduct and is subject to all the punitive measures of that offense level including fines and suspension.

#### 3.2 League Umpire Not In Attendance

- 3.2.1 If an official league umpire is not appointed to or is not in attendance at the scheduled start time of a match, ***the captains may agree to*** appoint another WCL certified umpire(s) to act as umpire(s) for the match.

### **3.3 Umpire Attire**

- 3.3.1 Every umpire shall wear proper umpiring attire, which comprises long black trousers, WCL approved shirt and hat or cap.
- 3.3.2 Players officiating as Striker's End umpires shall wear a colored shirt.
- 3.3.3 An umpire shall not be permitted to smoke on the field during a match.
- 3.3.4 Upon agreement between the Captains or a ruling by the umpires, water bottles may be carried by the Striker's End umpires. No other equipment (e.g. bats, stumps, protective helmets etc) can be held by Striker's End umpires.

### **3.4 Umpire Fees**

- 3.4.1 Umpires shall be paid a fee consistent with their level of certification as determined by the WCL.

### **3.5 Umpire Reports**

- 3.5.1 Umpires are required to submit to the Umpire's Report to the Executive Committee, for the game in which they officiated, by the Monday immediately following the game.
- 3.5.2 Umpire reports may be submitted electronically by using the League's website.
- 3.5.3 This report shall include but is not limited to, full names of all players who participated in the game, the score for each team, and the names of any player to whom a warning or citation was issued.
- 3.5.4 Umpires who submit late reports will incur a fine of up to fifty percent (50%) of his match fee.

### **3.6 Team Requirements**

- 3.6.1 Each team is required to provide at least two (2) WCL approved umpires to officiate each month. It shall be the responsibility of each team's official contact person to submit the names of candidates for umpiring to the WCL Umpires Association no later than the Tuesday prior to the weekend matches for which their team is assigned. Failure to meet this requirement may result in a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation and \$500 for the third and any subsequent violation, during the season.

### **3.7 Certification of Umpires**

- 3.7.1 All umpires officiating in WCL competition games must be members of the WCL Umpires Association (WCLUA) and be certified by the WCLUA.

## **4 PLAYOFFS**

### **4.1 Team Qualifications**

- 4.1.1 Playoff matches for all Divisions shall be contested as per Format and Structure document set by the Executive Committee.
- 4.1.2 All first round games for playoffs will be played on the home field or field of choice of the team with the higher points after Round 1. This home team advantage shall persist into the second and third rounds of the playoffs, unless the Executive Committee deems it impractical, illogical, or logistically unsound to do so.
- 4.1.3 The Executive Committee shall decide the venue and time for the playoffs and Championship game. The Executive Committee shall further decide which of the teams will provide refreshments and prepare the field for play.

## 4.2 Player Qualifications

- 4.2.1 To be eligible to play in the playoffs, a player must have played in twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of games actually played by the club he is representing as a primary or secondary player, during the season in question. In the event twenty-five percent (25%) represents a fraction, the number will be rounded down, with a minimum of one (1) game.
- 4.2.2 In the case where a game was rained out, abandoned for other reasons or forfeited by one of the teams, without a ball being bowled, the game in question will not be counted towards the total number of possible games for the team. For example out of total number of 9 games scheduled, if 1 game was rained out/abandoned or forfeited, without a ball being bowled, the total number of games for the team, for the purpose of calculating the twenty-five percent (25%) requirement, will be revised to 8.
- 4.2.3 Games rained out, abandoned for other reasons or forfeited by one of the teams after the first ball is bowled, will be counted towards the possible games for the team for the purposes of calculating the twenty-five percent (25%) requirement.
- 4.2.4 In all cases, to take credit for a game towards the twenty-five percent (25%) requirement, the player in question should have been physically present at the ground where the scheduled game is/to be played.
- 4.2.5 The twenty-five percent (25%) requirement does not apply to substitute fielders.

## 5 COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

### 5.1 Lodging a Complaint

- 5.1.1 Any club or member thereof or officer of the league may lodge a protest or complaint for anything done in contravention of these By-Laws or the **Appendix D – Code of Conduct** with the Judiciary Committee and/or the Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.2 The complainant must notify the Executive Secretary or the Judiciary Chairman his protest or complaint by lodging a written or electronic statement of his protest or complaint, no later than two (2) days from the date of the event that precipitated the complaint, protest, or appeal.
- 5.1.3 All complaints filed by the officiating umpire shall conform to the procedure outlined in **Appendix D – Code of Conduct**.

### 5.2 Timeliness of Complaints

- 5.2.1 Only business days shall be computed when determining the timeliness of all correspondences involving the league with regard to mailings and deadlines.

### 5.3 Judiciary Committee Decision

- 5.3.1 The Judiciary Committee is required to send their decisions to the Executive Committee immediately after their proceedings.
- 5.3.2 A record of all complaints heard by the Judiciary Committee and the decisions thereof shall be maintained in a Judiciary Committee Register by the Executive Secretary.
- 5.3.3 A player who is suspended by the Judiciary Committee shall not play, act as a substitute player or in any way participate in any League competition or match played by any team of his Club for the period of his suspension.

## 5.4 Appeals

- 5.4.1 An appeal may be filed electronically with the Board of Directors or with the Appellate Committee, but must be copied to the Executive Secretary.
- 5.4.2 A filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall accompany all protest, appeal or complaint.
- 5.4.3 Upon the request of a party and provided that it is necessary to prevent injustice, the Board is authorized to hear and decide appeals within forty-eight (48) hours of its filing. In such a case, the hearing panel is authorized to hear and decide the complaint pursuant to such procedures as are necessary but fair to all parties involved.
- 5.4.4 A decision of the Board or the Appellate Committee shall be determined by a majority of the panel. The decision shall be in writing and shall be distributed to the parties.
- 5.4.5 All appeals to the Appellate Committee shall be in writing and must be submitted to the Chairman of the Board within forty-eight (48) hours of the Judiciary Committee decision.
- 5.4.6 An Appellate Committee level appeal hearing shall be solely a review of the decisions of the Judiciary Committee, to determine if there were any irregularities and/or error in the application of the WCL rules. It shall not be a rehearing of factual issues.
- 5.4.7 The decision of the Board is final.

## 6 STATISTICS

### 6.1 Match Reports

- 6.1.1 Each team shall be required to score live electronically using the WCL website. It will be the responsibility of the batting team to ensure that live, up-to-date scorecard for their inning is available on the WCL website.
- 6.1.2 Each team shall be required to carry a portable scoreboard to the game. The portable scoreboard should at least display the team score, number of overs, number of wickets, and target score if applicable. It will be the responsibility of the batting team to ensure that the portable scoreboard is updated at the end of every over.
- 6.1.3 Each team shall forward to the League's Statistician a match report containing full and proper details of its scores and of each player's individual statistics by the Tuesday immediately following the game. Match Reports in this context shall include the Match Report on the Website providing a synopsis of the game scores and the complete score cards of both the playing teams as recorded by the filing team. It will be home team's responsibility to ensure that complete score cards for both innings are recorded, and submitted on WCL website. The score card must contain the full names of the participating players, applicable batting scores and bowling figures, and the final tally and result. If applicable, the umpiring evaluations must also be submitted. Failure to do so will result in a fine as outlined in the By-Laws regarding Fines and Penalties.
- 6.1.4 The statistics from all games (including those affected by rain or other conditions) shall be incorporated into the final tally of the League's averages.
- 6.1.5 Individual scores and performances against suspended teams shall stand.
- 6.1.6 Any team that has less than eleven (11) players in a game shall be deemed to have conceded all its wickets (10), provided the team playing short is bowled out.

## 6.2 Calculating Team Seeding

- 6.2.1 Team Seeding will be determined by total number of points accumulated by the team over the season. A team's seeding at the start of each season will be based on points at the end of the previous season.

## 6.3 PROMOTION AND DEMOTION

### 6.3.1 PROMOTION

- 6.3.1.1 Teams will be promoted to their respective higher division as per the criteria mentioned in the Format and Structure document set by the Executive Committee.
- 6.3.1.2 The teams that will be promoted will be ranked at the bottom of the respective higher Division conference they fall under.
- 6.3.1.3 In the event that two teams are tied for promotion based on the points, the tie-breaker rules below will apply in the following order
  - 6.3.1.3.1 Teams will be ranked on Net Run Rate (NRR).
  - 6.3.1.3.2 Teams will be ranked on head-to-head result.
  - 6.3.1.3.3 Teams will be ranked on points against same opponent.



6.3.1.5.4 Teams will be ranked by the number of boundaries scored during their 40-over games.

6.3.1.5.5 If still tied, then a coin toss will determine the ranking.

## **6.3.2 DEMOTION**

6.3.2.1 Teams will be demoted to the respective lower Division as per the criteria mentioned in the Format and Structure document set by the Executive Committee.

1. The teams that will be demoted will be ranked at the top of the respective lower Division conference they fall under.

6.3.2.2 In the event that two teams are tied for promotion based on the points, the tie-breaker rules below will apply in the following order

6.3.2.2.1 Teams will be ranked on Net Run Rate (NRR).

6.3.2.2.2 Teams will be ranked on head-to-head result.

6.3.2.4.3 Teams will be ranked on points against same opponent.

6.3.2.4.4 Teams will be ranked by the number of boundaries scored during their 40-over games.

6.3.2.4.5 If still tied, then a coin toss will determine the ranking.

6.3.3 The WCL Executive shall have the authority to adjust the promotion demotion rules to ensure proper game format.

6.3.4 Following the expansion of the league, the WCL Executive shall have the authority to adjust the number of teams in each Division to facilitate scheduling and balancing number of games per team.

## 7 TROPHIES

### 7.1 Team Trophies

7.1.1 The Executive Committee shall award trophies to the winning clubs at the annual presentation ceremony. The following trophies must be returned to the Executive Secretary no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

7.1.2 **Division Championship Trophy**

The two (2) finalists in each Division shall compete for this trophy for that Division.

7.1.3 **Cricketer of the Year Trophy**

The Cricketer of the Year trophy shall be awarded to the player who receives the highest number of votes from the Executive Committee. In making its decision, the Executive Committee shall consider the players statistics and sportsmanship during the season.

### 7.2 Individual Trophies

7.2.1 Players and Umpires shall be awarded trophies in the following categories:

- Most runs scored (regular season)
- Most wickets taken (regular season)
- Best batting average (regular season)
- Best bowling average (regular season)
- Best bowling economy rate (regular season)
- Highest individual score (regular season)
- Best bowling performance (playoffs)
- Most runs scored (playoffs)
- Most wickets taken (playoffs)

- Highest individual score (playoffs)
- Best bowling performance (playoffs)
- Five wicket hauls
- Hat-tricks
- Centurions
- Captain of the Year
- Umpire of the Year

7.2.2 To qualify for any individual trophy a player must have played in at least fifty percent (50%) league games played by his club, where applicable. This requirement does not apply to the five-wicket hauls, hat-tricks, and centurions.

7.2.3 In addition to the requirements of By-Law 7.2.2, in order to qualify for the bowling average trophy and the bowling economy rate trophy, a player must have bowled fifty (50%) of the possible numbers of overs he can bowl in the league games of a season.

7.2.4 In addition to the requirements of By-Law 7.2.2, in order to qualify for the batting average trophy an individual must have batted in fifty percent (50%) of the league games played by his team.

## 8 FINES & PENALTIES

### 8.1 Club Infractions

- 8.1.1 Any club that fails to meet an engagement in accordance with the regular season schedule shall be fined. A fine of \$100 shall result for the first forfeiture, \$200 for the second and \$300 for the third. A forfeiture in a playoff game will be \$500 fine.
- 8.1.2 In addition to the above fines, the offending team shall also be responsible for the umpire's fee. Both the fine and the umpire's fee must be paid to the WCL Treasurer within ten (10) days of the forfeited game - no billing is required from the League.
- 8.1.3 Failure to submit match reports to the statistician by the Tuesday immediately following the game shall result in a penalty of \$100.00 for each infraction. This is an automatic fine and is due and payable immediately without any invoice from the treasurer.
- 8.1.4 Failure to pay fines associated with late match reports prior to the start of the offending team's next game, will preclude the offending team from playing and that game or any subsequent games will be deemed a forfeiture until the fine is satisfied.
- 8.1.5 Any games played while a match report or fine relating to late match report is due and outstanding, will be deemed as forfeitures. All fines associated with forfeitures will be assessed accordingly.
- 8.1.6 Teams failing to return trophies, which were awarded at the Annual Presentation, by the April 15, will be fined by the WCL Executive Committee.
- 8.1.7 Teams that fail to provide umpires as required or whose umpires are unable to officiate in games as assigned by the WCL will be fined \$100 per umpire for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation, and \$500 for the third and subsequent violations. This is an automatic fine and is due and payable immediately without any invoice from the treasurer. In addition all fines associated therewith must be paid prior to the offending team's next game.
- 8.1.8 Fines associated with a team's failure to provide umpires must be satisfied prior to the start of the offending team's next game. Failure to pay this fine may preclude the offending team from playing in that game or any subsequent games.

- 8.1.9 Any games played while a fine relating to failure to provide an umpire is due and outstanding, will be deemed forfeitures. All fines associated with forfeitures will be assessed accordingly. *See also Playing Conditions 5.2.2*
- 8.1.10 In cases where it can be established that teams are responsible for leaving trash and foreign materials at the field, those teams will be fined \$150 for the first offense, \$250 after the second offense in the same season, \$500 after the third offense in the same season and \$1,000 after the fourth.
- 8.1.11 Failure to secure the League's matting back in the storage area when there is no rain or after it has dried out following rain showers shall result in the offending team being fined \$100 for each violation. In addition, any team who violates this rule shall bear the cost of replacing the matting if it is stolen, destroyed or otherwise damaged thereby.
- 8.1.12 Any umpire who fails to submit his report by the Monday immediately following a game shall be fined up to fifty percent (50%) of his match fee.
- 8.1.13 Any team that uses an ineligible player in a regular game shall be fined an amount no less than \$250.00. In addition, that team shall forfeit the game. In addition, all fines associated with forfeitures shall apply.
- 8.1.14 A team that uses an ineligible player in a playoff game shall be fined an amount no less than \$500.00. In addition, that team shall forfeit the game. In addition, all fines associated with forfeitures shall apply.
- 8.1.15 Teams that fail to follow the proper transfer/registration process shall be fined \$50 for each violation.
- 8.1.16 Any umpire that fails to show up after being assigned to a game will be fined \$100.
- 8.1.17 Any umpire who initially accepts an assignment and later cancels that assignment may be penalized an amount equal to the match fee for that assignment.
- 8.1.18 Any team that fails to provide a minimum of two (2) umpires or a minimum of two (2) candidates for certification at the annual spring umpires seminar shall be fined \$100.00 for each umpire absent.

- 8.1.19 Teams that are already established caretakers of fields or teams that negotiate and receive fields from local jurisdictions shall be the only teams applying for and holding permits for those fields, unless those teams are no longer members of the WCL. Any team or player, who violates this By-Law, shall be suspended for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Likewise anyone acting on behalf of a team who violates this By-Law shall subject that team to said one (1) year suspension.
- 8.1.20 A club that has been suspended or had its membership revoked must sit out the season following such action unless the Board of Directors rescinds or overturn the decision.
- 8.1.21 All applicable application and initiation fees, listed in Appendix B – Fee Schedule, must accompany any application for reinstatement. A new team will not be allowed in the Organization if more than one half of its members are from a team that was suspended from the Organization within the past eighteen (18) months, regardless of the name of the new team.

## **9 EXPULSION BASED ON FORFEITURES**

Any team with more than two forfeitures in any tournament would be expelled from the league.

## 10 AMENDMENTS

### 10.1 Executive Committee

- 10.1.1 The Executive Committee may alter these By-Laws as it deems appropriate to facilitate smooth running of the league. The By-Laws, as altered or amended by the WCL Executive Committee shall be circulated to member clubs and shall be deemed to be approved unless a written objection is received from at least one third of the clubs within a thirty (30) day review period.
- 10.1.2 In the event that at least a third of the clubs file their objection to any alteration or amendment, a Special General Meeting shall be scheduled within fifteen (15) days after the completion of the thirty (30) day review period.
- 10.1.3 Notification of the Special General Meeting must be given to all clubs by the League's Executive Secretary.
- 10.1.4 A delegate of a club in good standing, at any General Meeting, may formulate and move a motion to amend any By-Law at a General Meeting. The motion will be voted on once seconded by another member in good standing.
- 10.1.5 A simple majority shall be adequate to approve the amendments to the By-Laws.]

### 10.2 Clubs

- 10.2.1 A club in good standing or an individual thereof, in good standing may also may propose amendments to the By-Laws by drafting the actual text of the proposed amendments and having it circulated to all member clubs by the Executive Secretary at least thirty (30) days before any properly constituted General Meeting.
- 10.2.2 A delegate of a club in good standing, at any General Meeting, may formulate and move a motion to amend any By-Law at a General Meeting. The motion will be voted on once seconded by another member in good standing.
- 10.2.2.1 A simple majority of eligible voting members present at a General Meeting shall determine the success or failure of a motion.

## Appendix A

## FIRST-CLASS STATUS

The following matches of three or more days' duration shall be regarded as First-Class, subject to the provisions of the First-Class match definition being complied with. The list below is not exhaustive and covers tournaments rather than one-off fixtures. It is therefore merely indicative of the matches which would fall into the First Class definition.

i) Test matches

ii) ICC Intercontinental Cup matches

iii) Matches by 'A' teams of Full Member countries against teams adjudged First-Class (including the 'A' team of another Full Member country)

iv) In all Full Member Countries

Matches against teams adjudged First-Class played by official touring teams

v) In Afghanistan

Ahmad Shah Abdali Regional (ASA) tournament

vi) In Australia

Sheffield Shield matches between states

vii) In Bangladesh

National Cricket League matches between divisions and

Bangladesh Cricket League matches between zones.

viii) In England and Wales

Division 1 and 2 County Championship matches between counties

ix) In India

Ranji Trophy matches between states

Duleep Trophy matches between zones, and,

Irani Cup match between the Ranji Trophy winner

and the Rest of India



x) In Ireland

Inter-Provincial Championship, played between Provincial Unions

xi) In New Zealand

Plunket Shield matches between provinces

xii) In Pakistan

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy

xiii) In South Africa

Franchise tournament matches between franchises

CSA Provincial Cup matches between provinces

xiv) In Sri Lanka

Major Tier “A” – 3 or 4 day match

Major Tier “B” – 3 day match

Super Provincial – 3 or 4 day match

xv) In West Indies

West Indies Championship (WIC) matches between territories/franchises.

xvi) In Zimbabwe

Logan Cup between Franchises

## Appendix B - Format and Structure

### 40 Over Competition:

Teams will be competing in the respective division in 40-over competition based on the Promotion/Demotion Criteria mentioned in the WCL By-Laws.

- Premier Division: Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the 40-over competition. Top 2 seeds will get a bye for the first round of playoffs.
- Division I: Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the 40-over competition. Top 2 seeds will get a bye for the first round of playoffs.
- Division II: Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the 40-over competition. Top 2 seeds will get a bye for the first round of playoffs.
- Division III: Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the 40-over competition.

## **2. 40 Over Promotion/Demotion:**

- Premier Division: Teams ranked last and second-last in the standings at the end of the regular season of the 40-over Premier Division competition will be demoted to Division I.
- Division I: Team winning the Division I 40-over championship and team ranked 1 in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division I 40-over competition will be promoted to Premier Division. In the event that a team ranked 1 also wins the Division I 40-over championship, the other finalist will be promoted to Premier Division. Teams ranked last and second-last in the standings at the end of the regular season of the 40-over Division I competition will be demoted to Division II.
- Division II: Team winning the Division II 40-over championship and team ranked 1 in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division II 40-over competition will be promoted to Division I. In the event that a team ranked 1 also wins the Division II 40-over championship, the other finalist will be promoted to Division I. Teams ranked last and second-last at the end of the regular season of the Division II 40-over competition will be demoted to Division III.
- Division III: Team winning the Division III 40-over championship and team ranked 1 in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division III 40-over competition will be promoted to Division II. In the event that a team ranked 1 also wins the Division III 40-over championship, the other finalist will be promoted to Division II.

## **3. Spring T20 Competition:**

Teams will be competing in the respective division in T20 competition based on the Promotion/Demotion Criteria mentioned in the WCL By-Laws.

- Premier Division: Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the T20 competition. Top 2 seeds will get a bye for the first round of playoffs.
- Division I: Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the T20 competition. Top 2 seeds will get a bye for the first round of playoffs.
- Division II: Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the T20 competition. Top 2 seeds will get a bye for the first round of playoffs.
- Division III: Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs for the T20 competition.

## **4. T20 Promotion/Demotion:**

- Premier Division: Teams ranked last and second-last in the standings at the end of the regular season of the T20 Premier Division competition will be demoted to Division I.
- Division I: Team winning the Division I T20 championship and team ranked 1 in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division I T20 competition will be promoted to Premier Division. In the event that a team ranked 1 also wins the Division I T20 championship, the other finalist will be promoted to Premier Division. Teams ranked last and second-last in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division I T20 competition will be demoted to Division II.
- Division II: Team winning the Division II T20 championship and team ranked 1 in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division II T20 competition will be promoted to Division I. In the event that a team ranked 1 also wins the Division II T20 championship, the other finalist will be promoted to Division I. Teams ranked last and second-last at the end of the regular season of the Division II T20 competition will be demoted to Division III.
- Division III: Team winning the Division III T20 championship and team ranked 1 in the standings at the end of the regular season of the Division III T20 competition will be promoted to Division II. In the event that a team ranked 1 also wins the Division III T20 championship, the other finalist will be promoted to Division II.