

CONSTITUTION OF THE KANTO CRICKET LEAGUE

1. TITLE

The competition shall be known as the Kanto Cricket League hereinafter referred to as the KCL.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the KCL shall be to organise cricket on a league basis, with the objective of playing cricket in the true spirit of the game and to maintain it at the highest possible standard; to organize any further competitions in addition to the league competition; to take any actions which may be considered beneficial to member clubs and to the game of cricket.

3. COMPOSITION

The league shall be organized into a number of divisions to be determined annually at the discretion of the KCL Committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY

a. Teams

Any properly constituted cricket club with a minimum of 12 registered players, whose names shall be registered with the KCL before the beginning of each season. Any club in the KCL whose number of players falls to below 10 or which does not conform to the rules of the KCL may, after a full opportunity to defend itself, be expelled from the KCL.

b. Players

A player may join a club and participate in the KCL at any time during the season provided that his name is submitted to the KCL Committee at least 48 hours before the start of a match in which that player intends to participate. In other words, no player shall participate in a KCL match unless his name has been registered with the KCL Committee at least 48 hours before the start of that match.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a) The KCL shall be governed by the Management Committee (herein called "The Committee") consisting of:

Chairperson

Communication & Disciplinary Coordinator

Treasurer Scheduler & Umpiring duty Coordinator

Optionally, two General Committee members (who may be designated as backup for the above positions).

- b) Except in special circumstances approved by the AGM (or at a properly called Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)) no club shall hold more than one position on the committee. In any case, at least one third of the clubs must be represented on the Committee. As far as possible, work shall be divided equally among Committee Members, taking into account Members' other commitments. Members of the committee serve until the next AGM, unless and until they resign, are removed at an EGM or their club leaves the KCL.
- c) All communications between Committee Members, whether at meetings or otherwise shall be privileged and cannot be disclosed to third parties; however abusive or personal comments will not be tolerated and the benefit of privilege will be automatically removed.
- d) Any member of any club registered with the KCL may stand for election to the Committee, provided that the and his club have played in the KCL for a minimum of 1 season
- e) Committee members shall serve for a maximum of 4 years in succession, except that they may serve beyond 4 years if voted for at the relevant AGM by a minimum of 2/3 of the votes present at the meeting. In other words if a member stands for his 5th year in succession, he would need a minimum of 2/3 of the votes in order to remain on the Committee.

6. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

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- a) The committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose and spirit of the League is upheld and it shall be empowered to take what action it considers fit to do this (but refer to 7 (j) below).
- b) The Committee shall be empowered to invite new clubs or teams to join the KCL
- c) The Committee shall have the power to discipline clubs and individual players, and to co-opt new non-voting members on the Committee for special purposes and for such periods it sees fit.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees from time to time for specific purposes which it shall determine.
- e) A quorum for all Committee meetings shall be minimum 50% Committee members. Absence from two consecutive meetings of any member without reasonable cause being stated will entitle the Committee to seek a replacement Committee member. The Committee shall have full discretion in such matters.

Alternatively, 'meetings' may be held via email. In such case, notice of meetings with an outline agenda shall be given to all committee members at least 6 working days (i.e., weekends excepted) before the date of the 'meeting'. Members may propose additional items for the agenda within 3 working days of the notice, after which time the Secretary shall email all members with the final agenda. During the following 3 working days, members may put forward their views on the agenda items, after which voting shall take place via email on the day of the 'meeting'.

Additionally or alternatively, Committee discussions may be held by email, with all messages to be copied to all Committee members (except in case of entirely private discussions between individual members).

- f) The Committee shall be the authority over the correct interpretation and enforcement of the rules, and shall have full jurisdiction over all matters not provided for in these rules.
- g) Minutes of all Committee meetings shall be kept and sent to all Committee members by a Committee member appointed for the purpose within one week of the meeting.
- h) In the event of an office becoming vacant the Committee shall fill that vacancy from among the existing Committee members. If a vacancy occurs on the Committee, the Committee shall request member clubs to nominate replacements, unless, in the opinion of the Committee, the Committee's functions can be performed by the remaining members of the Committee or an EGM is called for by member clubs. Voting for the replacements may take place by email or written votes from all member clubs (one vote per club) or at an EGM at the discretion of the Committee, but without prejudice to the right of clubs to call for an EGM to discuss and vote on the issue.
- i) No member of the Committee shall be present at any meeting thereof during the determination of any matter with which his club is directly concerned, except at the invitation of the Committee.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the KCL shall be held in February or as close as possible each year, on a date fixed by the Committee.

- a) Any member of a club which is a member of the KCL may attend any General Meeting of the KCL, but each member club shall have only one vote (subject to the restriction in the next sentence) and be entitled to send up to two delegates, and each club shall nominate one person who shall be entitled to vote on behalf of that club upon the resolutions submitted only one of whom shall be entitled to vote upon the resolutions submitted. Clubs will be entitled to vote from the next AGM after they have completed playing one season in the KCL. In other words, if a club joins the KCL at the start of the 2007 season, it shall be entitled to vote at the 2008 AGM onwards.
- b) A quorum at all General Meetings shall be 50% of the member clubs. Proxy voting will not be allowed except if approved latest one week prior to the meeting by a minimum of 2/3 of the member clubs.
- c) A report of the KCL's annual financial situation shall be presented at the AGM, and the members of the Committee shall be elected.

Note: All Officers and Committee members elected at the AGM shall hold office until the next AGM (or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in case such EGM is called to elect new Officers or Committee members). They shall be eligible for re-election. After the AGM, the Committee will allocate individual Office positions.

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- d) The support of a simple majority of those voting shall be necessary to carry a resolution at the AGM or EGM. The Officers of the KCL shall not be entitled to vote, unless they are the sole representative of their club. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson (or his appointee), who normally does not have a vote at the AGM or EGM, shall have a casting vote. The Chairperson of the AGM or EGM shall be the Chairperson of the KCL or his appointee.
- e) Voting on all resolutions shall be taken by a show of hands, but if the voting is challenged, or is regarded by the Chairperson as dealing with particularly sensitive issues, he shall order a card vote to be taken.
- f) Notice of all General Meetings shall be sent to all member clubs at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting. Resolutions to be submitted to the AGM (or an EGM) must be proposed and seconded by member clubs and be forwarded to the Committee not later than 7 days prior to the date of the meeting, and the Agenda of the meeting shall be published to member clubs no later than 5 days before the meeting.
- g) An EGM may be convened at the discretion of the Committee or shall be convened at the request of minimum 50% of member clubs who shall send their written applications of the resolutions to be submitted to the meeting. Such EGM shall be held not later than one calendar month after the receipt of the application. Member clubs wishing to call an EGM to appeal the result of a regulatory decision by the Committee must do so within one month of that decision being given (for example, if the Committee decides that a particular player is ineligible to play in the KCL, then an appeal against that decision must be submitted to the Committee within one month of notification of that decision).
- h) Minutes of all General Meetings shall be taken by a person to be nominated by the Committee, and be kept on record. Copies shall be sent to all member clubs.
- i) Any proposed amendments to Clause 16 (Dissolution) can only be passed by a majority of more than two thirds of member clubs. In case of Dissolution of the KCL, any surplus funds after meeting any liabilities will be equally divided amongst the member clubs, in proportion to their length of membership in the KCL.

8. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS & NON PAYMENTS

- a) Each club shall be required to pay an annual subscription prior to 1st April of each season of participation in the League. The subscription amount will be decided on at the AGM and requests for payment given to participating clubs latest by 1st March of that season.
- b) Any club whose subscription remains unpaid by the 1st April in any one year may be struck off the roll of membership, but official warning to this effect shall be given as directed by the Committee, and one week be allowed for payment.
- c) A club removed from the membership under section (b) shall not be readmitted except by payment of all arrears, if any.

9. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- a. An account shall be kept in the name of "Kanto Cricket League" at a bank approved by the committee, into which all moneys received on behalf of the KCL shall be paid by the Treasurer or Committee member. The Treasurer shall keep the bankbook and bank card, if any, and be authorised to use the bank account only for approved purposes.
- b. The accounts of the KCL shall be kept by the Treasurer, and a report of the accounts shall be presented to all member clubs at the AGM Kanto Cricket League.
- c. Funds will be used to cover the costs of running the competition and improving playing conditions for all players. Likely costs include provision of cricket balls, cost of ground hire, communication costs, traveling costs, umpire fees, equipment costs and trophy costs.
- d. A team representative may request funds from the Treasurer who will authorize payment of an appropriate amount having consulted the Committee.
- e. Misuse of Funds
- b) Anyone found to be misusing Kanto Cricket League Funds will be severely dealt with by the Committee and, where appropriate, legal remedies will be sought.

10. DISPUTES & DISAGREEMENTS

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All objections against a club, player or umpire, shall be made in writing/e-mail and forwarded to the Committee within five working days of the match to which the objection refers, together with a copy to the representative of the other club involved in the game in question. All parties involved will be allowed to present their case, but the Committee's decision on the issue shall be final.

- a) Verbal abuse, intimidation or violence are absolutely prohibited and shall be treated with extreme penalties, and may involve, in the Committee's discretion, deduction or reallocation of points for the game in question and/or banning of the player or team concerned for one or more matches.
- b) Procedural offences, e.g. late start, lack of facilities etc., shall generally be dealt with warnings followed (if repeated) by the deduction of points.
- c) No objection or complaint shall be considered with regard to the decision of an official (KCL) umpire, except with regard to wrongful interpretation of the Laws of Cricket.

11. PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Decisions or reports of the Committee will be published in such manner as the Committee shall direct.

12. ENTRY INTO AND WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LEAGUE

- a. Entry into the KCL shall be by application to the Committee. New clubs applying to join the KCL may apply at any time and, if accepted by the Committee or an AGM vote, the new club will join the KCL at the commencement of the following season.
- b. In the event that a team is unable to fulfill at least half of its fixtures during the season, its record shall be erased.

13. EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall have the power to expel from the KCL any club which has contravened these rules or which has, in the opinion of the Committee, otherwise brought discredit upon the KCL, except that no club shall be expelled without having the opportunity of sending representatives to state a case before the Committee.

14. KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATCH RULES

The Match Rules of the KCL, as attached as Annex A hereto, shall be deemed to be known to the officers of all member clubs, and through them to all members, who shall be bound by them.

15. ALTERATION OF THE MATCH RULES

The Match Rules will be reviewed on an annual basis. No alterations of these rules shall be made except at the AGM or at an EGM summoned for the purpose. In either case, notice in writing of any proposed alterations must be given as part of the agenda for such meeting. In special cases, if alterations of the Match Rules are required at short notice, they may be proposed by the Committee in writing to all member clubs, and may be incorporated into the Match Rules provided approval is received in writing by a majority of clubs in the KCL.

16. DISSOLUTION

The KCL may be dissolved by a resolution of an AGM or EGM, the conditions of voting in Rule 7 being applicable. Should there be insufficient funds at the time of dissolution to meet the liabilities; the deficit shall be met by the member clubs in such proportions as the meeting dissolving the KCL shall determine.

17. TROPHIES

Provided sufficient funds are deemed available after payment of outstanding obligations, the winners of the KCL will be presented with a trophy, and awards will be made for the best batsman, bowler and all-rounder. For players to be considered, they must have taken part in more than 50% of their team's league matches. The winners shall be decided by the Committee.

The KCL may also, in its discretion, present awards to individuals scoring a century or taking at least 5 wickets. Such individuals must also comply with the participation rules in the previous paragraph.

18. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

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Each member club shall notify the Committee of the names of two persons to be that club's representatives. Official communications from the Committee shall be made to those representatives only.

19. UMPIRING SEMINARS

The Committee may arrange at its discretion to hold an umpiring seminar (or seminars) each season and award additional points to clubs sending their representative(s) to attend (which, as far as possible, all teams should endeavor to do). The Committee may allocate KCL funds towards the costs associated with such seminars.