

Statutes of the United Nations Cricket Club

§ 1

Name, Location and Area of Activity

1. The club has the name
"United Nations Cricket Club"
2. It is located in **Vienna** and pursues its activities in **Austria** and neighbouring countries.
No subsidiary clubs are foreseen.

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Purpose

The club, which does not aim to make a profit from its activities, has the purpose of:

Playing the sport of cricket in an amateur manner.

§ 3

Means of Achieving the Club's Purpose

1. The club's purpose shall be achieved through the means described in paragraphs 2 and 3 below.
2. Social gatherings and sporting activities related to cricket.
3. For which the necessary material means are to be gathered by:
 - a. Fees for membership and for playing cricket matches
 - b. Proceeds from the holding of events
 - c. Donations and collections

§ 4

Types of Membership

1. The club's members fall into the categories of Ordinary, Extraordinary and Honorary members.
2. Ordinary members are those who participate fully in the club's activities. Extraordinary members are those who support the club's activities primarily through higher membership fees. Honorary members are persons elected as such because of their especial contribution to the club.

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Attainment of Membership

1. Members may be individuals or institutions.
2. Decisions regarding acceptance of Ordinary and Extraordinary members are made by the Club Committee. Applications for membership may be rejected without any reason given.
3. The appointment of Honorary members is made by the General Meeting upon nomination by the Club Committee.
4. Prior to the club's constitution, members will be admitted temporarily by the proponent(s). This membership will be effective only after the constitution of the club.

§ 6

Termination of Membership

1. Membership is terminated by death, by voluntary withdrawal, by expulsion or, in the case of institutional membership, by loss of institutional status.
2. Termination may occur at any time.

3. The Club Committee may expel members who, despite being given two written warnings and a reasonable extension of time in which to pay, are in default of payment of membership fees for longer than six months. The obligation to pay membership fees remains unaffected by expulsion.
4. The Club Committee may also expel a member from the club for violation of the obligations of membership or because of dishonourable conduct.
5. Honorary membership may be withdrawn by the General Meeting upon recommendation of the Club Committee for the reasons described in paragraph 4.

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Entitlements and Obligations of Members

1. Members are entitled to participate in all club events and to take advantage of all club facilities. Ordinary and Honorary members have the right to vote in the General Meeting and to cast votes in elections.
2. Members are obliged to act in the best interests of the club and refrain from actions which could harm its reputation or hinder the attainment of its aims. Members are further obliged to respect the club's statutes and decisions made by the club's decision-making bodies. Ordinary and Extraordinary members are obliged to make prompt payment of membership fees in the amounts determined by the General Meeting.

§ 8

Decision-making Bodies

Decision-making bodies of the club are the General Meeting (§§ 9 and 10), the Club Committee (§§ 11 through 12) comprised of the club's Officers (§ 13), the Auditors (§ 14) and the Arbitration Panel (§ 15).

§ 9

The General Meeting

1. The Ordinary General Meeting takes place each year within three months from the start of the calendar year.
2. An Extraordinary General Meeting is to be convened, within four weeks, upon decision of the Club Committee, or as mandated by the General Meeting, or upon written request of at least one tenth of members entitled to vote (§ 7 paragraph 1 and § 9 paragraph 6), or upon demand of the Auditors.
3. All members are to be invited in writing to both Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings at least two weeks before the date of the meeting. The call to the General Meeting, which should be made by the Club Committee, is to be accompanied by an agenda.
4. Items for inclusion in the agenda of the General Meeting are to be submitted in writing to the Club Committee at least three days before the date of the meeting.
5. Valid decisions, with the exception of those related to the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting, may only be made on items on the agenda.
6. All members are entitled to participate in the General Meeting. Only Ordinary and Honorary members are entitled to vote. Each member has one vote. Institutions are represented by a duly authorised delegate. By means of a written proxy statement, members may transfer their vote to other members.
7. The General Meeting is quorate if at least half of all members entitled to vote (or their delegates – paragraph 6) are present. Should the General Meeting not be quorate at the determined start time, the General Meeting will commence 30 minutes later with the same agenda and will be quorate without regard to the number of members present.

8. Elections and decisions in the General Meeting are reached by simple majority voting. However, decisions concerning changes to the statutes or dissolution of the club require a two thirds majority of valid votes cast.
9. The General Meeting is chaired by the club President, in his or her absence by the Vice-president. Should the Vice-president also be absent, the meeting is chaired by the eldest member of the Club Committee present.

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Responsibilities of the General Meeting

The following responsibilities are reserved for the General Meeting:

1. Acceptance and approval of the Financial Report and the Financial Statement of accounts;
2. Passing of resolutions concerning Budget Estimates;
3. Election, appointment and removal from office of members of the Club Committee and the Auditors;
4. Approval of legal transactions between club Officers, Auditors and the club;
5. Dismissal of the Club Committee;
6. Setting of amounts for membership and match fees for Ordinary and Extraordinary members;
7. The award and removal of Honorary membership;
8. Decisions concerning changes to statutes and the dissolution of the club;
9. Advising and deciding on matters on the agenda.

§ 11

The Club Committee

1. The Club Committee is comprised of six club Officers, namely the President, the Vice-president, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Team Captain and the Vice-captain.
2. The club's Officers are elected by the General Meeting. Upon the departure from office of a club Officer, the Club Committee may co-opt another member to take his or her place, whereby retroactive approval at the subsequent General Meeting is to be obtained. Should the Club Committee cease to function, either because of a neglect to co-opt members as necessary, or for an unexpectedly long period of time, each Auditor is obliged, without delay, to call an Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of electing new Officers. Should the Auditors be incapacitated or unavailable, each Ordinary member who recognises the gravity of the situation is obliged to apply to the responsible court of law for the appointment of a guardian, who is to call an Extraordinary General Meeting without delay.
3. The period of office of the Club Committee and of each club Officer is one year. Re-election is permitted.
4. The Club Committee is to be convened, orally or in writing, by the President or in his/her absence by the Vice-president. Should both Officers be incapacitated or unavailable for a longer period of time, the Club Committee may be convened by any other Officer.
5. The Club Committee is quorate when all Officers have been invited and a least half of them are present.
6. The Club Committee reaches decisions by simple majority voting; in the case of a tie, the chairman has the casting vote.
7. Club Committee meetings are chaired by the President, in his/her absence by the Vice-president. Should the latter also be absent, the chairmanship passes to the oldest club Officer present.

8. Apart from death or the ending of the term of office (paragraph 3), a club Officer may resign (paragraph 10) or be relieved of his or her duties (paragraph 9).
9. The General Meeting may at any time relieve any or all Officers of their duties. This will take effect on the appointment of a new Officer or Officers.
10. Any Officer may at any time submit a resignation in writing to the Club Committee or, in the case where the entire Club Committee resigns, to the General Meeting. A resignation will take effect only upon the election or co-opting (paragraph 2) of a replacement.

§ 12

Responsibilities of the Club Committee

The Club Committee has the duty to manage the affairs of the club and to provide leadership. It is responsible for all tasks which the statutes do not specifically assign to another decision-making body. Within the Club Committee's responsibility are, in particular, the following:

1. Drafting of annual Budget Estimates, annual Financial Reports and annual Financial Statements of accounts;
2. Preparing for the General Meeting;
3. Convening Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings;
4. Administering the club's funds;
5. Accepting and dismissing club members;
6. Recruiting and dismissing employees of the club.

§13

Special Responsibilities of Individual Club Officers

1. The President represents the club to outside bodies. Formal, written club correspondence requires the signature of the President and the Secretary, or in financial matters that of the President and the Treasurer. Legal transactions between club Officers and the club require, in addition, the approval of the General Meeting in order to be binding. Delegations of authority to represent the club to outside bodies in legal matters or to sign for the club in legal transactions may be authorised only by the Officers named in paragraph 1. Should a risk of the club falling into arrears arise, the President is authorised to take appropriate measures, even in matters in the preserve of the General Meeting or of other officers, subsequently obtaining retroactive approval from the appropriate decision-making body. The President chairs General Meetings and Club Committee meetings.
2. The Secretary supports the President in the management of the club's affairs and takes minutes at the General Meeting and at meetings of the Club Committee.
3. The Treasurer is responsible for the proper management and reporting of the club's finances.
4. In cases of the President's unavailability, the Vice-president acts in his or her stead.

§ 14

The Auditors

1. The two Auditors are elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years. Re-election is permitted.
2. The Auditors are responsible for continually monitoring the proper conduct of the club's affairs and conducting an examination of the annual Financial Statement of accounts. They report the result of their examination to the General Meeting.
3. The provisions of § 11 paragraphs 3, 8, 9 and 10 as well as the last sentence of § 13 paragraph 1 apply analogously to the Auditors.

§ 15

The Arbitration Panel

1. The Arbitration Panel is convened to mediate and conciliate all matters of dispute within the club.
2. The Arbitration Panel consists of three ordinary club members, appointed in the following manner: one party in the dispute proposes in writing a member to serve on the Arbitration Panel to the Club Committee, which within 7 days requests the other party in the dispute to propose within the next 14 days a member to serve on the Panel. The Club Committee then notifies both proposed arbitrators of their appointment within the next 7 days, upon which the two proposed arbitrators choose within a further 14 days a third ordinary member to chair the Arbitration Panel. A situation where no consensus can be reached between the proposed arbitrators is to be decided by the drawing of lots.
3. The Arbitration Panel makes its decisions with all its members present by simple majority voting. It reaches its decisions in good conscience according to the best of its members' knowledge. Within the club, its decisions are final.

§ 16

Dissolution of the Club

1. The voluntary dissolution of the club may be decided only in an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for this purpose and only with the agreement of two thirds of members present.
2. This Extraordinary General Meeting is also to decide on the liquidation of the club's assets, where these exist, to appoint a liquidator and to decide the ultimate beneficiaries of any resulting funds after liabilities have been met.
3. In the event of the club's dissolution and in the absence of any beneficiaries, remaining assets are to be used for the purpose of supporting cricket in Austria.
4. The last Club Committee is required to inform the relevant authorities, in writing, of the voluntary dissolution within four weeks of the decision. It is also obliged to announce, within the same period of time, the voluntary dissolution in an official newspaper.

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