



Rules of the Auckland Cricket Umpires' Association

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be "The Auckland Cricket Umpires' Association". (ACUA)

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of the Association shall be: -
- a) To be responsible for the recruitment, training and provision of umpires.
 - b) To assist the Auckland Cricket Association (ACA) in enforcing and upholding the Laws of Cricket as adopted by the ACA together with any additional or amended Laws that may from time to time be adopted by the ACA.
 - c) To assist the ACA to adopt and maintain a uniform interpretation of such Laws, rules and local by-laws that may from time to time be made or adopted by the ACA.

3. Office Bearers

- 3.1 The Officers
- a) The Officers of the Association shall be: -
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice-President
 - iii. Secretary and/or
 - iv. Treasurer
 - b) Appointments (iii) and (iv) may be held conjointly)
- 3.2 All nominations for office bearers of the Association shall be made in writing to the Secretary 4 weeks in advance of the A.G.M. and the Secretary to circulate all nominations to the Membership not less than 2 weeks prior to the A.G.M. For the avoidance of all doubt, e-mails are an acceptable form of written communication for this purpose.

- 3.3 A Vice-President shall be elected by the Executive as required.
- 3.4 When ballots are required, a Returning Officer and two (2) Scrutineers shall be appointed
- 3.5 An extraordinary vacancy as Office Bearer of the Association or as a member of any Committee of the Association shall be filled at the next ordinary meeting of the Association held thereafter.

4. Annual Meeting

- 4.1 The annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than the last Saturday in the month of May each year. The regular business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: -
 - a) To receive the annual Reports from the President, Grading and Assessment Committee and the Regional Training Officer.
 - b) To elect Office Bearers.
 - c) To elect the Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than 4 members and the Office Bearers.
 - d) To elect a Patron

5. Ordinary Meetings

- 5.1 Ordinary meetings of the Association shall be held from time to time.
- 5.2 Ordinary meetings shall be at a time and place as notified from time to time by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.
- 5.3 There shall be no limit on the number of ordinary meetings to be held by the Association but there shall be not less than three ordinary meetings during the period commencing on the first day of September in one year and concluding on 30 April in the following year.

6. Training

- 6.1 A Regional Training Officer (RTO) shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and notified to the New Zealand Cricket Umpires Association (NZCUA) by 30 April for the following season.

- 6.2 The RTO shall submit for approval by the Executive Committee a training plan for the coming season by the end of August each year.

7. Special Meetings

- 7.1 Special meetings of the Association shall be convened:-
- a) On a requisition signed by not less than 5 members, or
 - b) By the Executive Committee, or
 - c) At the request of the ACA.
 - d) Such meetings shall be called on such dates as will allow at least 7 days' written notice to be given. The business for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

8. Chairperson

- 8.1 The President shall chair all meetings at which he or she is in attendance. Should the President not be present at any meeting of the Association the elected Vice-President or a member of the Executive will chair the meeting.

9. Quorum

- 9.1 A quorum at any Special Meeting shall be not less than 50% of all financial members.
- 9.2 A quorum at the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be not less than one-third of all financial members.
- 9.3 A quorum at any Ordinary Meeting of the Association shall be not less than ten (10) financial members.

10. Proceedings

- 10.1 The Chairperson shall have power to decide on every point of order. In cases of doubt or difficulty a vote shall be taken (either verbally or on a show of hands or by ballot or otherwise).
- 10.2 The Chairperson shall have the right to vote on any motion. If voting is equal, the motion is not passed.

11. Executive Committee

- 11.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined: 4 members to form a quorum.

12. New Members

- 12.1 The name of any person desirous of becoming a member of the Association shall be submitted to the Secretary on a requisite application form together with their subscription.
- 12.2 Any person seeking membership of the Association shall satisfy the Association of their suitability.
- 12.3 Such new members shall not be appointed to matches until they have satisfied the Executive of their competence.

13. Life Members

- 13.1 The Association may, by a vote supported by at least 75% of financial members, elect to life membership any member whose services to the Association are deemed to have warranted this honour.
- 13.2 Such Life members shall receive a suitable badge and are to be extended the full privileges and benefits of an active member without charge.

14. Honorary Members

- 14.1 The Association may, by a vote supported by at least 75% of financial members, elect for honorary membership any member whose services to the Association or to Auckland Cricket are deemed to have warranted this honour.
- 14.2 Such honorary members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Association and shall have all privileges and benefits of an active member without charge, save for the ability to be able to vote at any Ordinary, Special or Annual General Meeting.

15. Membership

- 15.1 The Executive shall have the power to remove from the register the names of Members who: -
- i. Are deceased, or
 - ii. Have resigned (in writing), or

- iii. By reason of their conduct or serious misconduct are in the opinion of the Executive no longer desirable as members of the Association.

16. Appointment of Umpires

- 16.1 The Grading and Assessment Committee is authorised by the Executive of the ACUA to appoint umpires to games under the control of the ACA.
- 16.2 The ACA shall approve all umpiring appointments for games under its control.
- 16.3 The Grading and Assessment Committee shall appoint umpires to games commensurate with their ability.
- 16.4 Fixtures under the control of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and the ACA take precedence over all other tournaments and games.
- 16.5 Selection of umpires to represent the ACUA under exchange programmes shall be made by the Executive on the recommendation of the Grading and Assessment Committee.

17. Responsibility of Umpires

- 17.1 Should any member be unable to officiate in a game for which they have been appointed, they shall notify the RTO as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Should any member fail to act as Umpire when appointed, they may be suspended as a member of the ACUA until they furnish a satisfactory explanation to the Executive.
- 17.3 Should no explanation be received within 28 days of the umpire's failure to act they may be dealt with under 15.1 (iii).

18. Financial

- 18.1 An annual subscription per member (excepting Life and Honorary members) shall be charged. The amount of such subscription shall be fixed at the Annual General meeting and be payable by 1st October of that same year. It shall be used for whatever purpose the Executive shall deem fit.
- 18.2 Any member who has not paid their subscription by 1st October following the Annual General Meeting shall not be appointed to officiate at any match until such subscription has been received.

- 18.3 Each year the ACUA and the ACA shall execute a Memorandum of Agreement covering the financial operations of the ACUA for the coming season.

19. Affiliation

- 19.1 Any Umpires' Association in the Auckland Province may be granted affiliation upon written application, providing such application is approved by their controlling Cricket Association and by the ACA.

20. Alteration to Rules

- 20.1 These rules shall not be repealed or altered, nor shall any new rule be adopted, without the consent of 75% of financial members and approved by the ACA and unless the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall have given 7 days' notice by circular to each member of the Association of such proposed repeal, alteration or adoption. For the purposes of voting on alteration to the rules, proxy votes from absent financial members will be allowed.

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