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## CHAPTER 21:03

## GUYANA CRICKET ADMINISTRATION ACT

14 of 2014

**An Act to provide for the incorporation of an autonomous national cricket administrative organisation as the supreme cricket administrative organization and other cricket administrative organisations in Guyana and for matters connected therewith.**

[4th, August 2014]

**PART I  
PRELIMINARY**

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Guyana Cricket Administration Act 2014.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act —
  - (a) “Association or Sub-association” means a collection of clubs playing cricket under one of the County Boards;
  - (b) “club” means a collection of individuals organised in a manner or structure approved by the Guyana Cricket Board for the playing of cricket;
  - (c) “County Boards” means the Demerara Cricket Board, the Berbice Cricket Board and the Essequibo Cricket Board;
  - (d) “former Board” means the entity, institution, association, society, company, body or collection of persons known as or functioning as the Demerara Cricket Board in the county of Demerara, the Berbice Cricket Board in the county of Berbice and the Essequibo Cricket Board in the county of Essequibo, immediately before the commencement of this Act;

- (e) “former Guyana Cricket Board” means the entity, institution, association, society, company, body or collection of persons known as or functioning as the Guyana Cricket Board immediately before the commencement of this Act.

## PART II GUYANA CRICKET BOARD

Guyana  
Cricket Board.

3. (1) The Guyana Cricket Board is established as a body corporate.

- (2) The powers of the Guyana Cricket Board include the power to borrow money and to operate bank accounts.

Schedule 1.

- (3) The constitution of the Guyana Cricket Board shall be as set out in Schedule I.

- (4) The Guyana Cricket Board shall be responsible for the general administration of cricket.

Aims and  
objects.

4. The aims and objects of the Guyana Cricket Board are as follows –
- (a) to advance and improve cricket in Guyana by the organisation, promotion and control of first class and other cricket competitions;
  - (b) to arrange, control and regulate inter-territorial and international tournaments promoted or sanctioned by the West Indies Cricket Board directly or through appointed agents or representatives;
  - (c) to promote, control, regulate and supervise all cricket in Guyana organised under the auspices of the Guyana Cricket Board; and

Transfer of  
rights etc., to  
Guyana  
Cricket Board.

(d) to perform all such other acts or things as may seem to the Cricket Board to be necessary or conducive to the welfare of cricket in Guyana and the West Indies in general.

5. (1) From the commencement of this Act, every person employed by the former Guyana Cricket Board shall be deemed to be employed by the Guyana Cricket Board.

(2) All assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property held by or on behalf of the former Guyana Cricket Board on or before the commencement of this Act shall without further assurance stand transferred to the Guyana Cricket Board:

Provided that in respect of immovable property the Registrar of Deeds shall take due cognisance and make the necessary annotation in any deed under which the immovable property is held.

(3) All movable and immovable property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the former Guyana Cricket Board shall by virtue of this Act and without further assurance, stand transferred to the Guyana Cricket Board.

(4) The rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the former Guyana Cricket Board existing on or before the commencement of this Act, under any contract or instrument or at law or in equity shall by virtue of this Act and without further assurance, stand transferred to the Guyana Cricket Board.

(5) Any contract or instrument mentioned in subsection (4) shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of the Guyana Cricket Board, and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively, as if instead of the former Guyana Cricket Board, the Guyana Cricket Board had been named therein or had been a party thereto.

(6) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing or taken by or against the former Guyana Cricket Board, on or before the

commencement of this Act, in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the former Guyana Cricket Board, shall be continued by or against the Guyana Cricket Board as if the Guyana Cricket Board had been a party thereto.

Executive  
Committee.

Schedule 1.

6. The provisions relating to the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board are as set out in Schedule I and the Committee shall be the executive authority of the Board.

Elections to  
Executive  
Committee.

7. The elections to the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board shall in respect of –

- (a) the first elections, be held in accordance with section 17 on the date appointed in writing by the Minister acting in consultation with the West Indies Cricket Board;
- (b) all subsequent elections, be held on the date appointed by the Executive Committee by notice in the daily newspapers of wide circulation,

Schedule 1.

and shall with such necessary modifications be held in accordance with the relevant provisions of Schedule I.

Delegates  
from County  
Boards to  
Annual  
General  
Meeting.

8. (1) In accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule I (The Constitution of the Guyana Cricket Board) each County Board shall be represented at an Annual General Meeting by nine delegates who shall be entitled to vote at the proceedings.
- (2) The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be fifteen delegates.



**PART III**  
**COUNTY BOARDS**

County  
Boards.

9. (1) The Demerara Cricket Board, the Berbice Cricket Board and the Essequibo Cricket Board are established as bodies corporate.

Schedules 11,  
111 and IV.

- (2) The constitutions and rules of the Demerara Cricket Board, the Berbice Cricket Board and the Essequibo Cricket Board are set out in Schedules II, III and IV, respectively, each Board having the power to make amendments thereto, not inconsistent with this Act, as may be necessary.

- (3) Each County Board shall encourage the formation of cricket Associations, Sub-associations or clubs and shall establish standards and conditions that an Association, Sub-association or a club shall comply with before the Association, Sub-association or club may be recognized and registered in a register kept by the County Board for the purpose.

- (4) The benefits of recognition and registration and the consequences of non-recognition and non-registration shall be made clear to the Associations, Sub-associations and clubs.

- (5) Each member and each officer or member of the management, Executive Board or Committee of each former County Board shall be deemed to continue as an office holder in the County Board holding the same office for the unexpired term of the office.

Election of  
Cricket  
Ombudsman.

10. (1) There shall be an authority known as the Cricket Ombudsman who shall hold office for a period of three years after the Ombudsman has been elected by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting at an extraordinary meeting of the Guyana Cricket Board.

- (2) Where there are two or more candidates vying for the post of Cricket Ombudsman and no candidate receives a two thirds majority, there

shall be a run-off between the two candidates with the highest number of votes in which the Ombudsman shall be chosen by a majority vote.

(3) The primary task of the Cricket Ombudsman for the duration of his appointment shall be the responsibility for the verification of the Register of Clubs and for performing the functions of returning officer for the elections of the membership of the Guyana Cricket Board.

(4) The other functions of the Ombudsman and the rules of procedure of his office shall be prescribed by regulations.

Transfer of  
rights etc., to  
County  
Boards.

11. As from the commencement of this Act -

- (a) every office established under the constitution, rules, regulations and by-laws of a former County Board shall continue to exist on and after the commencement of this Act, subject to the right of a County Board to make amendments thereto as may be necessary;
- (b) every person employed by a former County Board shall be deemed to be employed by the County Board;
- (c) all assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property held by a former County Board shall by virtue of this Act and without further assurance, be held by the County Board:

Provided that in respect of immovable property the Registrar of Deeds shall take due cognisance and make the necessary annotation in any deed under which the immovable property is held;

- (d) the rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of a former County Board existing immediately before the commencement of this Act under any contract or instrument or at law or in equity shall by virtue of this Act and without further assurance, be continued in the County Board;

- (e) any contract or instrument mentioned in paragraph (d) shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of a County Board, and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively, as if instead of the former County Board, the County Board had been a party thereto;
- (f) any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing or taken by or against a former County Board immediately before the commencement of this Act in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the former County Board shall be continued by or against the County Board as if it had been a party thereto.

#### **PART IV FINANCE**

Funds and  
resources of  
Guyana  
Cricket Board.

12. (1) The funds and resources of the Guyana Cricket Board shall include –

- (a) fees, dues and any other money of a similar nature;
- (b) any property or investment acquired by, or vested in the Guyana Cricket Board;
- (c) sums arising from loans, gifts, grants, sponsorship or donations;
- (d) dividend or other money received from the West Indies Cricket Board; and
- (e) all other money or property which may in any manner become payable to or vested in the Guyana Cricket Board in respect of its function or by reason of any connected matter.

- (2) There shall be paid from the funds of the Guyana Cricket Board -
  - (a) the salaries and allowances of the staff of the Guyana Cricket Board and of the Cricket Ombudsman;
  - (b) any other expenses incurred by the Guyana Cricket Board in the performance of its functions.

Financial year.

13. The financial year of the Guyana Cricket Board shall be a period of twelve months ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year.

## PART V MISCELLANEOUS

Annual  
Report.

14. (1) The Guyana Cricket Board and every County Board shall each maintain proper books and documents of account, and shall prepare and submit to the auditor appointed under subsection (2), not later than three months after the end of the financial year, a statement of account, including its balance sheet, in a form conforming with established accounting principles.

(2) The Accounts of the Guyana Cricket Board and the County Boards shall within two months of their submission, be audited by an auditor appointed by the Guyana Cricket Board who is a member of and holds a practising certificate from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana.

(3) The Report of the auditor shall be laid before the National Assembly within one month of the completion of the audit.

Presentation  
of Annual  
Reports to  
National  
Sports  
Commission.

15. The Guyana Cricket Board and every County Board shall each, not later than the thirty first day of May every year, present to the National Sports Commission copies of the auditor's report and the annual report on its work and activities for the period of twelve

months preceding the date of the report, and the plan of action and activities of the Board for the ensuing twelve months.

## **PART VI RULES**

Rules.

16. The Guyana Cricket Board may by rules provide for –
- (a) its conduct and management and the manner of the discharge of its functions;
  - (b) the conduct of relations between the County Boards and the Guyana Cricket Board;
  - (c) the charging of fees generally;
  - (d) fees, if any, payable by the County Boards to the Guyana Cricket Board;
  - (e) the basis on which sums may be made available by the Guyana Cricket Board to the County Boards and the principles on which such funds are disbursed;
  - (f) the criteria by which Associations, Sub-associations and clubs can qualify for membership of a County Board and attendant rights;
  - (g) any other matter or thing that needs to be provided for.

## **PART VII HOLDING OF FIRST ELECTIONS**

Holding of  
Elections.

17. The Minister, after meaningful consultation with the West Indies Cricket Board, shall –
- (a) be responsible for the appointment of a Cricket Ombudsman, who shall be responsible for the verification of the Register of Clubs and for performing the functions of Returning Officer for the first election of the membership of the Guyana Cricket Board;

Subsequent  
Elections.

- (b) have no part to play in respect of the holding of subsequent elections of the said Cricket Board and the election and appointment of the Ombudsman.

- 18. Subsequent elections to the Guyana Cricket Board shall be held in accordance with the provisions of this Act (sections 7 and 8) and subsequent elections of the Ombudsman shall be held in accordance with section 10.

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**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GUYANA CRICKET BOARD**

**1. NAME**

The organization is a non-profit organisation and the name shall be “the Guyana Cricket Board” (hereinafter referred to as “the Cricket Board” or “the Board” or the “G.C.B”).

**2. FLAG ET AL**

The Board shall have a flag, an emblem, a mission statement and a motto.

**3. SECRETARIAT**

The Board shall initially establish its Secretariat in Georgetown, Guyana, but may move the Secretariat to any other part of Guyana if it is considered necessary. The Board shall at all times have a fixed address in Guyana.

**4. AIMS, OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS**

(a) Recognising that cricket is the national game of Guyana and the social and cultural fulfillment it brings to Guyanese, the Board dedicates itself to develop, promote, organize and regulate the game for both male and female players and officials throughout Guyana, and to stimulate the formation of structures and the provision of facilities in order to raise the standard of the game to its highest potential.

(b) The Board shall organise and conduct competition matches among clubs and teams representing County Boards, other cricket teams and between teams representing Guyana and other countries and cricket bodies, and such other matches as the Board may deem to be within its mandate.



- (c) The Board shall as far as possible lend support to the activities and programmes of the County Boards and toward this end the County Boards shall submit their schedule of activities to the Board at the beginning of each year and as necessary thereafter.
- (d) The Board shall establish adequate training facilities and have qualified coaches and officials for the purpose of developing the expertise of cricketers and cricket officials.
- (e) The Board shall maintain and strengthen its organisational relationship with the West Indies Cricket Board and the Regional Cricket Boards in order to promote the game in Guyana, regionally and internationally and to facilitate competitions and tournaments in Guyana, the Caribbean and other parts of the world involving teams representing Guyana, the West Indies and other countries.
- (f) The Board shall strive to obtain resources in order to grant subventions to the County Boards to assist them in carrying out their cricket programmes. The Board shall also give financial support and remuneration to players and officials representing the Board and Guyana.
- (g) The Board shall support the formation of a National Association of Cricket Officials for the purpose of raising the standard of cricket.
- (h) The Board may establish ties with other sports bodies in Guyana, the region and other parts of the world in furtherance of its aims, objects and functions.
- (i) The Board shall give due recognition to outstanding cricketers, officials and administrators of cricket who have given exceptional service to the game in Guyana and elsewhere.
- (j) The Board shall strive to produce national senior and national junior teams (male and female) of the highest quality to represent Guyana in regional and international competitions.
- (k) The Board shall as far as possible be responsible for the promotion and development of women's cricket at all levels and towards this end shall ensure that the various cricket authorities including but not limited to the County Boards, associations and clubs carry out sustained programmes for the promotion and development of women's cricket including the establishment and maintenance of gender-friendly cricket facilities.

(l) The Board shall acquire and hold funds, property and such other assets and resources as are required to carry out its obligations under this Constitution and otherwise organise its business as may be required to carry out the mandate of the West Indies Cricket Board.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

(a) The members of the Board shall be the Berbice Cricket Board, the Demerara Cricket Board and the Essequibo Cricket Board (herein referred to as Member Boards or County Boards) and such other cricketing bodies as may hereafter be admitted to membership by the Board as non-voting Associate Members or Honorary Members. The Berbice Cricket Board, the Demerara Cricket Board and the Essequibo Cricket Board shall be responsible for cricket in their respective geographical areas subject to the overriding authority of the Guyana Cricket Board.

(b) Any cricketing or other body wishing, or re-applying, to become a member of the Board shall submit in writing its reason for wanting to join, outlining its aims and objects along with a copy of its constitution. The application submitted must be accepted by no less than two thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present and thereafter submitted to the general membership which must approve the application by a vote of no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of members present. The amount of delegates (non-voting) for the new body must be recommended firstly by the Executive Committee and then referred to the general membership for final approval.

(c) The Member Boards must have a relationship by way of registration to the Guyana Cricket Board and must pay an annual membership fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Guyana Cricket Board at the beginning of each financial year.

## 6. AUTHORITY

The supreme authority of the Board shall in order be the Annual General Meeting, the Ordinary General Meeting, and a Special General Meeting.

**7. VOTING DELEGATES**

A person qualifies to be a voting delegate if he or she is qualified to represent a County Board under the Constitution of that County Board.

The Executive Committee of each county board, shall, within seven (7) days of its annual general meeting immediately preceding the Guyana Cricket Board's Annual General Meeting, appoint nine voting delegates to represent it at all following meetings of the Guyana Cricket Board. The appointment of the voting delegates so appointed shall expire seven (7) days after the next annual general meeting of the respective county board at which elections are held.

The Executive Committee of each county board shall have the right to substitute the appointment of any persons appointed by it as voting delegates by notifying the Secretary of the Guyana Cricket Board in writing at least seven days' before the date set for any upcoming meeting of the Guyana Cricket Board.

All notices of appointment and substitution of appointment of voting delegates submitted to the Secretary of the Guyana Cricket Board must be signed by the President, Vice President, Secretary, and at least two other members of the Executive Committee of the respective County Board.

**8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be the supreme authority of the Board and it shall be held during the month of January on a date and at a time and venue to be decided upon by the general membership of the Board at the October Ordinary General Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting.

(b) The Annual General Meeting shall present, consider, discuss and make decisions on relevant matters including the following:

- (i) Remarks from the President;
- (ii) Minutes (adoption, correction and matters arising) of the previous General Meeting;
- (iii) Administrative Report from the Secretary;
- (iv) Audited Financial Report from the Treasurer;

- (v) Administrative and Financial Reports from the County Boards;
- (vi) Reports from WICB Meetings;
- (vii) Motions;
- (viii) Appeals against decisions of the Executive Committee on matters of discipline;
- (ix) Election of Office Bearers (biennial);
- (x) Any other business;

(c) The Annual General Meeting shall hold elections for a Certified Auditor who shall hold no active position on the Board. An elected auditor shall serve for a term of one year which shall expire at the Annual General Meeting next following his appointment. An Auditor so elected may serve multiple successive terms.

(d) Each County Board shall be represented by nine (9) delegates and only the appointed delegates shall be entitled to vote.

## **9. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

(a) The Executive Committee shall in the months of June and October of each year convene an Ordinary General Meeting which shall discuss an agenda prepared by the Executive Committee. At least twenty- one (21) days' notice shall be given to the County Boards.

(b) The agenda for an Ordinary General Meeting shall include presentation of a financial statement, reports from the Competitions Committee, the Selection Committee and other Committees set up by the Executive Committee and also administrative and financial reports from the County Boards.

(c) A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Committee on a written request by at least two (2) County Boards or by the Executive Committee itself to discuss a specific issue or issues and shall be held within twenty-one (21) days of the date the Executive Committee has made the request or received the request.

## 10. ELECTIONS

(a) Elections shall be held biennially for two trustees and the following positions on the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board, that is to say:

- 1) The President
- 2) First Vice-President
- 3) Second Vice-President
- 4) The Secretary
- 5) The Assistant Secretary
- 6) The Treasurer
- 7) The Assistant Treasurer
- 8) The Chairperson of the Marketing Committee
- 9) The Public Relations Officer
- 10) The Chairperson of the Competitions Committee.

(b) Should Elections not be held at the appointed date and time, the incumbent Executive shall continue in office for a period not exceeding three (3) months during which time a General Meeting shall be convened to hold the Elections.

(c) Election of the Executive Committee of Member Boards must be held in the months of November or December preceding the GCB Elections.

(d) Nominations (with résumés) for all positions on the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board must be made and seconded by members at the October Ordinary General Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting at which elections are to be held, and submitted to a Select Committee for ratification and then circulated to the County Boards. In the event that any member's nominee becomes disqualified or ineligible for any reason provided for by these rules, substitute nominations may be made by the member no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, provided that the substitute nominee must be a former or serving member of a County Board or the Guyana Cricket Board.

(e) A Returning Officer, and a first and second alternate, shall be nominated and approved at the October Ordinary General Meeting preceding an Annual General Meeting where elections will be held.

(f) Elections held at an Annual General Meeting shall be by secret ballot and may be observed by such persons or categories of persons as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board from time to time.

## **11. BOARD YEAR**

(a) The fiscal year of the Board shall commence on the first of December of each year and expire on the thirtieth day of November of the year immediately following.

(b) Audited Annual Financial Statements shall be prepared with reference to the fiscal year.

## **12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(a) The executive authority of the Board shall be the Executive Committee which shall carry out the decisions of the superior authorities of the Board namely the Annual General Meeting, the Ordinary General Meeting and any Special General Meeting and such organisational responsibilities arising from the playing of regional and international cricket matches in Guyana derived from the relationship with the West Indies Cricket Board.

(b) The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (i) The President
- (ii) First Vice-President
- (iii) Second Vice-President
- (iv) The Secretary
- (v) The Assistant Secretary
- (vi) The Treasurer
- (vii) The Assistant Treasurer
- (viii) The Chairperson of the Marketing Committee
- (ix) The Public Relations Officer

- (x) The Chairperson of the Competitions Committee.
- (xi) The Chairperson of the Senior Selection Panel (to be appointed by the Executive Committee).
- (xii) The Chairperson of the Junior Selection Panel (to be appointed by the Executive Committee).
- (xiii) Any person appointed to the Executive Committee under the provisions of sub-paragraphs (f) and (h) of this article.
- (xiv) The Executive Committee may appoint two (2) additional persons considered to be experts in their field, for example, cricket, law, education, financial management. These appointees shall be full-fledged members of the Executive Committee with voting rights, provided that any appointment made under this paragraph shall expire at the time of the biennial elections of the Annual General Meeting following such appointment, unless earlier terminated.

(c) The Chairperson of the Senior Selection Panel and the Chairperson of the Junior Selection Panel shall be appointed within seven (7) days of the Annual General Meeting where there has been "Election of Office Bearers". The addition of these two chairpersons shall establish the full complement of the Executive Committee which shall thereafter but no later than the first executive meeting after the Annual General Meeting name the sub-committees and make other necessary appointments and/or recommendations for appointment, as the case may be, including that of WICB Directors and representatives.

(d) The Executive Committee shall assign such responsibilities to the First and Second Vice President as it shall consider appropriate from time to time provided that, where for any reason the President is unable to perform the functions of his office, or where the position of President becomes vacant, the first Vice President shall act as President until such time as the President resumes his office or biennial elections are held, as the case may be.

(e) Members of the Executive Committee and the two (2) trustees (who shall hold no active position on the Board) shall hold office for one (1) term, which shall be the two (2) years period between biennial elections.

(f) Where the President of a Member Board has not been elected to the Executive Committee, he/she shall be an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee with equal rights as the other executive members including the right to vote. Should another Executive (other than the President) represent a Member Board, that representative must present a written mandate in order to participate in any voting.

(g) The President shall serve for a period not exceeding three (3) terms. There shall be no limit on the amount of terms the trustees, nor any of them nor the holder(s) of any other office on the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board, may serve.

(h) In the case where a person holds his or her position on the Executive Committee by virtue of being the President of a Member Board, and while he or she holds that position, a new President is elected for that Member Board, then the newly-elected President shall replace the former President on the Executive

Committee. However, in the case where the former President was elected to the Executive Committee, he or she shall retain his or her position on the Executive Committee and the newly-elected President shall also sit on the Executive Committee in an *ex officio* capacity with equal rights including the right to vote whereupon any appointment made under sub-paragraph (f) of this Article shall be automatically terminated.

(i) The Executive Committee shall be considered fully constituted notwithstanding the failure of any Member Board or appointee to take up representation on the Executive Committee assigned to it under the provisions of sub-paragraphs (f) and (h) of this Article.

(j) Member Boards proposing candidates for the position of President of the Guyana Cricket Board are encouraged to select persons who have served on the executive of the Guyana Cricket Board, the Member Boards or otherwise involved in cricket administration, or is a former cricketer, or is a leader in finance, industry, or commerce with an interest in cricket or who has the capability to promote cricket. Member Boards proposing candidates for any other position on the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board are encouraged to select persons who have served as a first-division player or as an official of a recognised cricket body or have been involved in cricket administration.

(k) A person shall be disqualified from becoming or serving as a member of the Guyana Cricket Board or a member of its Executive Committee if:

- (i) within the previous 10 years, he/she has a conviction imposed by a court of Guyana or a competent court of foreign jurisdiction in respect of any offence involving any act which would reasonably be considered to be dishonest (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed); or
- (ii) he/she becomes insolvent and/or makes an arrangement with his/her creditors; or
- (iii) he/she is or has been an executive or member of the controlling Committee of a sports club, association or Committee which has become unable to pay its debts; or
- (iv) he/she is subject to a suspension or ban from any involvement in the administration of a sport by any ruling body of a sport in Guyana or any corresponding regional or international association, whether such suspension or ban is direct or indirect (for example a direction to persons subject to the jurisdiction of the ruling body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual); or



- (v) he/she is subject to any form of suspension, disqualification or striking-off by a professional body in Guyana, the West Indies or elsewhere in the world; or
- (vi) if by his/her action or association sullies the image or brings the game of cricket into disrepute; or
- (vii) if he/she is found to be a lunatic or becomes of unsound mind; or
- (viii) if he/she ceases to be resident in one of the countries which constitutes the West Indies. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph a person ceases to be resident if he/she is out of the region for more than 183 days in any calendar year of the term of the Executive Committee, work and illness excepted.

### **13. SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- (a) There shall be established two Selection Panels which shall be known as the Senior Selection Panel and the Junior Selection Panel and which members shall be selected on the basis of pre-determined criteria consistent with those of the WICB.
- (b) These panels shall select national cricket teams based on procedures and guidelines laid down by the Executive Committee, and consistent with those of the WICB, and the Selection Panels shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Selection Panels shall establish written criteria by which the performance of players is monitored throughout the year, and by which players are chosen for trials. Training and practice sessions will thereafter be conducted by the coach(es) so as to assist the Panels to select the best players available.
- (d) The Selection Committees are required to keep statistical data (manual and electronic) on players including their profiles, performances, achievements and to make these available to the Executive Committee, the Board or the WICB upon request.
- (e) The Selection Panels shall each consist of three persons appointed by the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the Chairperson also appointed by the Executive Committee.

(f) A record shall be kept of the proceedings at meetings of the Selection Panels and each Selection Panel shall appoint one of its members as Secretary.

(g) The Senior Panel shall be responsible for selecting senior teams and the Junior Panel shall be responsible for selecting junior teams.

#### **14. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(a) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Finance Committee which shall exercise control of the finances and material resources of the Board, shall establish accounting systems to account for the receipt and expenditure of funds and for the keeping of appropriate books, registers and records, and shall establish such bank accounts as are deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

(b) The Treasurer shall be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and shall on behalf of the Finance Committee present financial statements for consideration by the Executive Committee, Annual General Meetings, Ordinary General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

(c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the keeping of all financial accounts on a daily basis.

(d) The signatories of all bank accounts shall be the Treasurer along with the President or a Vice-President or the Secretary or the Assistant Treasurer provided that in the absence from Guyana of the Treasurer, the Secretary shall be the signatory in his/her place. The Finance Committee shall submit for the approval of the Executive Committee clear guidelines for priority in the authority of signatures for vouchers and cheques.

#### **15. COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**

(a) There shall be established a Competitions Committee which shall organize, conduct and supervise competitions of the Board and which shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

- (b) The Competitions Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two representatives nominated by each of the Member Boards.
- (c) The Competitions Committee in the conduct of competitions shall apply the Rules of Cricket, the Rules of Competitions and a Code of Conduct, and shall establish procedures for applying sanctions for any breach of these Rules or Code of Conduct.
- (d) The Rules of the Competitions and the Code of Conduct shall be formulated by the Competitions Committee and submitted to the Cricket Development Committee for ratification and then presented for approval to the Executive Committee. The Rules of the Competitions and the Code of Conduct shall then be made available to the County Boards and the participants of the various Competitions.
- (e) The Competitions Committee shall hear and determine protests from counties, associations and clubs participating in their competitions and shall also determine the results of matches where a dispute or doubt arises over the outcome of a match provided that once a match referee had been appointed, he shall make decisions in keeping with the "Rules of Match Referee".
- (f) Appeals from decisions of the Competitions Committee under the provisions of this Article shall be made to and heard by the Executive Committee, the decisions of which Committee shall be final.
- (g) The Executive Committee shall establish the procedure for the hearing of appeals and protests.
- (h) The Competitions Committee shall at the conclusion of each competition during the year compile statistical data of the performance of leading players in competitions organized by the Board and the statistical data shall be made available for the purpose of guiding the Selection Committee in the selection of national cricket teams.
- (i) The Assistant Secretary shall function as Secretary to the Competitions Committee and shall have full voting rights on this Committee.

## **16. OTHER COMMITTEES**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint any other Committee or Committees for such other purpose or purposes and with such powers as it considers necessary.

(b) The members of Committees established under the provisions of this Article need not be from the Member Boards but the Executive Committee shall ensure representation of Member Boards on all Committees it establishes as far as practicable.

## **17. REPRESENTATION: WEST INDIES CRICKET BOARD**

(a) The Board shall be represented at meetings of the West Indies Cricket Board by the President and either the Chairman of the Cricket Development Committee or the Chairman of the Senior Selectors. While the President shall be an automatic representative, the second representative and the alternates shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and those appointments shall be made only after the full complement of the Executive Committee has been put in place.

(b) The Guyana Cricket Board's representatives to the WICB general meetings shall endeavour to obtain the agenda for every upcoming WICB general meeting, and shall ensure that the Executive Committee is fully informed in order that it may advise itself as to the appropriate steps to be taken in preparation for the meeting, including holding planning meetings. The representatives to the WICB meetings shall present full reports including minutes and financial statements to the Executive Committee of the Guyana Cricket Board not more than ten (10) days after the WICB general meeting, which shall in turn present those reports and minutes to the general membership.

(c) The representatives to the WICB shall reflect the views and positions of the Board and towards this end may be given written directives by the Executive Committee.

(d) Representatives to the WICB who fail to comply with their given mandate may be disciplined by the Executive Committee and may be replaced as representatives to the WICB.

## **18. QUORUM**

(a) The quorum for all general meetings shall be no less than two (2) Member Boards and a combined representation of no less than 14 persons.

(b) The quorum for the Executive Committee shall be no less than fifty percent (50%) of the full complement of the Executive Committee adjusted upwards to the next whole number and shall include the President or a Vice-President. In the event however that the President and the Vice-Presidents are

absent and provided that there is a meeting quorum, members can elect from within themselves someone to chair the meeting.

(c) The quorum for any other Committee of the Board shall be no less than fifty percent (50 %) of the members of that Committee adjusted upwards to the next whole number.

## 19. NOTICES

(a) For official meetings or otherwise, notices which are sent to the last known home address or the last known email address of a member shall be deemed to have been officially sent.

(b) For the Annual General Meeting, thirty (30) days clear notice shall be published in any one (1) of the national newspapers circulating in Guyana. A reminder notice may be published seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting in any one (1) of the national newspapers.

(c) Notices shall state the time, date, venue, and agenda for the meeting and shall be signed by the Secretary, or in his/her absence, by the Assistant Secretary.

(d) For Ordinary General Meetings and Special General Meetings, the County Boards shall be given at least twenty-one (21) days' notice.

(e) County Boards shall submit to the Executive Committee motions for presentation at an Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting or Special General Meeting at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting, and the Executive Committee shall inform members of the notice and content of the motions at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting.

(f) Except for a motion of "No Confidence", any motion submitted by a County Board need not be seconded by another County Board provided that the motion was signed by an affiliate of the County Board.

(g) Notices received by the Secretary of the Board or Member Board shall be deemed served on the Board or Member Board.

**20. VACANCY**

A vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee, in the case of an elected position, shall be filled by election at the next General Meeting of the Board and in any case by the same process by which the position in which the vacancy occurs was originally filled.

**21. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE**

(a) The Executive Committee as a body or any member or members of the Executive Committee may be removed from office by a motion of "No Confidence" moved by a County Board and seconded by another County Board and supported by a majority of at least two-thirds of members voting at an Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and a new Executive Committee or new individual member or members shall be elected at the same meeting at which the vote of "No Confidence" was passed and shall serve the remainder of the two (2)-year term of the Board. The motion must be discussed at the general meeting before a vote is taken.

(b) The Executive Committee can recommend to a General Meeting in writing, and giving twenty-one (21) days notice to the County Boards the removal of one or more of its members from the Executive Committee. That recommendation stating the reason(s) must be discussed by the general membership and put to a vote. At least two thirds of the members voting must vote in favour of the motion for the member or members to be removed.

(c) A motion of "No Confidence" shall be considered at an Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting or a Special General Meeting within fourteen (14) days of the date the Executive Committee shall have received the notice of motion. The notice for holding the meeting and a copy of the motion shall be given to Member Boards at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting called to discuss the motion.

(d) A motion of "No Confidence" shall not be in order unless it is moved by one Member Board and seconded by another Member Board in keeping with the established criteria for such motions.

(e) If a motion of "No Confidence" in the Executive Committee is passed, a new Executive Committee shall be elected at the same meeting to serve the remainder of the term until the holding of elections at the next Annual General Meeting where Election of Office Bearers is an agenda item.

(f) A motion of “No Confidence” submitted to the Executive Committee after the 30<sup>th</sup> of September in the second year of the two year term in office shall not be entertained. A motion of “No Confidence” which had not previously found favour shall not be presented again for consideration until one (1) year has elapsed.

## 22. DISCIPLINE

(a) It shall be the responsibility of Member Boards to act in conformity with the aims, objects, and functions of the Guyana Cricket Board and to carry out the decisions taken at Executive Meetings and General Meetings of the Guyana Cricket Board.

(b) A Disciplinary Committee may be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall consist of five (5) persons at least two (2) of whom shall be from the Executive Committee and at least three (3) of whom shall form a quorum. Any decision of the Disciplinary Committee could be appealed to the Executive Committee of which at least two-thirds of the members present must vote in favour of the appeal for it to be carried. A further appeal could be made to the General Membership of which at least two-thirds of the members present must vote in favour of the appeal for it to be carried.

(c) The Disciplinary Committee shall have the right, upon approval from the Executive Committee, to investigate and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to misconduct by a Member, Sub Association, Club, Player or Official.

(d) Complaints must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board in writing providing details of the complaint. Matters of complaints and appeals shall be presented to Executive Meetings or General Meetings under correspondence.

(e) A Member Board refusing, failing or neglecting to fulfill its obligations under this Article may be subject to disciplinary action recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by at least sixty percent (60%) of members present at a General Meeting. Such action may include a fine of no less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or no more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), and which fine must be paid within two (2) weeks from the date that the fine was imposed, suspension from a competition and/or any other lesser penalty deemed appropriate by the general membership.

(f) The provisions of this Article shall, without prejudice to the right of the match referee and also the Competitions Committee under Article 8, allow for the imposition of sanctions against players and teams arising out of their respective responsibilities.

(g) The Executive Committee shall have no right to expel any of its members, but may make a recommendation to such effect to a General Meeting of the Board, and any decision to expel a member of the Executive Committee shall be supported by at least two-thirds of those voting at a General Meeting.

(h) A Member Board or individual member, against whom any form of disciplinary action has been taken, shall have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting of members called specifically to determine the appeal, provided that if an Annual General Meeting or an Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled to be held within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the appeal, the appeal shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting or Ordinary General Meeting for discussion and decision. The General Meeting shall have the right to quash, reduce or increase any penalty imposed by the Executive Committee. The aggrieved party shall have a further appeal by reference to arbitration which decision shall be final.

(i) In the event of unresolved disputes, there shall be recourse to an arbitration process.

(j) The Executive Committee shall formulate rules for the holding of investigations into the conduct of Member Boards, Executive Members and players participating in competitions and matches under the aegis of the Guyana Cricket Board. Such rules are to be presented to the general membership for approval.

## **23. PROPERTY**

All property acquired by the Board, including vehicles, office equipment, buildings, land, but excluding liquid cash, and funds held in bank accounts, shall vest in the names of the two trustees elected under Article 8, for and on behalf of the Board, and the trustees shall deal with the property only in such a way as the general membership of the Board may direct.

## **24. ALTERATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

(a) The Constitution of the Board may be added to, amended or repealed by a resolution at a General Meeting which is supported by at least two-thirds of members voting and thereafter shall be included in the Constitution of the Board. Member Boards shall be given twenty-one (21) days notice of the General Meeting to discuss and vote on the resolution.



- (b) The Executive Committee, subject to the over-riding authority of a General Meeting, shall interpret the meaning of the provisions of the Constitution and in respect of any matter for which the Constitution makes no provision shall make and apply such rules as it considers appropriate and necessary.

## **25. DISSOLUTION**

- (a) The Board may be dissolved by a motion supported by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of those voting at an Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

- (b) In the event that the Board is dissolved, the assets of the Board shall be distributed equally among the Member Boards and supervised by the two (2) trustees.

## **26. ARBITRATION**

All disputes between Member Boards, or Executive Committee Members, or Executive Committee Members and the Board, shall be referred to Arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act.

## SCHEDULE II

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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
DEMERARA CRICKET BOARD

**ARTICLES:**1. **NAME AND CONSTITUTION:**

This Association is a non profit organisation and it shall be called the DEMERARA CRICKET BOARD, hereinafter referred to as 'the Board', and is a constituent member of the Guyana Cricket Board pursuant to the Constitution of the Guyana Cricket Board.

2. **REGISTERED OFFICE:**

- (a) The Registered Office of the Board shall be established at Regent Road, Bourda, Georgetown, in the County of Demerara, in the Country of Guyana, but may remove to any other part of Demerara if it considers it necessary.
- (b) The Registered Office shall not be changed except by resolution of a Special Meeting of the Board.
- (c) In the event of any change in the location of the registered office, notice of such change shall be sent to the Registrar of the Friendly Society within fourteen (14) days thereafter.

3. **FLAG AND EMBLEM:**

The Board shall have a Flag and Emblem.

4. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- (a) To develop, organise, regulate and promote the game of cricket in the county of Demerara and bearing in mind that the game is played mainly among men, to specially encourage women to play the game.
- (b) To organise competitions among its members, cricket clubs and other cricketing bodies in Guyana in all grades and levels of cricket.
- (c) To establish facilities for the playing of cricket and to organise coaching schemes to train cricketers of all ages in the technical skills of the game in order to obtain the highest standards and to enable them to play representative cricket at the national , regional and international levels.
- (d) To organise and promote teams of all grades and ages to represent the County of Demerara in cricket competitions in Guyana and against foreign teams.
- (e) To seek affiliation to and/or membership of any other cricketing body or sports association.

5. **MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) The members of the Board are the East Coast Cricket Board, the Georgetown Cricket Association, the East Bank Cricket Association, Upper Demerara Cricket Association and the West Demerara Cricket Association.
- (b) Membership of the Board shall be open to any cricket association regulating cricket in a geographical area or class of cricket not organised by an existing member of the Board.

- (c) The founding members and any other member of this Board shall enjoy the same rights.
- (d) Any cricket association applying for membership shall pay an entrance fee of \$ 500.00 (five hundred dollars) which shall be refunded if the application is not granted.
- (e) Members of the Board shall pay an annual subscription fee of \$ 1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) which shall be payable in the first month of the Board's fiscal year.
- (f) Application for membership shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board which shall refer the application with its recommendation to the Ordinary General Meeting or Annual General Meeting of the Board whichever is first held after the executive Committee has considered the application.
- (g) A member who is in default of payment of its annual subscription for three years shall forfeit its membership, and a member which is in default of payment of its annual subscription for one year shall not be entitled to the rights of membership provided for herein, until the arrears have been fully paid.

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The Executive Authority of the Board shall be the Executive Committee, which shall promote the aims and objectives of the Board and carry out all decisions of the Special General Meeting, the Ordinary General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall, subject to the over-riding authority of the Annual General Meeting interpret the meaning of the Constitution of the Board and in respect of any matter for which the Constitution makes no provision, shall make and apply such rules as it considers appropriate and necessary.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of:
  - (i) The Officers of the Board;

- (ii) The Chairperson of the Competitions Committee;
  - (iii) The Marketing Manager;
  - (iv) The Public Relations Officer;
  - (v) Any member or members co-opted under the provisions of Article 6 (e) herein.
- (d) The Officers of the Board shall be the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
- (e) In the event an area association which is a member of the Board not represented in the Executive Committee after an election at the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall co-opted a member of that area association on the advice of that area association. A person co-opted in this way shall be a full fledged member of the Executive Committee.
- (f) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than once every two (2) months.

7. **TENURE OF OFFICE:**

The Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office from the time of their election at an Annual General Meeting for a period of two (2) years to the Annual General Meeting two (2) years thereafter. The Election of the Executive Committee shall be a biennial exercise.

8. **VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE:**

- (a) Any member may submit a motion of "No Confidence" in the Executive for consideration at the Ordinary General Meeting of a Special General Meeting provided the motion is duly seconded by another member of the Board and notice of which has been given to the Executive Committee and all members of the Board at least two weeks before the date of the meeting at which it is proposed to consider the motion.

- (b) The motion shall be passed only if it is supported by at least a majority of 2/3 of those voting.
- (c) If the motion is passed, a new Executive Committee shall be elected at the same meeting to serve the remainder of the term until the holding of elections at the next General Meeting.
- (d) A motion of "No Confidence" shall not be considered if submitted at any time after nine months from the date of the election of the Executive Committee at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

9. **VACANCY:**

- (a) A member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend four (4) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee, without giving to the Executive Committee a reasonable explanation for his or her failure to attend, shall cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.
- (b) A vacancy which occurs in the Executive Committee in any elected position for any reason shall be filled by election at the next Ordinary General Meeting held after the date the vacancy occurred.
- (c) In any other case the vacancy shall be filled by the same process by which the person was originally appointed.

10. **COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE:**

- (a) A Competitions Committee shall be established for the purpose of conducting and supervising all competitions of the Board.
- (b) The Competitions Committee shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Competitions Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and one representative from each member association, appointed by each association.

- (d) The Assistant Secretary of the Board shall function as Secretary of the Competitions Committee.

11. **SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

The Selection Committee of the Board shall be constituted in the following way:

- (a) Each Area Association shall appoint one representative to the Selection Committee.
- (b) The Executive Committee may appoint two persons to the Selection Committee.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairperson of the Selection Committee from among the members of the Selection Committee.
- (d) The Executive Committee may in the event it is dissatisfied with the functioning of any member of the Selection Committee, in the case of where that member was appointed as a representative of an area association, request that association to replace that member with another person, and in the case of an appointee of the Executive Committee, replace its appointee with another person.

12. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Finance Committee for the purpose of:
  - (i) Exercising financial control.
  - (ii) Preparing financial statements as required by the Executive Committee.
  - (iii) Receiving monies on behalf of the Board and accounting for such monies.
- (b) The Chairperson of the Finance Committee shall be the Treasurer.

13. **OTHER COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint such other Committees to carry on the business of the Board as it considers necessary.
- (b) The Executive Committee in making appointments to Committees shall as far as practicable ensure that all area associations are represented.
- (c) The Executive Committee may appoint persons who are not members of an Area Association to Committees set up under the provisions of this article.
- (d) The Committee appointed under the provisions of this article may co-opt members.

14. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- (a) The highest authority of the Board shall be the Annual General Meeting which shall be held in the month of January on a date and at a venue to be decided upon by Executive Committee.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall review the work of the Board for the preceding year, discuss and consider reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer, a certified auditor's report and motions and any other business arising out of its aim and objectives.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting shall elect:
  - (i) Officers of the Board
  - (ii) The Marketing Manager and Public Relations Officer
  - (iii) Chairpersons of the Competitions Committee
  - (iv) Two (2) trustees and
  - (v) A certified Auditor



- (d) The Annual General Meeting shall consider applications and appeals against disciplinary action taken against a member of the Board by the Executive.
- (e) The Annual General Meeting shall be a meeting of members of the Board represented on the following basis:

The voting delegates of each Association of the Demerara Cricket Board will be allocated as follows:

- (a) The existing members, the Georgetown Cricket Association, the East Coast Cricket Board, the East Bank Cricket Association, and the West Demerara Cricket Association, shall each initially be entitled to seven fixed delegates.
- (b) In addition each member shall be entitled to such number of delegates as may be prescribed in this Constitution.
- (c) Each new substantive member, including the Upper Demerara Cricket Association, and any other new member formed after the commencement of this Act, shall be entitled to three fixed delegates.
- (d) The number of fixed delegates allotted to a new Association would be increased over time once that Association becomes developed.
- (e) For the purpose of allocating delegates to the Annual General Meeting, the Competitions Committee shall keep a Register of the Clubs participating in the Competition of the Board and the Executive Committee shall allocate the number of delegates based on the information recorded in the Register of Clubs.
- (f) An Area Association may be represented at a Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and a Special General Meeting of the Board only by a person who, under the provisions of the Constitution of the Area Association qualifies to be its representative.
- (g) No person may be elected to any position of the Board for which an election is held at the Annual General Meeting unless that person is a member of a club affiliated to a Member Association of the Board.
- (h) A member of the Board shall not be entitled to representation at the Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and the Special General Meeting if the subscription of that member has not been paid up for the fiscal year in which the meeting is held.
- (i) Each delegate, and no other person, shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

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15. **ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:**

- (a) The Board shall hold no less than two (2) Ordinary General Meetings per year.
- (b) An Ordinary General Meeting shall discuss the Agenda prepared by the Executive Committee.
- (c) The representation of a member at an Ordinary General Meeting or a Special General Meeting shall be on the same basis as at an Annual General Meeting as stated in Article 14.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall summon a Special General Meeting on the written request by any two Members of the Board and the meeting shall discuss only the issue or issues for which the meeting was requested.
- (e) Each delegate and no other person, shall be entitled to vote at the Ordinary General Meeting and the Special General Meeting.

16. **NOTICE:**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall give at least one month's notice to members of the holding of the Annual General Meeting and two weeks notice of the holding of the Ordinary General Meeting and Special General Meeting and further, in the case of the Annual General Meeting, the notice shall be published in a national newspaper circulating in Guyana at least one month before the holding of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Motions of the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at least three (3) weeks before the date of the holding of the Annual General Meeting. Members shall then be given notice of the motions at least seven days before the date of the holding of the General Meeting.

17. **QUORUM:**

- (a) The Quorum for the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary General Meeting and Special General Meeting shall not be less than 50% of the members of the Board with a combined representation of not less than fifteen delegates.
- (b) The quorum for the Executive Committee shall be not less than 50% of the members of the Executive Committee and shall include at least two officers of the Board, one of whom must be the President or Vice president.
- (c) The quorum for any other Committee of the Board shall be not less than 50% of the members of that Committee.

18. **PROTEST AND DISCIPLINE:**

- (a) The Competitions Committee shall establish procedures for the hearing of protest and reports of misconduct by players in competitions conducted by the Board and the Competitions Committee shall have the authority to make decisions and to apply appropriate disciplinary measures, subject to a right of appeal by a team or player from the decision of the Competitions' Committee to the Executive Committee and the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall be the body authorised to take disciplinary action against any member which fails to carry out its obligations under this Constitution or to adhere to the decisions of the Executive Committee or the Competition Committee in its conduct of competitions.
- (c) Disciplinary action taken by the Executive Committee may include a fine, suspension from Competition, suspension from membership for a period not exceeding three (3) months, with a right of appeal to the next Annual General meeting or Ordinary General Meeting whichever is first held after the decision of the Executive Committee.
- (d) Where disciplinary action against a member is initiated and taken by the Executive Committee, the member shall have a right of appeal to either the Annual General Meeting, the Ordinary General Meeting whichever is held first after the disciplinary action is taken, provided that in the event the disciplinary action taken is suspension from competitions or from membership, the appeal shall be heard within two weeks of the date of the lodging of appeal and the Executive Committee shall summon a Special General Meeting to hear

the appeal if the Annual General Meeting or the Ordinary General Meeting will not held within two weeks of the said date.

- (e) Only the Annual General Meeting shall exercise the power of expelling a member from the Board, and may do so only on the recommendation by the Executive Committee and by a vote of not less than 2/3 of those voting at the Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Executives shall make regulations for the procedure to be adopted to deal with protests appeals and disciplinary actions.

19. **FINANCE AND PROPERTY:**

- (a) The Board's finance shall be under the control of the Finance Committee subject to the over-riding authority of the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Treasurer shall keep appropriate accounts and the Board shall operate such number of bank Accounts as are considered necessary by the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Signatures of the Bank Accounts shall be the Treasurer, along with anyone of the following officers, namely: the President, Vice President and the Secretary, and in the event the Treasurer is absent from Guyana, the signatories shall be the Secretary along with either the President or Vice President.
- (d) There shall be two trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting and all property except funds acquired by the Board shall be held in the name of the Trustees for and on behalf of the Board.

20. **FISCAL YEAR:**

- (a) The fiscal year of the Board shall be the first day of December to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November.
- (b) All annual financial statements shall be prepared with reference to the fiscal year.

21. **ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION:**

The Constitution of the Board may be amended on a motion before the Annual General Meeting, which is supported by at least 2/3 of those voting.

22. **DISSOLUTION:**

- (a) The Board may be dissolved by motion supported by at least 75% of those voting at the Annual General meeting.
- (b) The assets of the Board after payment of all outstanding debts shall be distributed equally among the members of the Board in the event the Board is dissolved.

## SCHEDULE III

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## RULES OF THE BERBICE CRICKET BOARD OF CONTROL:

**NAME**

- (1) The Board shall be called the Berbice Cricket Board of Control.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- (2) The Object of the Board is to promote, control and regulate the game of cricket in Berbice and to co-operate with the Guyana Board in promoting the game of cricket in Guyana and the West Indies generally.
- (3) The Board shall have an Emblem and Flag.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- (4) Founder Clubs will remain members of the Board even though they are not actually engaged in cricket because of their contribution made to the Berbice Cricket over the years.

However upon request they can cease to be members.

- (a) In order to retain voting rights then annual subscription must be paid.
- (b) The Board shall comprise the following Clubs.

The Blairmont Community Centre Cricket Club.

Berbice Police Sports Club

Fort Canje Hospital Club

Rose Hall Community Centre Cricket Club

Port Mourant Community Centre Cricket Club

Guymine Sports Club

Chesney Cricket Club

Mount Sinai Cricket Club

Whim Cricket Club

Kildonan Cricket Club

Albion Cricket Club.

- (c) The Upper Corentyne Cricket Association, the Western Berbice Cricket Association and Berbice River Cricket Association shall be members of the Berbice Cricket Board of Control.
- (d) Any other club or cricketing body seeking membership must be sponsored by a member club, after which a Special Committee of not more than five (5) will be appointed by the Board to investigate the functions of the club or clubs eg. activities, office bearers, ground and pavilion facilities and general membership before the club's membership can be approved by the Board at a Special Meeting. If the above requirements are met, such club or clubs shall be accepted as affiliate members for a period to be determined by the Board.
- (e) Observer status may be given to the Berbice Cricket Umpires Association.

(5) **FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION:**

- (a) The Board may elect to ordinary or affiliate membership any club or other cricketing body and may impose an entrance fee of any sum not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the right to ordinary membership.

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- (b) An annual subscription of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be paid by clubs holding membership with the Board.
  - (c) An annual subscription of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be paid by each Cricket Association holding Membership with the Board.
  - (d) Affiliated membership fees or other fees shall from time to time be determined by the Board.
  - (e) Subscription or annual fees shall become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year and shall be paid not later than 1<sup>st</sup> April in each year.
  - (f) The Board in its discretion may waive, increase or reduce the entrance fees or annual subscription payable by Members.
- (6)
- (a) Each Club after paying the foregoing subscriptions shall be entitled to one representative be at any Ordinary Meetings or two representatives at Annual and Special General Meetings.
  - (b) Each Association after paying the foregoing subscriptions shall be entitled to two representatives at Ordinary Meetings or four representatives at Annual and Special General Meetings.
- (7) Affiliated clubs or other affiliated cricketing bodies shall not have the right to representation on the Board unless otherwise directed by the Board. A two thirds majority shall so determine at an Ordinary Meeting.
- (8) No club or other cricketing body whose subscription for the current year remains unpaid shall be entitled to any privilege of membership.



- (9) Any club or cricketing body holding membership whose subscription for any one year remains unpaid at the 31<sup>st</sup> December, in the said year shall be struck off the roll of members. Such club or cricketing body shall be entitled to re-apply for membership in accordance with the rule 4c.

**CONSTITUTION:**

- (10) The Board shall consist of the following office bearers:-

The President

Three Vice-Presidents

Honorary Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

- (11) (a) The Officer Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Competitions Committee, Selection Committee, Finance Committee, Marketing Manager, Public Relations Officer, Auditors and Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed.
- (c) The Presidents of the Upper Corentyne Cricket Association, Berbice River Cricket Association, Western Berbice Cricket Association shall be the BCBC representatives in their respective areas.
- (12) (a) At all meetings members shall be allowed one vote. The President shall be allowed both a primary and a casting vote.
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting each member club is allowed two (2) representatives with one vote each.

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- (13) Should a vacancy occur among officers during the year such vacancy shall be filled by the Board at a Special General Meeting.
- (14) At Ordinary Meetings of the Board, six members present shall constitute a Quorum.
- (15) Representatives to the Guyana Board shall be the President and the Secretary and two other persons who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (16) The Board shall arrange, control, regulate and if necessary finance the visit of Berbice Teams around Guyana and elsewhere either solely or in conjunction with the respective governing cricket bodies or interested persons or organisations of the places visited.
- (17) (a) Three Trustees shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board, but in no case shall a Trustee hold any other office in the Board.
- (b) The Trustees for the time being shall have vested in them all the immovable and movable property whatever belonging to the Board and they shall deal with it in such a way as the Board may direct.
- (18) The President may appoint not less than five or more than seven persons to serve as members of the Executive. Those persons, however will not be eligible to be office bearers.

**GENERAL:**

- (19) The Board shall open or cause to be opened an account or accounts at any Commercial Bank or Financial Institution operating in the country. The Honorary Treasurer along with the President or Secretary shall sign cheques drawn on the current banking account and withdraw from any savings account.
- (20) The Board may appoint any sub-committee or sub-committees for such purpose and with such powers as may be deemed necessary. The members of such sub-committee or sub-committees need not necessarily be members of the Board.

- (21) Professional cricketers representing the County may be paid for their services providing funds are available. Amounts to be paid shall from time to time be determined by the Board.
- (22) Umpires shall be paid for their services such as the Board shall determine in consultation with such Cricket Umpires Association as may be recognised by the Board.
- (23)
  - (a) Any club or cricketing body holding ordinary or affiliated membership of the Board shall co-operate with and carry out all decisions and reasonable requirements of the Board in matters within the Boards objects and jurisdiction under these rules and in the event of any failure or neglect by such club or other cricketing body to do so, the Board shall have the right to take such action or disciplinary measures in respect thereof, against such club or other cricketing body.
  - (b) The decision of the Board in respect of all matters arising under these rules and within the Board jurisdiction shall be final and binding on all or any of the clubs of other cricketing bodies holding ordinary or affiliated membership hereunder.
- (24) No distribution of the funds of the Board shall at any time be made except on the majority vote or two thirds of the members voting at a properly constituted meeting. In events of a dissolution of the Board the residue funds shall be distributed equally among members, provided that only clubs holding membership for five or more years on the Board shall be entitled to share in such distribution.

**BOARD YEAR MEETING ETC.**

- (25)
  - (a) The Board's year shall commence on the first day of January of each year and expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the said year. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.
  - (b) Such meeting shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary. Ten days notice of which shall be given in writing.
  - (c) Notice of motions shall be given in writing by the Honorary Secretary not later than seven days before the date set for the meeting.

- (26) The Board shall at the Annual General Meeting, present a report of the proceedings together with a statement of receipt and expenditure of its financial position. Such statement to be certified by auditors appointed by the Board.
- (27) (a) An Ordinary Meeting may be convened at such time and place as the President or in his absence from Berbice his appointee shall deem fit.
- (b) A Special Meeting shall be held upon the written requisition of five member clubs of the Board. Such meetings shall be held within twenty one (21) days of the receipt of the said requisition. The Honorary Secretary shall give seven (7) days notice in writing of such meeting stating the purpose of the meeting.
- (28) At an Annual General Meeting or any special meeting ten (10) representatives shall form a quorum.
- (29) All notices of meetings shall be deemed to be duly served if sent by registered post to the Secretaries of the Clubs holding membership and to the Office Bearers of the Board.
- (30) The Board may by resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting make, repeal, or amend rules for the conduct of its own business.
- (31) All rules or alterations and amendments thereto passed at previous General Meetings are hereby repealed.

## SCHEDULE IV

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**THE ESSEQUIBO CRICKET BOARD  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The organization shall be known as the Essequibo Cricket Board (hereinafter called the Board).

The Biennial General Meeting (B.G.M.) of the Essequibo Cricket Board is that meeting where the Officers of the Board are duly elected to serve a period of two (2) years.

**ARTICLE 2: FLAG AND EMBLEM**

The Board shall have a Flag and an Emblem.

**ARTICLE 3: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- (a) The Board is constituted for the purpose of promoting the game of cricket in the County of Essequibo, to oversee the interest of the Area Committees and their members, and to join with the Guyana Cricket Board in promoting the game of cricket in Guyana generally. It shall therefore be affiliated to the Guyana Cricket Board and shall be accountable to that body.
- (b) For this purpose the Board shall function with a view of assisting cricketers in the County of Essequibo to attain the maximum standard of play, and to give advice to member Area Committees on way to improve their standards.
- (c) For the purpose of provision of article 3(a) and 3(b) the Board shall be competent to examine ways and means, and to adopt practical measures including the raising of funds and the holding of competitions for the promotion of the game generally, and to take such reasonable steps as may be deemed fit for the proper control of the game of cricket in the County of Essequibo.
- (d) The Board shall arrange, control, regulate, and if necessary, finance the visit of teams from the Counties of Demerara and Berbice to the County of Essequibo, and shall also arrange, control, regulate and finance the visit of teams from the County of Essequibo to other parts of the Country, solely, or in conjunction with the Guyana Cricket Board and or any other approved body.

- (e) The Board shall be competent to deliberate on:
- (i) Matters affecting the conduct of players of affiliated Area Committees.
  - (ii) Matters affecting the general running of the game of Cricket in the County of Essequibo and in Guyana, the latter in collaboration with the Board.
  - (iii) The entire sphere of cricket development within the County of Essequibo.

#### **ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP AND FEES**

- (a) The Board shall properly consist of officers and Committee members, as well as representatives of each Area Committee as provided for in article (4 n), 5(i) and 8)\(a).
- (b) The founding members of the board are North Essequibo Coast Cricket Committee, South Essequibo Coast Cricket Committee, Pomeroon Cricket Committee, Bartica Cricket Committee, East Bank Essequibo Cricket Committee, Leguan Cricket Committee and Wakenaam Cricket Committee.
- (c) All Cricket Committees in the County of Essequibo shall be accorded affiliated membership upon:
- (i) Submission of a written application expressing such a desire. This application must contain:
    - The names of the Executive Members.
    - The date of the last election of these Officers.
    - The boundaries of the Committee.
    - The names of the affiliated clubs to the Committee.
    - A copy of the Committee's Constitution.
  - (ii) Satisfactory completion of a probation period of three (3) months after acknowledgement of the receipt of the written application by the full Board.
- (d) Observer status may be granted to the Essequibo Cricket Umpires Association and the Essequibo Cricket Coaches Association.
- (e) The Board shall reserve the right to terminate the membership of any Area Committee that does not co-operate with the Board in the realization of its aims and objectives.
- (f) All members of the Area Committees granted affiliation status with the Board will automatically fall under the control of the Board.

- (g) All Area Committees shall be required to pay the affiliated Membership fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) immediately upon being granted membership status for the right to continuous membership with the Board.
- (h) All affiliated Area Committees shall pay an annual subscription fee (hereinafter called an Annual Fee) of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the right to continued membership of the Board.
- (i) Area Committees shall not be required to pay the annual fee in the year in which they become affiliated members of the Board. The annual fee shall become payable by such Area Committee from the year following that in which they become members.
- (j) Affiliated membership fees, as well as other fees shall from time to time be determined by the Board.
- (k) The Board may at its discretion waive, increase or reduce affiliated membership fees and annual subscription fees payable by Area Committees.
- (l) Annual fees shall become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January and shall be paid not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April every year.
- (m) The Board may at its discretion impose other fees such as competition fees when sponsoring a competition as it sees fit.
- (n) Each Area committee paying the foregoing affiliation fee and annual fee shall be entitled to two (2) representatives at all General Meetings of the Board. Each of these members is entitled to one (1) vote on any issue.
- (o) An Area Committee whose annual fee for one year remains unpaid by the day of the election of office bearers shall not be entitled to the rights of membership and shall not be allowed to vote. However, if this situation continues for three (3) consecutive years, then the Committee's membership with the board shall automatically be terminated.
- (p) An Area Committee whose membership has lapsed because of non-payment of annual fees shall not be allowed the privileges of membership until all arrears are paid.
- (q) The Board shall appoint ex-dedicated members as honorary members of the Board. Such persons shall be proposed by the Executive Committee to the full board for approval.

**ARTICLE 5: PLACE AND TIME OF GENERAL MEETINGS.**

- (a) The Board shall convene at places to be determined by the Board at the sitting previous to the one for which the venue is to be decided.

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- (b) The Biennial General Meeting of the Board is that meeting where the officers of the Board are duly elected to serve for two (2) years.
- (c) The Biennial General Meeting for election of members of the Board shall not be later than the second Sunday in January.
- (d) Notice of Meeting for the election of Office Bearers (B.G.M) shall be given by the Honorary Secretary in writing not later than twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for the meeting.
- (e) There shall be at least one (1) Ordinary Meeting of the Board in every quarter of the year.
- (f) Ordinary General Meetings (O.G.M) of the Board shall be held upon the written request of the Honorary Secretary and notice of such meetings shall be given not later than fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the meeting.
- (g) (i) Special General Meetings of the Board will be held upon the written request of at least three (3) Area Committees of the Board to discuss a specific issue or issues.
- (iii) The Honorary Secretary shall give notice of Special General Meetings fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the meeting but such a meeting should be held within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the request.
- (h) All notices of meetings shall be deemed duly served if posted in adequate time to members/Area Committees of the Board.
- (i) The Executive Committee of the Board shall in principle meet once every month. It shall comprise of:
- The Office Bearers
  - The Chairman of the Competitions Committee
  - The Marketing Manager
  - The Public Relations Officer
  - A representative of each of the Sub-Committees.

#### **ARTICLE 6: QUORUM**

- (a) At the Biennial General Meeting or Special General Meetings, the presence of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Board members shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) Non-members of the Meeting of Election of Office Bearers shall be deemed outsiders and shall not for any reason be allowed to participate in the proceedings of the meeting.



- (c) At Ordinary General Meetings of the Board, one half (1/2) of the total number of members of the Area Committees shall constitute a quorum provided that Secretary or Assistant Secretary is present.
- (d) If a quorum is not present within one (1) hour of the time fixed for any meeting the President/Chairman shall declare the meeting postponed until further notice.
- (e) In the absence of the President and Vice-President at Ordinary and Special General Meetings, the meeting shall elect an acting Chairman for the meeting for which it is duly constituted.
- (f) The President or Vice President shall chair the Executive Committees but in their absence the Secretary shall do so causing the Assistant Secretary to perform the role of Secretary.
- (g) All matters before the Board shall be determined by the majority of members present.

#### **ARTICLE 7: PROCEDURE**

- (a) An agenda for every meeting shall be sent to each member/Area Committee of the Board together with the notice for that meeting.
- (b) The Order of Business of the Board shall be as follows:-
  - (i) Call to order and prayers
  - (ii) Opening remarks
  - (iii) Minutes
  - (iv) Matters arising from Minutes
  - (v) Correspondence
  - (vi) Reports-Financial-Other
  - (vii) Motions
  - (viii) Orders of the day

#### **ARTICLE 8: BOARD MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED AREA COMMITTEES**

- (a) For the efficient performance of its duties the Board shall consist of the following members called Officers who shall be elected by secret ballot at the meeting of Election of Office Bearers duly constituted according to the provisions of the Constitution:
  - (i) President
  - (ii) Vice President
  - (iii) Honorary Secretary
  - (iv) Honorary Assistant Secretary

- (v) Honorary Treasurer
  - (vi) Honorary Assistant Treasurer.
- (b) At the Meeting of Election of Office Bearers, the other members not elected as Office Bearers shall sit as members and shall have full rights in the deliberation of the Board.
- (c) However, if a member of an Area Committee has been elected to an Office of the Board, he/she shall be replaced on the floor by that Area Committee
- (d) At the B.G.M., also, a Marketing Manager, Public Relations Officer, Chairman of the Competitions Committee, two (2) Trustees, an Auditor and the representatives to the Guyana Cricket Board shall be elected.
- (e) All Officers of the Board shall be eligible for re-election.
- (f) An Officer of the Board shall not be eligible to hold more than one post/office at any one time.
- (g) No cricket coach of the Board shall be eligible to hold any office on the Board while he is in employment with the Board.
- (h) Any Officer of the Board who is absent for three (3) consecutive Ordinary or Executive Meetings for which due notice has been given shall be liable to forfeit his seat on the Executive provided he shall satisfy the Board with written explanation which is acceptable. The Board may terminate his service as a member of the Executive Committee and elect/appoint a replacement.
- (i) In all cases of voting at General Meetings only the two (2) named representatives of each Area Committee shall be eligible to do so.
- (j) Each affiliated Area Committee shall have the names of its two (2) representatives and two (2) alternatives with their addresses and telephone numbers registered with the Honorary Secretary of the Board.
- (k) Each Area Committee reserves the right to change representative(s) and shall notify the Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before of such change(s) with the names(s) and address(es) of replacement(s) and their telephone number(s).
- (l) Each affiliated Area Committee shall be required to register with the Board yearly by giving not only the name, address and telephone number of the Secretary but also the Office Bearers of the Committee and a list of the clubs affiliated to that Committee. This is in addition to complying with article 4(i).

- (m) Each affiliated Area Committee shall submit quarterly reports of the activities of their Committee to the Board. These reports should indicate the competitions being played and a statement on the Committee's finances. All monies given to the Committees by the Board must be properly accounted for.
- (n) The decisions of the Board shall be final and binding on each member Committee as well as each member of the member Committees.

#### **ARTICLE 9: VACANCY**

- (a) Should a vacancy occur among Officers of the Board during the first eighteen months of the Board's life, a replacement shall be elected to the vacancy from among the Board members in accordance with article 5 (d). The notice of such a meeting must indicate the office(s) to be filled.
- (b) Should three (3) or more vacancies occur on the Board during the first eighteen months of the Board's life, the Honorary Secretary shall summon a Special General Meeting of the Board Members with the express purpose of the filling those vacancies. Again article 5 (d) must be adhered to.

#### **ARTICLE 10: VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE**

- (a) The Executive Committee or any other bearer of the board may be removed by a motion of "No Confidence" supported by a majority of two-thirds of those voting at an Ordinary or Special General Meeting, and a new Executive Committee or Office Bearer shall be elected at the same meeting at which the vote of "No Confidence" was passed to serve the remainder of the term until the holding of elections at the next B.G.M.
- (b) A motion of "No Confidence" shall be in order if moved by one Area Committee and seconded by another Area Committee.
- (c) A motion of "No Confidence" shall be considered within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt by the Executive Committee, and the notice of the motion and of holding the meeting shall be given to Area Committees at least two weeks before the date of the meeting called to discuss the motion.
- (d) A notice of motion submitted to the Executive Committee after the second Saturday of October prior to the upcoming January B.G.M. shall not be entertained and no more than two (2) motions of "No Confidence" may be considered by the Board within the Boards life against the Executive Committee or a particular office.

**ARTICLE 11: TRUSTEES, AUDITOR AND FINANCE**

- (a)
  - (i) Two (2) trustees shall be elected at the B.G.M. of the Board. At no time shall a trustee hold any other office on the Board.
  - (ii) The Trustees shall have vested in them all movable and immovable property of the Board whatever and shall deal with them in such a way as the Board direct.
- (b) The Auditor shall audit the finances of the Board and provide reports when requested to do so.
- (c)
  - (i) The Board shall open or cause to be opened an account with a Commercial Bank for the purpose of safeguarding its funds.
  - (ii) The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be the Board's four signatories to the Bank Account and shall be responsible for transacting the Board's business there.
  - (iii) In all cases of withdrawal any two officers can sign but one must be either the President or the Treasurer.

**ARTICLE 12: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Finance Committee for the purpose of:
  - (i) Exercising financial control.
  - (ii) Preparing financial statements as required by the Executive Committee.
  - (iii) Planning and executing fund-raising activities.
  - (iv) Receiving monies on behalf of the Board and accounting for those monies.

- (b) The Chairperson of the Finance Committee shall be the Marketing Manager while the Treasurer shall function as the Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE 13: COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**

- (a) A Competitions Committee shall be established for the purpose of conducting and supervising all competitions of the Board.
- (b) The Competitions Committee will be responsible to the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Competitions Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson who shall be elected at each Biennial General Meeting and one representative from each Area Committee appointed by each Committee.
- (d) The Assistant Secretary of the Board shall function as Secretary of the Competitions Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 14: SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Selection Committee of the Board shall constitute a three-member panel appointed by the Executive Committee with one of the three persons being the Chairman.
- (b) The Executive Committee may in the event it is dissatisfied with the functioning of any member of the Selection Committee, replace him.

#### **ARTICLE 15: OTHER COMMITTEES**

- (a) A Competitions Committee shall be established for the purpose of conducting and supervising all competitions of the Board.
- (b) The Executive Committee, in making appointments to Committees shall as far as practicable, ensure that all Area Committees are represented.
- (c) The Executive Committee may appoint persons who are not members of an Area Committee to Committees set up under the provision of this article.

- (d) The Committee appointed under the provision of this article may co-opt members.

#### **ARTICLE 16: THE BOARD YEAR**

The Board Year shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and shall end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the said year.

#### **ARTICLE 17: TENURE OF OFFICE**

The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office from the time of their election in January to the time of holding of Elections two years thereafter at the next Biennial General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 18: ALTERATION**

The Board may by resolution at its Biennial General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting or Special General Meeting, add to, repeal or amend this Constitution for the efficient conduct of its business, provided it is supported by no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of those persons voting.

#### **ARTICLE 19: INTERPRETATION**

- (a) The Essequibo Cricket Board is the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules outlined and the decision of the Board in any matter affecting it shall be final.
- (c) All previous constitutions of the Essequibo Cricket Board have hereby been repealed.

#### **ARTICLE 20: INDEMNITY**

Should an officer or member of the Board be sued or charged in a Court of Law, or incur cost, expenses or other liabilities as a result of such suit or charge for an action authorized by the Board, the officer or member is entitled to be indemnified by the Board, providing such officer or member was acting reasonably in carrying out his functions.

**ARTICLE 21: DISSOLUTION**

In the case of dissolution, the assets of the Board, after payments of all outstanding debts, shall be distributed equally among the affiliated Area Committees of the Board.

**ARTICLE 22: ADOPTION**

These Articles were adopted by a General Meeting of the Essequibo Cricket Board on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2002.