

**SCHEDULE I****SS.(3, 6 ,7and 8)****The Constitution of the Guyana Cricket Board****Contents**

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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.