

Proposed changes to NoSCA Constitution & Playing Conditions

Discussion Document for Committee Meeting – Monday 3rd August

CONSTITUTION

(to be read in conjunction with NoSCA Constitution)

General

- No aims or objectives specified for Association – should be included
- No powers specified for Executive Officer Bearers – should be included
- No powers specified for Executive Committee – should be included
- References Scottish Cricket, etc. need to be changed to Cricket Scotland (or National governing body?).
- Conduct of Meetings needs to be (better) defined
- No 'Definitions' specified – in particular what is our definition of 'by letter' or 'in writing'. Does this include email?? What is an Overseas Amateur?
- 'Postal ballot' is referred to but not specified – is this relevant in the digital age?

Proposal

Re-write the constitution to include the following discrete sections:-

(see <http://www.grantnet.com/HelpfulReports/writingaconstitution.pdf> for guidance)

- 1. Definitions** (including name of organisation)
- 2. Aims and Objectives** *(see separate document)*
- 3. Powers** *(see separate document)*
- 4. Membership**
 - a. Structure/Types
 - b. Eligibility
 - c. Application process
 - d. Termination
- 5. Governance**
 - a. Executive Committee – composition
 - b. Executive Committee – duties
 - c. Executive Committee – powers
- 6. Office Bearers**
 - a. Election of
 - b. Tenure
 - c. Roles & Responsibilities
- 7. Meetings**
 - a. Requests and notifications
 - b. Quorums
 - c. Timing of submitting resolutions
 - d. Voting Rights
 - e. Conduct & Procedures
- 8. Finance**
 - a. Accounts (responsibility & inspection of)
 - b. Financial Year
 - c. Bank Account (who, where, etc.)
 - d. Signatories
 - e. Financial competency limit
- 9. Disciplinary Procedure**
- 10. Dissolution**

Specific

Clause 2 : Membership application process is unclear (e.g. need to clarify when and how applications are to be made and decided).

Clause 3 : Relationship with Cricket Scotland and other bodies could be better defined

Clause 4(a) and 4(b) – Should refer to Playing Conditions not competition rules?

Clause 5(a)(1) – Clarification required on voting rights of clubs with multiple Executive Office Bearers.

Clause 5(a)(2) – What does this mean?

Clause 6(a)(1) – Is it wise to limit Office Bearers to only one position? This would preclude appointing a paid Treasurer/Secretary for example.

Clause 6(a)(2) – The description of roles does not reflect what currently happens. Is this important (or even necessary in the constitution)?

Clause 7 – This could be moved to a section on Membership of the Association (Clause 2?).

Clause 8(b) – This needs clarification. Are Ross County entitled to send 2 reps to vote at an AGM in addition to their two Office Bearers???

Clause 8(c) – Needs tidying with definitions for 'postal ballot', 'letter', etc..

Clause 8(f) – What is the purpose of this clause?

Clause 8(g) – typo : should be '*second or casting vote*'.

Clause 9 – Is this the correct timeframe given the advances in digital communication?

Clause 10 – The Treasurer only has 4 weeks between the end of the FY and the AGM – not much time to get annual accounts inspected. Do we need to change FY end?

Clause 11(b) – This needs updating to reflect the NoSCA website online score input facility and ResultsVault stats facility.

Clause 11(c) - Is this necessary (has it ever been used)?

Clause 11(d) - Is this necessary (have the clauses ever been used)?

Clause 14 – Is this relevant to the constitution? Move to playing conditions but maybe needs expanding to include normal 'hierarchy' of all games?

Clause 15 – Needs wholesale reform (or removal from the Constitution and put into the relevant playing conditions) in light of recent events.

References to the 'Registration Administrator' should be removed

Multiple Club registrations should be clarified

Player Transfer process should be clarified

Clause 16 – Move to playing conditions? Eligibility of professional and OSA cricketers need re-phrasing to remove ambiguity. Definitions of both should be included (see SPCU and/or CS guidelines).

Clause 17 – Move to playing conditions?

Clause 18 – Is this useful or relevant? Move to playing conditions?

Clause 19 – Needs updating (e.g. Scottish Cricket)

Clause 19(b) – Add 'Umpires' to people who can report an incident?

Clause 19(c) – Appeals heard by panel appointed by Executive Committee (to reflect actual process).

Clause 19(e) – Add reprimand to list of sanctions, or re-phrase to 'sanctions as permitted under Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct document'?

Clause 20(b) - Is this the correct timeframe given the advances in digital communication?

Clause 22 - Conduct of Meetings needs to be better defined - maybe separate section?

Clause 23 – Dissolution clause needs to be updated to meet requirements of funders?

PLAYING CONDITIONS

(to be read in conjunction with NoSCA Senior and Reserve League Playing Conditions)

General

- Include all items removed from Constitution
- Revise player eligibility to remove ambiguity on:-
 - Multiple club registration
 - Player Transfer process
 - Pro / OSA involvement
 - Exceptions (e.g. juniors, Reserve League)
 - Scope and intention of LPL
 - Multiple competition participation
- LEAGUE FIXTURES – REARRANGMENTS = REARRANGING FIXTURES (i.e. all)
- LEAGUE FIXTURES – CANCELLATION = CANCELLING FIXTURES (i.e. all)

Specific – Senior Conditions

Point 3 – Is Mid-March at latest realistic? Is a stated time of any use (surely ASAP?)

Point 12 – Suggest we try and remove ambiguity re. ‘venue arranged’?

Point 13 – Do we need a time limit for rearrangement requests? If so, what?

Point 16 – What ‘fourteen day period’??? It is not referred to elsewhere.

Point 22 – Suggest a complete re-write in light of recent events (see CS Challenge Cup rules for good example of call-off procedure wording).

Point 26 – Are the reduction for delayed starts adequate? Suggest an agreed ‘finish time’ and work back from that using 15 overs per hour and 30 minutes tea interval.

Point 27 – Is this what we want?

Point 32 – Needs revision to reflect NoSCA website score facility and ResultsVault processes.

Point 34 – Is this point still relevant if teams must meet at least once per season?

Point 45 – Do we want more flexibility with rain affected Cup matches? The only current option is to reduce from 30 overs to 10 overs. Why? Why not have a stated finish time and work back for late start?

Point 50.ii – 25 metre circle, why? Are any fielding restrictions necessary??

Point 50.iii – Why 2 runs for a wide? What does this achieve?

Point 50.iv – Is a free hit necessary??

Points 55 to 58 – The sevens never get played now. Are these points still relevant?

- Are all balls down the leg side called ‘Wide’ in Cup/T20 games? If so, state it.
- What happens if T20 game is tied? Wickets lost? Super over?
- How is T20 finals decided if all teams win 1 game? Run rate? If so need to define how it is calculated.
- Is there a free hit for no-balls (all? Just front foot?, front foot and side-lines). Needs clarifying.

Specific – Reserve Conditions

Point 14 – see Point 22 above (Senior League conditions)

Point 19 – see Point 26 above

Point 44 – see Point 50.iii above

Point 45 – see Point 50.iv above

Point 48 – Is reference to independent umpires necessary?

Points 53 to 58 – The sevens never get played now. Are these points still relevant?

Point 59 – Revise LPL restrictions to include other leagues? If so, how??