

SRI LANKA CRICKET

CODE OF TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules are approved and adopted by the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket at the meeting held on 18th November 2017, by virtue of the powers vested in it in terms of clause 13(a) of the Constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket and shall be in full force with effect from 18th November 2017

Adopted by the membership on 7th January 2018
(amendments up to 17th June 2023)

A Code to regulate Domestic Tournaments Conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket **PART I**

OBJECTS AND APPLICATION

1. Application of this Code shall be-

- (a) These rules shall be cited as the Domestic Tournament Rules (hereinafter sometimes may called and referred to as "The Rules") of Sri Lanka Cricket (hereinafter called and referred to as "SLC"), and shall be observed and/or adhered to by all Participants specified hereto.
- (b) These rules shall be applicable to Any Tournament played within the territory of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that is organized, structured, planned, conducted, supervised, sponsored, held, convened or authorized by Sri Lanka Cricket.
- 1 (c) The duly elected Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be the Governing Committee of all such tournaments, subject to the control and supervision of the Executive Committee of SLC, with regard to this code in enforcing, amending, maintaining, delegating, reporting, carrying out and/or doing any other act with regards to the functions, powers, duties, obligations, observations, inactions, violations, failures and or any other acts incidental thereto. Subject to the ratification by the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket, the Tournament Committee shall have the power and authority to make necessary amendments to the Tournament Rules and Regulations prior to the commencement of respective Tournaments as may deem necessary by the Tournament Committee in the best interest of the game.
- (d) The Tournament Committee shall at all times be bound by the decisions, directions, control and supervision of the Executive Committee of SLC.
- (e) The Tournament Committee shall time to time adopt a Domestic Tournament Structure prepared and approved by the Executive Committee of SLC.
- (f) For the purpose of this Code, the following definitions shall apply:

"Domestic Match / Tournament" is

- i. Any Match/Tournament played within the territory of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that is organized, structured, planned, conducted, supervised, sponsored, held, convened or authorized by Sri Lanka Cricket.

"Participant" is

- ii. Any Cricketer/Cricket Player
 - a. Who is selected to participate in a Domestic Match/Tournament for any playing Club, team, and/or squad which will participate in any of the tournaments specified under Article 1(b)

- b. Who participates in a Domestic Match/Tournament for any playing club, team, squad which will participate in any Domestic Tournament.

and /or

- iii. Any Squad or Team

- a. Which is selected to participate in a Domestic Match/Tournament for any playing Club, which will participate in any of the tournaments specified under Article 1(b)

- b. Who participates in a Domestic Match/Tournament for any playing Club which will participate in any of the tournaments specified under Article 1(b)

and /or

- iv. Any Player Support Personnel, Coach, trainer, manager, selector, scorer, team owner, team official, Club official, doctor, physiotherapist or any other person who is employed by, represents or is otherwise affiliated to a team and/or a Player that participates in Domestic match/tournament for any playing club, team, squad which will participate in any of the tournaments specified under Article 1(b)

and /or

- v. Any Club/Association, Club/Association Official, Club/Association Staff, Match Referee, Pitch Curator, Player Agent, Umpire or Umpire Support Personnel, and/or any other person connected in anyway with any match/tournament conducted under Article 1 (b) (Hereinafter sometimes may broadly called and referred to as a “**Other Connected Personnel**”)

2. Objects of this Code shall be -

- (a) To control and regulate the Domestic level cricket within the territory of Sri Lanka;
- (b) To uphold and maintain the laws of Cricket and the rules and regulations of Sri Lanka Cricket;
- (c) To promote, encourage and improve the game of Cricket;
- (d) To arrange, organize, authorize, regulate and administer all Domestic Tournaments and matches;
- (e) To foster the spirit of sportsmanship and the ideal of Cricket amongst participants.
- (f) To maintain and enforce rules and regulations for the control and governance of Domestic Cricket in Sri Lanka and to maintain discipline among the participants and the participating clubs, Associations and Organizations, and every member of Sri Lanka Cricket;
- (g) To take such measures as may be necessary to co-ordinate and/or carry out the activities specified hereto and for the attainment of the aforesaid objects.

- (h) These Rules shall not preclude SLC from taking any independent action against a participant who may have committed and/or is alleged to have committed any offence or violation which falls within the ambit of the Constitution of SLC, Anti-Corruption Code of SLC and Code of Conduct of Sri Lanka Cricket.

PART II

COMPLIANCE AND RECOGNITION

3. Compliance

- (a) The Rules & Regulations contained herein adopted under Clause 13(a) of the Constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be binding upon every member of every Club/ Association and/or Affiliate of Sri Lanka Cricket, or any such person bound by the Constitution of SLC.
- (b) Every Participant as defined in Clause (1) (F) (ii - v) shall be bound by the Rules & Regulations contained herein.

4. Recognition of Rules, Delegation of Powers , Application of Constitution and Anti-Corruption Code of SLC, ICC Rules and Regulations

- 4.1** Every Participant as defined in Clause (1) (F) (ii - v) to a Tournament shall be bound by the Rules & Regulations contained herein.
- 4.2** Every Participant as defined in Clause (1) (F) (ii - v) shall be bound by the Constitution of SLC, Playing Conditions of SLC, Anti-Corruption Code of SLC and Code of Conduct of SLC.
- 4.3** All Domestic Tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the SLC Playing Conditions under the aegis of the ICC Playing Conditions, and in the instance that no express provision is made in the SLC Playing Conditions, the Playing Conditions of the ICC may be applied at the discretion of the Tournament Committee under the approval of the Executive Committee of SLC.
- 4.4** Where no express provision is made in this Code with regard to any rule or procedure, the Tournament Committee will have the authority to formulate a procedure and/or adapt such rule or procedure with regard to any such issue subject the approval of the Executive Committee of SLC.
- 4.5** For the purpose of Clause 4.4 the Tournament Committee may refer to the ICC Playing Handbook, MCC laws of Cricket and/or any other accepted Laws for the game of Cricket. Thereafter such rule or procedure shall be construed as a part of this code and every participant specified hereto shall be bound by that rule or Procedure.
- 4.6** Subject to the Approval, Control and Supervision of the Executive Committee of SLC, The Tournament Committee will have the power to delegate in writing its authority to conduct,

regulate and organise any Domestic Tournament to any of the Provincial and/or District Associations, and/or Member Cricket Associations as it deems necessary to carry out and/or conduct the respective Tournaments in accordance with these rules and regulations.

- 4.7** The Association which had been conferred powers under Article 4.6 shall submit a detailed report to the Tournament Committee outlining the manner in which the Tournament was held and all incidental occurrences related thereto within Twenty-One (21) days of the completion of the said Tournament.
- 4.8** The Association which had been conferred powers under Article 4.6 shall report to the Tournament Committee any violation of Rules and Regulations under this code within 14 days of the purported violation.

PART III

RULES

5. Rules

5.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS

5.1.1 The Executive Committee of SLC shall adopt and approve a Tournament Structure for a particular period, the Tournament Committee shall subsequently organize, plan, conduct, supervise, sponsor, and or hold tournaments according to the said Tournament Structure approved by the Executive Committee of SLC.

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5.1.2 Only a Member Club of Sri Lanka Cricket (Controlling, Affiliated or Associate Member) shall be eligible to play in Major Club Tournaments classified as First Class under the Tournament Structure conducted by SLC.

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Provided however, if a Club/Association which does not hold membership status of SLC (direct or representative) but played in the Major Clubs Tournament for five (5) seasons or more during the preceding ten (10) years shall be eligible to participate (subject to the other rules herein provided) in the said Major clubs Tournament notwithstanding its membership status at SLC.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Membership obtained by a Club/Association from another professional or Employment Cricket Association which is affiliated to SLC shall not be construed to have fulfilled the membership criteria specified in this rule and therefore will not be considered as a Member of SLC for the purposes of rule number 5.1.2, unless such Club/Association obtained the direct membership from SLC as per the provisions of the Constitution of SLC.

2. Article 5.1.2 reinstated by the Extraordinary Resolution 01 adopted on 8th January 2020
3. Article 5.1.2 amended by the Extraordinary Resolution 02 adopted on 8th January 2020

- 5.1.3** Each Club shall satisfy the required eligibility criteria set by the Tournament Committee to participate in respective categories of Tournaments which will be declared by the Tournament Committee from time to time.
- 5.1.4** Notwithstanding the Criteria specified by the Tournament Committee, The Tournament Committee, in its discretion, shall have the power to grant an invitation or cancel an invitation extended to a team/ Club / Association for participation in a particular Tournament.
- 5.1.5** Eligibility of a team of a member Club/Association shall be subject to the prevalent membership status of such Club/Association as stipulated in SLC Constitution and imposition of any Prohibition and/or Suspension on the said Club/Association shall operate as a rejection and/or disqualification of said team unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee of SLC.
- 5.1.6** The Executive Committee of SLC shall have the power to exclude/prevent any team/club/association and/or a category of teams/clubs/associations from taking part in any tournament organized under Article 1(b).

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- 5.1.7** Any Member Club / Association which is aggrieved by a decision of SLC shall at first instance bring such matters to the attention to the Executive Committee by way of an appeal and should make a reasonable attempt to resolve therewith.

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- 5.1.8** If a Club/ Association which invokes the jurisdiction of the Court/Forum as provided by the laws of Sri Lanka and subsequently fails in their action (either by way of a dismissal and or withdrawal of the case/action), such Member Club/Association shall be guilty of an offence for disrupting the ongoing and impending tournaments and or hindering the opportunities/rights of the players (only if the continuation and or commencement of a Tournament was withheld by any order given in the such Court or Forum) and after due inquiry such member shall be punished with a fine not exceeding One million rupees.

Nothing in the above rules shall prevent nor construe to mean or to hinder the fundamental rights of any citizen/entity to seek redress from any Court /tribunal or any other forum as provided by the Laws of the Country.

5.2 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.2.1** A team/club/association shall register its players with the Tournament Committee subject to the qualifications and eligibility criteria decided by the Tournament Committee from time to time.

4. Article 5.1.7 inserted by the Extraordinary Resolution 02 adopted on 8th January 2020
5. Article 5.1.8 inserted by the Extraordinary Resolution 02 adopted on 8th January 2020

5.2.2 In all circumstances, the criteria for registration of players for a particular Tournament shall be determined by the Tournament Committee subject to following guidelines.

(a) Player Registration

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- i. Subject to approval of the Tournament Committee, a player is permitted to change his Team/Club/Association by obtaining a no objection letter from his registered Team/Club/Association to represent a new Team/Club/Association in a different format within the same season, in the event such player has not played a single match in any format for his registered Team/Club/Association. in addition, in the event a player has not played more than 3 games in all formats in the Major Club Tournament/Tier B/Governors Trophy/Intra Provincial, such player is allowed to play a lower division during the same season. Provided however, the change of Team/club/Association for a player as specified herein is restricted to a single transfer per season.
- ii. Notwithstanding the above, any player(s) registered to play in Tournaments other than those classified as SLC Major Tournaments for a particular Team/Club/Association, may be permitted to register for a SLC Major Tournament under a different Club.
- iii. Registration of a player(s) under Article 5.2.2 (a) (ii) above shall be permitted upon completion of the Tournament the player is already registered in.

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- iv. A team may declare in its squad a maximum of two (2) foreign players. The aforementioned two (2) foreign players will be permitted to play in the playing Eleven of any match provided however one of such foreign players shall be a fast bowler. Every Foreign player shall be required to provide a valid No Objection Letter obtained from their home Boards / Associations / Clubs at the time of registration. Any such foreign player shall possess a minimum eligibility requirement of playing five (5) first-class matches in his home country to register himself for any squad. No replacement of players due to injuries is allowed.
- v. Registration of Players shall be made separately for League, Limited Over and T20 segments of the same Tournament.
- vi. The Team/Club/Association shall submit individual applications for registration of each player and said application shall be made vide the duly completed prescribed form provided by SLC, in duplicate, within the stipulated time period.

6 Clause 5.2.2.(a)(i) amended by the Extraordinary Resolution 04 adopted on 17th June 2023

7 Clause 5.2.2.(a)(iv) amended by the Extraordinary Resolution 04 adopted on 17th June 2023

- vii. Each application shall be signed by the respective player and attested by the President and/or the Secretary of the Club/ Association.
 - viii. In the event of a player(s) who has not reached the age of 18 years at the time of submitting of applications, the application shall be counter-signed by parent and/or legal guardian of the said player(s).
 - ix. Registration of players shall be upon the acceptance of the Tournament Committee, under signature of the Secretary, Tournament Committee.
 - x. Upon registration of a player, confirmation of the said registration together with an allocated registration number shall be provided to each such registered player through the Secretary of the applicant Club/ Association, and such confirmation shall be provided via hard copy under registered post and/or Electronic mail.
 - xi. Any player(s) previously registered and in possession of a valid SLC Registration Number is not required to re-register with SLC, provided however that each such player sign the Squad declaration form as prescribed in 5.2.2(b)(i).
 - xii. Coaches employed by SLC, Provincial and/or District Cricket Associations are not permitted to play in any SLC conducted Tournaments.
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- xiii. The registration of players shall be done within the time frame stipulated for each Tournament. Late registration may be accepted, prior to the commencement of the Tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Committee under the following exceptional circumstances at an additional payment of Rs.5000/- Per player;
 - (a) National commitments of the player either at home or away; and/or
 - (b) Hospitalization for any serious illness; and/or
 - (c) Any other reason deemed as valid and or proper and or reasonable by the Tournament Committee.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the permission may be granted by the Tournament Committee to register up to additional 5 players to a Team/Club/ Association in the event such Team/Club/ Association has 10 players or more in its squad representing the Country at any given time during the period of any format of the tournament.

- xiv. A Team/Club/ Association shall be permitted to register a new player for a Final round of a Tournament as classified by the Tournament Committee, only in the event it is a player returning from National duty either home or away.

- xv. Every Team/Club/Association shall hold in its possession a copy of Player Registrations and Squad Declaration duly signed by the Secretary of the Tournament Committee or any official authorized in that behalf. A failure to show the copy of registration of any player at any match and or any inquiry may result in the Club being considered to have violated the Tournament Rules.

(b) The Squad

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- i. A squad consisting of a number of players pre-determined by the Tournament Committee shall be submitted under the duly completed prescribed form within a time period stipulated. Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in the Code of Tournament rules and Regulations, late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee subject to a payment of a late registration fee of Rupees Five thousand per player. The total number of players in the squad shall consist of both foreign and local players which shall correspond with the tournament rules and regulations related thereto. No replacement of players in the squad due to injuries is allowed.

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- ii. A squad may declare up to two (02) foreign players, who meet with the team/club/Association eligibility criteria set out in Clause 5.2.2 (a). Such player(s) may be drafted into the team under section 5.2.2 (a) (xiii) additionally to the initial Squad declaration, provided such player(s) is registered with the Tournament Committee a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament.
- iii. Any player(s) engaged in National Duty either home or away, may be drafted into the team under section 5.2.2 (a) (xiii) additionally to the initial Squad declaration, provided such player(s) is registered with the Tournament Committee a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

(c) The Team

- i. A total of fifteen players of the squad shall be declared on the form hereinafter called and referred to as "Team Card" prescribed by the Tournament Committee before each match in triplicate. A team card so prepared should be exchanged between Umpires / Scorers / Opposing captains before the toss.
- ii. Each Team shall ensure that every participating player as declared in the said team has signed the Team Card applicable to that particular match prior to commencement of each match.
- iii. A player should possess his/her NIC or the Passport at all times and shall submit the same if requested by the Umpire or the Match Referee for identification purposes.

9 Clause 5.2.2.(b)(i) amended by the Extraordinary Resolution 04 adopted on 17th June 2023

10 Clause 5.2.2.(b)(ii) amended by the Extraordinary Resolution 04 adopted on 17th June 2023

- iv. The Umpires/Match Referees shall have authority and should endeavor to settle any and all disputes related to the above at the venue itself.

(d) Player Substitutions

- i. A team/Club/ Association may at any time request a substitution of a player in the event a player declared in the original squad is
 - a. Injured and/or declared unfit to continue in the Tournament; and/or
 - b. Selected for National duty; and/or
 - c. Suspended by SLC; and/or,
 - d. Is a foreign player named in the squad who requires to leave the country for any deemed as valid and reasonable by Tournament Committee.
- ii. Application for substitution shall be vide the duly completed prescribed form and such substitution shall be permitted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- iii. A substitution to the Playing Eleven may be allowed only in the event a player has been selected for National duty either home or away during the course of a Tournament match.

(e) Player Transfers

- i. Transfer of any player(s) shall only be permitted in limited circumstances on the approval of the Tournament Committee.
- ii. A player who joins or ceases to serve the Sri Lankan Army, Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Air Force or Sri Lanka Police or a player who has been transferred to a different geographical area for the purposes of his employment may be permitted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to represent any other Team/Club/Association.
- iii. An Application for a player transfer shall be made to the Tournament Committee by way of a duly completed prescribed form together with all supporting documents as deemed necessary by Tournament Committee.
- iv. In the event of a Player Transfer being duly authorized by the Tournament Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the new Team/Club/Association to ensure that all relevant Tournament Rules and the Regulations are complied with in respect of such registration.

5.3 CONDUCTING OF TOURNAMENTS

5.3.1 Fixtures & Venues.

- i. The Committee shall inform the Teams by registered post to the registered address of the Team/Club/Association and/or via e-mail to the registered email address of the

Team/Club/Association of the date, time and venue of the meeting convened to confirm the fixtures and any other matters of importance, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Such notice shall be addressed to the President or Secretary or Cricket Secretary of the Club/Association.

- ii. A subsequent Fixture meeting may be convened by short notice under special circumstances, provided notice is given as above a minimum of three (03) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- iii. An authorized representative, so authorized in writing under signature of the Hony. Secretary of the Club/Association, may participate in the Meeting. Such representative should be an Office Bearer or Cricket Committee Secretary of the said Club/Association.
- iv. A Club/Association that is not represented at a meeting without prior written intimation, shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Tournament and shall not be permitted to participate in that tournament.
- v. Any Club/Association that has been struck off the participation in terms of the provisions set out in 5.3.1 (iv) above, may submit an appeal in writing to the Tournament Committee, which appeal may be granted upon the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- vi. Clubs/Associations shall be required to submit suitable SLC accredited venues for matches that shall be hosted by them, on or before the date of the fixture meeting to be held in terms of 5.3.1 (i).
- vii. In the event a Club/Association does not have a home ground, a SLC accredited venue mutually agreeable to both teams shall be selected.
- viii. When there is no mutual agreement between any Club/Association with regard to a venue, the Tournament Committee shall at its discretion select the venues for such matches. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding upon each and every participating Club/Association.
- ix. In the event any host Club/Association is unable to confirm a fixture date and/or venue at a meeting held to finalize such fixtures in accordance with article 5.3.1 (i), or is excused from such meeting, the opposing team/Club/Association shall be granted the right to select the date and/or venue of such match.
- x. In the event the opposing Team/Club/Association so granted is not in agreement to host such match, the original host team/Club/Association shall be required to confirm the date and/or venue of the said match within three (3) calendar days from the date of the meeting so convened under article 5.3.1 (i)
- xi. In the event both teams are unable to arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement with regard to the date and/or venue of the said match, the final discretion shall lie within the authority of the Tournament Committee.
- xii. In the event the opposing team as per the above articles is in agreement to host the said match, the cost of such shall be borne equally by both teams.
- xiii. Upon finalization of the Fixtures (Dates/Venues and/or playing pitches) no Club/Association may raise any objection, and shall be bound by the decision of the Tournament Committee.
- xiv. No Club/Association shall withdraw from a Tournament once participation has been confirmed and/or Fixtures have been finalized at a meeting held in terms of 5.3.1 (i) or (ii) without the prior written approval of the Tournament Committee, which approval will be granted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee only in special circumstances.
- xv. The Tournament Committee shall make available to every Club/Association participating in a

particular tournament, the finalized list of fixtures with the information on the confirmed dates, venues and pitches to its registered address and/or registered e-mail address within seven calendar days from the date of the said meeting held in terms of 5.3.1 (i) or (ii).

- xvi. Every match of the Tournaments shall be played only on pitches arranged and/or recommended by the Curator's Department/ Tournament Committee of SLC, except in exceptional circumstances that may be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- xvii. Every team participating in Tournaments shall strictly adhere to the fixtures finalized and scheduled by the Tournament Committee. Any postponement, replay and/or cancellation of any match or alteration of the fixtures may be granted by the Tournament Committee only for reasons of security, national crisis and/or any other exceptional reason as deemed acceptable by the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket.
- xviii. The decision of the Tournament Committee with regard to fixtures/venues shall be final and binding upon all participating Clubs/Associations and no objections may be raised.
- xix. In the event that any Club/Association is desirous of a change in date/venue/pitch of any fixture, they shall:
 - (a) Inform the Secretary of the opposing Team/Club/Association by registered post, fax and/or email to the registered address / e-mail address of the said Team/Club/Association of its request with all evidence in support of its request and seek their acquiescence and/or support for the proposal.
 - (b) Make a written request to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee providing evidence in support of its request, together with the consent granted by the opposing Team, by registered post, fax and/or email, to the registered address/e-mail address of Sri Lanka Cricket, at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of commencement of the said match;
- xx. On receipt of a written request as set out in article 5.3.1 (xix) The Tournament Committee shall at its discretion grant or refuse the request, which decision shall be notified by registered post and/or e-mail to the registered address/e-mail address to the requesting and opposing Club / Association on or before seven (7) calendar days prior to the commencement of the said match.
- xxi. Notwithstanding any of the above, the Tournament committee shall have the power to allow a date/venue change under acceptable /extreme situations and/or circumstances at its discretion.
- xxii. Any Club/Team/Association that does not comply with the Rules specified herein (article No.5.3.1) shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Tournament and new fixtures will be finalized accordingly.
- xxiii. Any Club/Team/Association which is in breach of any of the rules and/or in violation of any of the regulations and or procedures stipulated in this Article (Article 5.3.1), shall be guilty of an offence committed under this code and may be penalized by one or more of the penalties mentioned below,
 - a. Declare any match be null and void ;
 - b. Impose a penalty on the club;
 - c. Order a costs to be borne by any club;

- d. Suspend any team from further participation in the same tournament pending completion of an inquiry be held by the Tournament Committee;
 - e. Suspend any team from taking part in the same tournament category and/or relegate any team to a tournament category of a lesser grade;
 - f. Any other penalty as deemed suitable/necessary.
- xxiv. In careful consideration of the circumstances, the Tournament Committee may at its discretion award a replay of any match that has been effected by any such breach of any of the articles contained herein.

5.3.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST CLUB

- i. The host Club shall-
 - (a) make available the venue and the pitch for all matches hosted by it, on the confirmed date and time according to the match schedule;
 - (b) make available a suitable pitch, with adequate bowlers' run-up;
 - (c) ensure the safety of all players and officials participating in matches;
 - (d) confirm to the match referee and/or umpires, prior to the selection of play by toss, the availability of covers for the pitch / sight screens and ensure their appropriate and effective use;
 - (e) ensure adequate availability of labor to draw covers (minimum of 10) and for other purposes;
 - (f) ensure that turf cutters, turf rollers, covers, boundary ropes, sight screens etc. and all other equipment required for hosting matches are available at all times during the match or matches;
 - (g) ensure to hand over the pitch on time to the umpires;
 - (h) ensure that the boundary lines are properly marked visibly;
 - (i) ensure pavilion / wash room / changing room facilities for the players / Match officials are adequate.

For the purpose of this Rule, a "suitable pitch" is one that is not under-prepared or unworthy to play a match on, in the opinion of the umpires.
- ii. Prior to the commencement of every match the host club shall allow the Umpires / Match Referee to evaluate the venue conditions. The Officials shall be the sole judges of its condition and may allow the officials of the host ground time to rectify the issues to their satisfaction.
- iii. The host Club shall be bound to discharge all its obligations stipulated under the foregoing Rule and failure of which and/or deliberate inaction on the part of a host club shall amount to a violation of a rule.
- iv. Any match may be abandoned by the Match Referee in consultation with the Umpires due to unsuitable and/or an unworthy pitch / ground conditions including pavilion facilities.
- v. In the event of the above, the Tournament Committee may conduct an inquiry into the incident, and take suitable action against the Club/ Association guilty of the violation in accordance with the provision set herein.
- vi. Where a decision taken to replay the match by the Tournament Committee owing to the abandonment caused by the action or inaction by the host club as stipulated in the foregoing Articles, the Tournament Committee may in addition to penalties decided require the host Club to bear all or part of expenses and fees inclusive of costs of transport, accommodation, match fees and player fees incurred by the opposing Club in connection with the replay of the match.

- vii. Where the host club is required to bear the expenses and fees as provided for above, it shall not be eligible to receive any reimbursement from SLC on that reason.
- viii. Notwithstanding the anything above, The Tournament Committee may further decided to award the victory of the match to the opposing team/Club/ Association.

5.3.3 SAFETY OF PLAYERS AND MATCH OFFICIALS

- ii. The Host club shall ensure the safety of all players and match officials. In the event of a failure to do so the Tournament Committee may impose an appropriate penalty as stipulated in clause 7 and/or sanctioned specified herein but may not be limited to following:
 - 1. imposition of a fine;
 - 2. suspension of the Club for a period to be stipulated;
 - 3. Denial of the right of the Club to host future SLC conducted matches at the particular venue; and any other measure deemed appropriate by the Tournament Committee.

5.4 TEAM CARDS, SCORE SUMMARY SHEETS, CAPTAINS' & UMPIRES' REPORTS

5.4.1 The Club /team/ Association shall ensure the following:

- (a) The Names of players (of a squad of 15 players) shall be filled on Team Cards used for such purpose in triplicate, and shall bear the signatures and National Identity Card /Passport numbers and SLC Registration numbers of each player.
- (b) Scores shall be maintained by an Scorer accredited by the Sri Lanka Scorers Association, and each sheet of such Score books maintained by both Teams shall be endorsed confirming the information contained therein by both captains /or Cricket Secretaries and both Umpires at the end of each days play.
- (c) The summary of the scores of each match shall be recorded on Score Sheets used for such purpose as prescribed and provided by the Tournament Committee, and shall be submitted to the Secretary, Tournament Committee by registered post to the registered address of Sri Lanka Cricket within five (5) days of the completion of each match.
- (d) The Captains' Report shall be completed and submitted to SLC immediately after the end of each match through the Match Referee.
- (e) The Umpires' Report shall be completed and submitted to SLC immediately after the end of each match through the Match Referee.

- 5.4.2** Only Scorers accredited by Sri Lanka Cricket shall be permitted to score in SLC conducted Tournaments.
- 5.4.3** The details stipulated in Score Sheets shall be entered accurately and completely.
- 5.4.4** Failure to adhere to the foregoing clause 5.4.2 to 5.4.3 above will result in forfeiture of 10% of the total match fee from the game in question, and any such penalty as stipulated in Article 7
- 5.4.5** The penalties for any violations of the aforesaid stipulations shall be as follows:
- (a) Providing incomplete and/or incorrect Score Sheets - 03 points per match and/or a fine of Rs.5000/-
 - (b) Failure to provide Score Sheets within 05 calendar days from the date of completion of the match - Rs.10,000 fine decided by TC.
 - (c) Failure to provide duly perfected Captain's Report within the stipulated time - a fine of Rs. 10,000/-; (incomplete captains reports maybe subject to reduction of match points as deemed fit by the Tournament Committee)
- 5.4.6** Such Score Book maintained by the Club/ Association shall be available for perusal and/or obtaining of extracts of any match by the Tournament Committee of SLC. Such requests shall be complied with without delay.
- 5.4.7** A total of fifteen players of the squad shall be declared on the form hereinafter called and referred to as "Team Card" prescribed by the Tournament Committee before each match in triplicate. A team card so prepared should be exchanged between Umpires / Scorers / Opposing captains before the toss.
- 5.4.8** The first name and the surname of each of the eleven players nominated by the Captain to play in the match shall be entered on the Score Sheets.
- 5.4.9** The signature of one of the Umpires shall be obtained prior to the handing over of the Team Card by the Captain of a team to the opposing Captain prior to the toss.
- 5.4.10** Where the identity of any player is called in question by a team, the Umpire shall seek to ascertain the identity of such player. Where the Umpires are unable to verify his identity, such player may at the discretion of the Umpires be permitted to participate in the said match. The said player shall be bound to establish his identity to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
- 5.4.11** Where a player is unable to establish his identity within 48 hours of the completion of the match, he shall then be considered to have violated the Tournament Rules and the Regulations and shall not be permitted to represent the Club until a final decision on the matter is arrived at by the Tournament Committee.
- 5.4.12** Where a player is unable to establish his identity, the Club to which he belongs shall also be considered to have violated the Tournament Rules and the Regulations and shall be liable to one or more of the penalties specified in Regulation 7.
- 5.4.13** A player in a Tournament shall not take part in any other cricket match or any other sport or recreation activity or any other event not related to the game in progress, while a particular match is in progress or is suspended and until it is declared concluded, except in the event he is excused for National duty.

- 5.4.14** Every participating team shall have, whether batting or fielding first, a minimum of [09] Nine players ready to play on each day of the match and available at the start of the match and continuously thereafter.
- 5.4.15** No match shall start or restart without meeting the requirement of article 5.4.14 above.
- 5.4.16** Where a team is unable, due to unavoidable circumstances which may be considered and accepted by the Tournament Committee, to attend a match confirmed by the Tournament Committee, it shall be informed to the Secretary/Chairman of the Tournament Committee or the Tournament Coordinator or the Manager of Tournaments at least sixty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the day's play
- 5.4.17** Where a team (or the minimum number of Nine (09) players required to start a match) fails to turn up for a match without informing the Tournament Committee as per the provisions set out in 5.4.16,
- (a) It shall be a violation of a rule under this code
 - (b) The Umpires shall treat such absence of the team as a refusal to play;
 - (c) The Umpires / Match Referee shall then terminate the match and keep the result of the match open for the Tournament Committee to take necessary action. [In the absence of match referee's the Umpires will be the sole judges.]
 - (d) The team that forfeits the match shall be suspended from the Tournament pending an inquiry to be held. after an inquiry, the Team/Club/Association concerned may be suspended from the Tournaments conducted by SLC as specified in article 1(b) for up to two seasons (including the current season) or penalties may be imposed on the Club as per Regulation 7.
 - (e) The umpires shall certify the match as forfeited to the opposing team and shall record it accordingly in both the teams' Score Books and shall submit a written report to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee within 24 hours of thereafter; and
 - (f) Where the Tournament Committee has reasons to believe that a team has deliberately failed to turn up on time for the match in order to manipulate the results of the Tournament or otherwise, the Tournament Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee for the imposition of any penalty provided for in Regulation 7.
- 5.4.18** Where a team refuses to commence a match at any time without obtaining the consent of the Umpires, the Umpires shall then terminate the match. In such instance the Tournament Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee the immediate suspension of the Club that refused to play, for a period of up to two (02) seasons (including the current season) or penalties may be imposed on the Club as per Regulation 7.
- 5.4.19** Where the Umpires call off a match owing to circumstances in which any further play is not possible, the Umpires shall within 24 hours forward a written report signed by both of them to the Tournament Committee, with a copy of it to the Umpires Committee.
- 5.4.20** Where a replay is awarded under any circumstance, each team shall field the same team consisting of members of the original squad of 15 players declared.

5.5 PAYMENTS TO CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

- (a) Grants/Payments to Clubs/Associations shall be decided by the Executive Committee of SLC.

- (b) Clubs/Associations shall provide within 30 days of conclusion of a Tournament a complete and certified Statement of Accounts related to such grant as may be disbursed by SLC.
- (c) Upon payment for a particular tournament either as a lump sum or in installments, the balance retention, (if any), shall be claimed with the provision of a complete and certified statement of accounts, failing which the said retention shall be forfeited by the Club/Association.

PART IV

PROTESTS AND INQUIRIES

6.1 PROTESTS

- 6.1.1** Where any participating Player, Team and/or Club Official seeks to lodge a protest on any violation of these Rules & Regulations and/or Playing Conditions related to a particular match, he shall make the protest-
 - (a) Prior to commencement of the Tournament; or
 - (b) Before a day's play commences; or
 - (c) When a day's play is in progress; or
 - (d) Within 30 Minutes after the close of the day's play.
- 6.1.2** Such protests shall be made in quadruplicate (4 copies) on the letter head of the Club signed by the Captain and/or the Cricket Secretary of the Club. A copy of the protest shall be handed over forthwith to the Umpires / match referees and the Captain or in his absence the Vice Captain of the opposite team or the Cricket Secretary of the opposing Club, as soon as possible, through the Umpires / match referee. The copy given to the captain / officials of the opposing side is considered as the official protest made to the opposing side at any circumstance.
- 6.1.3** In cases of player impersonations, faulty registrations of players, dishonest player appearances or similar offenses, a protest will be entertained by the Tournament Committee at its discretion, based on the depth of the protest, even if the above criteria are not met.
- 6.1.4** A protest made in terms of the provisions set out in article 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee and the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Cricket by registered post and/ or e-mail to the registered address/e-mail address of Sri Lanka Cricket not later than up to 2 working days after the conclusion of the game.
- 6.1.5** Where a protest is lodged with the Tournament Committee, the Tournament Committee may forward copies of the protest to the Umpires and the Secretary and Captains of the opposing team if deemed necessary.
- 6.1.6** A protest made in terms of the provisions set out above shall be accompanied by the payment of a Protest Fee of Rs. 25,000/+ Tax for a match classified as First Class and Rs. 5000/+ Tax for other matches The said fee shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 6.1.7** Notwithstanding any such protests lodged, the Umpires shall ensure that the match is started or restarted or continued.

- 6.1.8** The Umpires shall submit a joint report accompanied by copies of the protest to the Secretaries of Umpires Committee and Tournament Committee of the SLC within two working days of the conclusion of the match.
- 6.1.9** Where the Umpires are aware of a breach of the Regulations and/or Playing conditions by any Club, they shall nevertheless submit their joint report, even in the absence of a protest.
- 6.1.10** Every protest other than those that deal with matters of a disciplinary nature shall be dealt with by the Tournament Committee and it shall proceed forthwith with an inquiry and/or investigation. The decisions arrived at by the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding. Where a Club is found guilty of the charges preferred against it, the Tournament Committee is empowered to recommend penalties to the Executive committee of SLC in accordance with the terms of Regulation 7.
- 6.1.11** Where the protest deals with matters of a disciplinary nature, the Tournament Committee shall forward all the relevant documents to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLC through its Chief Executive for inquiry, investigation and necessary action without delay.
- 6.1.12** A protest to the Tournament Committee in relation to any irregularity shall be made within the stipulated time specified in the Tournament Rules and the Regulations and in accordance with the prescribed formalities, failing which such protests may or may not be entertained at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee depending on the seriousness of the offence or the damage it could cause to the reputation of the SLC.
- 6.1.13** The Tournament Committee shall have the power to inquire into any matter arising in the course of the conduct of any Tournament, either on receipt of a written complaint or on its own initiative and to take such actions as may be considered necessary.
- 6.1.14** No protest of any nature shall be entertained if such protest is made subsequent to the final days play of the final match of any such Tournament
- 6.1.15** Match referees/umpires shall be the sole authority in a game of cricket and their decisions shall have an important bearing in all inquiries including those of a disciplinary nature.

6.2 INQUIRIES

- 6.2.1** A Captain and/or the Match Referee and/or an Umpires shall report any breach of the articles contains herein to the Secretary of the Tournament Committee and the Umpires Committee. Such report shall reach them via registered post and/or email to their registered address / e-mail address not later than two working days from the date of conclusion of the particular day's play.
- 6.2.2** The Tournament Committee shall have the power to initiate action and enforce punishment thereto on any dispute arising in relation to –
- (d) Violation of Tournament Rules, Regulations, playing conditions, procedures and Laws applicable to the Tournaments under this code;
 - (e) Any other matter for which no specific provision has been made by this code in respect of violations made in organising , structuring , planning , conducting , supervising , sponsoring, holding , convening and or authorizing any Tournaments.
- 6.2.3** The Tournament Committee may on its own discretion and/or on observation made and/or on receipt of a compliant, conduct an inquiry into any violation under this code and/or any other violation incidental to a tournament which is not stipulated under this code.

- 6.2.4** The Tournament Committee shall forthwith communicate the findings of any inquiry to the Executive Committee of SLC.
- 6.2.5** When an inquiry is conducted by the Club/Association in pursuant to the power vested in delegation, such club/association shall forthwith forward its findings of such inquiry to the Tournament Committee.
- 6.2.6** The Tournament Committee may forward any complaints and/or reports of inquiry on matters related to discipline to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLC, for scrutiny, inquiry, investigation and appropriate action in terms of Sri Lanka Cricket Code of Conduct and the Constitution of Sri Lanka Cricket.
- 6.2.7** A player / team / club who fail to attend an inquiry on being summoned by the Tournament Committee, Disciplinary Committee and or any other committee appointed by the Executive Committee shall not be eligible to play in any SLC conducted Tournament until permission in that behalf is granted by the Executive Committee.
- 6.2.8** Tournament Committee and/or Disciplinary committee and/or any other committee shall have the power to adopt a procedure as reasonably necessary and fulfils the laws of natural justice to hold inquiries for alleged violations stipulated in this code.
- 6.2.9** The Tournament Committee and/or Disciplinary committee and/or any other committee shall have the power to act against any participant in relation to violation of rules specified under this code and/or misconduct or any other wrongdoing of a participant.
- 6.2.10** The Executive Committee shall have full power to appoint the Disciplinary Committee and/or any other committee to inquire into any violation of the Rules, Regulation and/or provisions of this Code.

PART V

ACTIONS AGAINST VIOLATIONS

7 MEASURES AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS

- 7.1** In addition to the penalty designated in specific articles under this code each and every participant/ team/club and or Association who acts in violation of any article under this code, may be punished with one or more of the penalties specified hereto including, but not limited to-
- a. A warning issued in writing to a Participant and/or a club/association/Team;
 - b. A fine not less than Rs.10,000/- and not exceeding Rs. 1,000,000;
 - c. Suspension of a team /club and or association from the Tournament for a period not less than (01) one year/season and not exceeding five seasons/years. In the event a Team/ club and or association is suspended due to irregularities committed, points earned against the Team who is at fault will be taken off from the other Teams in the group.
 - d. Suspension of a Participant from the Tournament or any cricket related activities for a period not exceeding three years;

- e. Depriving the Team /club and or association any number of points to a maximum of total points that may be earned in a match. Where a Team has not earned any points to its credit at the time of violation, the penalty points shall be deducted whenever the Team earns them;
- 7.2** Imposition of any penalty stipulated in article 7.1 above in respect of a particular Tournament may be suspended for a period determined by the Tournament Committee, Such suspension shall forthwith stand revoked if the Team, to which the violation relates, further violates any of the Regulations during the period of suspension and further penalties may be imposed on the Team into the second or subsequent violations.
- 7.3** No suspension of a team/ club and or association and or participant of a Tournament recommended by the Tournament Committee shall take effect until after it has been upheld by the Executive Committee of the SLC.
- 7.4** In the event a winning team /club and or association of a final Match is found to be guilty of violation of tournament rules, the Tournament Committee will recommend to the Executive Committee of SLC, withdrawal of the title of the winning team and may recommend the winning title to the opponent. Such recommendation shall be enforced upon the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 7.5** If a team is suspended from the Tournament for one season, such team shall be considered as having concluded last in the season's final standing in points and shall be demoted, if demotion is applicable for that Tournament. Where more than one team is suspended, the Tournament Committee shall have the right to determine the standings with regard to promotion and relegation of teams participating in that particular Tournament. Where a team is suspended from the Tournament for more than one season, it shall be relegated to the Division immediately lower to the one to which it belonged.
- 7.6** Match Referee in consultation with the umpires (where necessary) shall have the power to take any appropriate decision on violations which occurs in his presence.
- 7.7** Irregularities in respect of Scoring and or any other matter reported during a match shall be inquired into at the venue by the Match Referee and his decision shall be announced to the Team captains or Team Officials on the same day. The decision of the match referees in respect of matters specified in this article shall be final and binding
- 7.8** Any decision or measure taken by the Executive Committee of SLC in this connection shall be final and binding on all participants of the Tournament including the officials of Teams and match officials.
- 7.9** A participant/club/team/association aggrieved by the decision of a Tournament Committee shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket within seven (07) days of that decision.
- 7.10** If a Club/Association withdraws its participation without the prior written consent from the Tournament Committee, it shall amount to a violation and such Clubs/Associations shall not be permitted to take part in any of the Tournaments conducted by SLC thereafter for a period not exceeding 2 years, Additionally such club/Association shall always be included and/or placed in the lower Division where such club/association were suspended from and the said club/association will also be subjected to a fine or any other penalty as provided in Article 7 under this code.
- 7.11** Where a Club/Association arbitrary withdraws from a Tournament without providing a reasonable explanation acceptable and/or satisfactory to the Tournament committee, the Tournament Committee shall have authority to recommend to the Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket to suspend the said Club for a period not exceeding two Years. In addition to that,

a fine and/or any other punishment as provided for in Regulation 7 shall also be imposed.

8. COMMUNICATION

8.1 Every Communication directed to the Tournament Committee shall be addressed to the Chairman / Secretary of the Tournament Committee and sent by registered cover and email to the following address :

The Chairman / Secretary,
Tournament Committee
35, Maitland Place,
Colombo 07
tournament@srilankacricknet.lk

8.2 Every Communication directed to a participant shall be made by addressing said communication to the Secretary of the respective Club/ Association by registered mail and/or email to the registered postal/-email address of the said Club/ Association.

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