

## **UZBEKISTAN CRICKET FEDERATION RULES FOR PRIVATE CRICKET EVENTS**

### **PREAMBLE:**

Uzbekistan Cricket Federation (CFU), the sole regulatory authority tasked with the responsibility to manage and control the affairs of the game of cricket in Uzbekistan, is conscious of the fact that cricket is getting popular game in Uzbekistan due to which individuals and entities are actively trying to organize private cricket tournaments.

Even though, CFU still not a member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) or Asian Cricket Council (ACC) is under obligation to follow the rules formulated by ICC/ACC and as the sole regulator of all forms of the game of cricket in Uzbekistan, CFU is duty bound to ensure that the laws of cricket as formulated from time to time by ICC/ACC as well as by CFU itself are followed in true letter and spirit.

CFU must take into account players workload management; duration of the tournaments they are participating in; selected venues for the event(s); and that all other related segments meet the criteria of a reasonable and professional standard in order to avoid any undue harm to the players owing to mismanagement of any kind on part of the organizers.

CFU must also ensure that the scheduling of players' development activities which include, inter alia, skills involving bowling, batting and fielding techniques, at various cricket academies is not hampered due to a clash between the dates of such activities and the proposed cricket events.

CFU, furthermore, whilst assessing the fulfillment of requirements to be satisfied by a proposed Private Cricket Event, must protect its own commercial interests, so as to avoid unwarranted conflict of interests at a later stage.

Accordingly, in light of the above guidelines and in pursuance of the ICC/ACC Rules relating to Disapproved Cricket and to ensure proper regulation and supervision of cricket events in terms of maintaining the integrity of the sport, these Rules are hereby formulated as follows:

### **1. NAME & APPLICABILITY:**

These rules may be called CFU Rules for Private Cricket Events and shall apply to all Private Tournament(s), Private Cricket Event(s) and/or Private Match(es)

organized privately wherein any Club Team/Player, Cricket Association Team/Player, Department/Service Organization Team/Player, Centrally Contracted Player, Registered Player, Registered Match Official, Registered Player Support Personnel, Coach or any individual or organization affiliated with CFU participates.

## **2. DEFINITIONS:**

Unless the context otherwise provides:

- i. "Federation" or "CFU" where used means the Uzbekistan Cricket Federation.
- ii. "Centrally Contracted Player" means a player(s)/cricketer(s) who is engaged by the CFU under the Central Contract which retains him/her on a full-time basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of such contract.
- iii. "Chairman" means Chairman of the CFU.
- iv. "Chief Operating Officer" or "COO" means the person appointed as Chief Operating Officer of CFU.
- v. "Cricket Event" means any cricket tournament or Match in any format of the game of cricket and shall include all social, commercial and charitable events.
- vi. "Director Domestic Cricket Operations" means the person appointed by CFU for managing the cricket operations of CFU.
- vii. "Disapproved Cricket" means the Cricket Event being held/organized:
  - (a) without obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) from CFU; or
  - (b) in violation of such NOC granted by the Tournament Evaluation Committee, and includes complete tournament(s) and/or individual match(es).
- viii. "Domestic Cricket" mean and refer to cricket tournament(s) or match(es) in any format of the game happening under the auspices of CFU.
- ix. "General Manager Domestic Cricket Operations" means the person appointed as such by the CFU.
- x. "Director Security and Anti-Corruption" means the person appointed as such by the CFU.
- xi. "Director Commercial" means the person appointed in the said capacity by the CFU.

xii. “No Objection Certificate” or “NOC” means the approval issued by the Tournament Evaluation Committee for conducting/organizing the Private Cricket Event.

xiii. “Private Cricket Event” or “PCE” shall mean a Cricket Event organized and conducted by a private organizer, including any person or entity which does not have any affiliation with the CFU in any manner whatsoever. The terms “Private Tournament(s)” or “Private Match(es)” shall be construed in a similar fashion.

xiv. “Registered Match Official” includes the match umpire and referee and means the person performing functions in the said capacity(ies) under a contract/engagement with CFU or any cricket association, club, department or service organization affiliated with CFU.

xv. “Registered Player Support Personnel” means any player support personnel performing functions in the said capacity(ies) under a contract/engagement with CFU, or any cricket association, club, department or service organization affiliated with CFU.

xvi. “Registered Player” means the player registered with CFU or any cricket association, club department or service organization affiliated with CFU.

xvii. “Tournament Evaluation Committee” or “TEC” means the committee constituted under these Rules for grant of NOC for Private Cricket Events.

The meaning of any term not defined hereunder shall be interpreted in accordance with the CFU Constitution, Model Constitutions for Clubs/District/Regional Cricket Associations and/or any other by-laws, codes, rules & regulations formulated by CFU.

### **3. COMPOSITION OF TOURNAMENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE:**

The Tournament Evaluation Committee shall comprise the following:

**i. Director Domestic Cricket Operations**

**ii. Director Security and Anti-Corruption**

**iii. Director Commercial**

**iv. General Manager Domestic Cricket Operations**

#### **4. PROCEDURE TO APPLY FOR APPROVAL OF PRIVATE CRICKET EVENT/TOURNAMENT/MATCH:**

In order for any private organizer wishing to hold any PCE in Uzbekistan, to whom these Rules apply, an NOC must be obtained from the TEC for which the procedure provided below shall be followed:

i. An application in the name of TEC shall be filed at the CFU office, Tashkent, not less than sixty (60) days prior to holding of such PCE.

ii. In addition, the applicant shall provide the documentation/information relating to the proposed PCE:

a) Duration, dates and timings of the proposed event;

b) Format of the proposed event;

c) No. of matches taking place in the proposed event;

d) Names and logos of teams;

e) Names of participating match officials and players;

f) How the PCE satisfies the criteria laid down in Article 7 infra;

g) The purpose of organizing the PCE;

h) The details of sponsors and broadcasters (if any) along with the terms and conditions finalized with them. The final list of sponsors may be provided to the TEC up to seven (07) days prior to the commencement of the PCE;

i) Proposed venues to be used; and

j) Any other information that may later be sought by the TEC.

iii. An affidavit of the applicant affirming and declaring that he/they shall abide by the CFU's playing conditions; CFU Rules including the CFU's Anti-Corruption Code for Participants; Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel; CFU's Anti-Doping Rules and any other applicable rules formulated by CFU from time to time.

iv. The applicant shall be bound to provide any other information as required by TEC in order to process the application and grant NOC.

v. In case TEC is satisfied with regard to modalities of the PCE, the private organizer will be asked to submit to CFU a Sanctioning Fee, which may be revised from time to time at the sole discretion of CFU, through a Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of “Cricket Federation of Uzbekistan” amounting to:

a. SUM 35,000,000/- (Uzbekistan Sums Thirty Five Million only), subject to the deduction of all applicable taxes, for non-televised PCEs; and

b. SUM 100,000,000/- (Uzbekistan Sums One Hundred Million only), subject to the deduction of all applicable taxes, for televised PCEs.

Upon payment of the Sanctioning Fee, the TEC will issue an NOC to the Applicant within seven (07) days of receipt of such payment by CFU.

vi. In any other case, the TEC shall communicate its objection(s) to the Applicant within fifteen (15) days from the date of the application.

vii. Where TEC requires the Applicant to remove any objection(s), the Applicant shall do the needful within seven (07) days from the date of issuance of such objection(s) and revert to CFU with the rectified application/documentation.

viii. After removal of the objection(s) by the Applicant, TEC shall either:

a. issue an NOC to conduct the PCE, which may be conditional (in which case the condition shall be required to be fulfilled by the Applicant); or

b. communicate its order of rejection stating reasons in writing to the Applicant within fifteen (15) days.

ix. Where CFU has a reason(s) to believe that the organizer of the PCE is in violation of any terms and conditions of the NOC once it has been issued, CFU may immediately withdraw the NOC by stating reasons in writing. In addition to withdrawing the NOC, CFU may also impose penalty(ies) as provided under these Rules.

## **5. APPEAL AGAINST ORDER OF TEC:**

If the Applicant is aggrieved of any decision of the TEC, an appeal as prescribed under appropriate Paragraph of the Constitution of CFU may be filed against such decision.

## **6. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE TEC FOR ISSUANCE OF NOC:**

The following factors, inter alia, may be considered by the TEC in determining whether or not to grant an NOC to any Applicant.

It is hereby expressly provided that the list provided below is not exhaustive and TEC shall be at liberty to consider any other factor(s) or event(s) subsisting at the relevant point in time as it deems appropriate.

a. The extent to which the proposed PCE may be accommodated against CFU's calendar of international and domestic events to ensure avoidance of any conflict or compromise with:

- (i) matches or events already scheduled in the CFU calendar; and/or**
- (ii) agreements to which the CFU or ICC is a party.**

b. The number of Centrally Contracted Players and/or players participating in the PCE and their risk of overplaying by way of participation in the PCE.

c. Fair and equitable allocation of calendar space between different events and matches whilst simultaneously safeguarding CFU's commercial interest.

d. The role of the proposed PCE in the promotion and development of cricket, or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.

e. The effect on the health of players including, but not limited to, prevention of overplaying i.e. players must have adequate time to rest and recuperate, as well as train between matches they are participating in.

f. Whether the broadcast of the proposed PCE causes conflicts with or harms the interest of CFU and its stakeholders/official partners.

g. Safety, suitability and security of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed PCE.

h. Effectiveness of measures taken by the private organizers for prevention of corrupt practices regarding the proposed PCE.

i. The status of players participating in the proposed PCE i.e. whether they are facing disciplinary actions or serving any kind of penalty, including the imposition of a period of ineligibility from participating in any cricket-related activity for any duration.

j. ICC/ACC regulations regarding Disapproved Cricket.

k. The impact of the PCE on the integrity and reputation of the game of cricket (including but not limited to, by reference to whether the PCE organizer(s) and promoter(s) are deemed fit and proper to be granted this form of official CFU endorsement).

l. Any other factor deemed necessary to consider at the material time.

## **7. PENALTIES:**

i. Any PCE held without obtaining a prior NOC from the TEC shall be considered as “Disapproved Cricket”.

ii. The team(s) of any club, cricket association, department/service organization, or any Centrally Contracted Player, Registered Player(s), Registered Match Official(s), coach(es) or Registered Player Support Personnel participating in the Disapproved Cricket event may be declared as ineligible for selection, participation in any team/tournaments organized at any level by CFU or bodies operating under the auspices of CFU or affiliated with CFU for not less than 02 years.

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS:**

a) Any private organizer to whom NOC is granted by TEC, shall be under an obligation to abide by the applicable Playing Conditions and/or rules for domestic events and CFU’s Anti-Corruption Code for Participants or any other rules as formulated by CFU from time to time. For the sake of clarity, it is expressly provided that it shall be the sole responsibility of such private organizers(s) and PCE participants to acquaint themselves with the applicable rules and code(s).

- b) CFU may send its representatives to attend any such PCE in respect of which an NOC has been granted by TEC to ensure that the applicable conditions, rules and the Code as aforesaid are being followed in true letter and spirit, failing which the NOC may be revoked with immediate effect by CFU along with imposition of any other applicable penalty.
- c) Save as otherwise provided hereunder, the role of CFU shall be limited to approval/disapproval of an event only. There will be no financial or material support by CFU for Private Cricket Events.
- d) It is further clarified that the issuance of an NOC by CFU to conduct/organize a PCE neither grants any rights to the private organizer in relation to the use of CFU's intellectual property (including, but not limited to, the CFU/UPL/Franchise trademarks/logos) nor creates any sort of association between the private organizer and CFU. No private organizer shall utilize the CFU's intellectual property in connection with a PCE.