



## **GCB DOMESTIC CRICKET RULES:**

### **1) NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

The GCB shall provide that Domestic Cricket be run under the name of the Guernsey Cricket Association. (The Association)

The objectives of The Association are:

- To encourage and promote the game of cricket at all levels on the Island of Guernsey.
- To be a forum for communication between affiliated clubs and the Guernsey Cricket Board
- To organise and provide facilities for the playing of representative cricket matches.
- To organise competitive cricket between member clubs and organisations.

### **2) DRUG AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES**

The Association is fully committed to the elimination of drugs and child abuse in the sport, and will continue to follow guidelines set down by the England and Wales Cricket Board. (SEE GCB ANTI-DOPING POLICY)

### **3) THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Association shall be managed by The GCB Management Committee (The Committee) who will operate under the following guidelines, having regard to the above objectives.

- a) The Committees Executive members shall be GCB CEO, GCB Treasurer, GCB Registrations Secretary. Ordinary Members shall be appointed as required.
- b) The Committee will meet at least twice during the months of October to March. In the remaining months a meeting will be held every four weeks or as appropriate.
- c) All meetings shall be informal and any proposals be taken forward by the GCB CEO to the GCB Executive Committee for consideration and adoption as appropriate bound by the GCB rules.
- d) All Ordinary members shall be invited to attend by the GCB.
- f) Any Committee member missing three consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation shall be deemed to have resigned and may be replaced at the discretion of the remaining Committee members.

### **4) COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Duties of the Management Committee members: -

- a) The GCB CEO shall chair GCA meetings, attend functions on behalf of GCA and liaise with sponsors. Together with the Secretary draw up agenda for GCA meetings. Has casting vote at GCA meetings.
- b) The GCB Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of The Association and keep a clear account of all receipts and expenses. He shall promptly render accounts to debtors of The Association and accounts shall be presented when required at meetings. He shall present a detailed statement of accounts and Balance Sheet drawn up as at 31 December each year which will be circulated to all member Clubs. In addition he may be asked to prepare accounts for an EGM or AGM if called before 31 December. The General Fund of The Association shall be lodged at clearing banks or their subsidiaries of the Committee\_s choosing. Cheques shall be signed by any two

of the Treasurer, GCB CEO, GCB Chairman. A duly appointed auditor shall audit the accounts of The Association annually.

All of the above to be as part of the GCB accounts process and reference to the GCB rules and regulations should be made as they will apply here.

c) The GCB shall, respectively, be responsible for the format and implementation of their League and associated Knockouts. They will be responsible for ensuring disciplinary matters appertaining to their respective Competitions are dealt with by the disciplinary panel.

d) The GCB will be responsible for all fixtures under the GCA jurisdiction and liaison with the respective bodies for GICC games.

e) The GCB Registrations Secretary will maintain and monitor membership and registration records of players.

#### **5). APPEALS COMMITTEE.**

When an appeal is made pursuant to the conditions set out below, then an Appeals Committee will be appointed.

a) The Appeals Committee will consist of three people to be appointed by the GCB CEO from a panel (which will consist of an individual appointed by each affiliated club) to determine a specific appeal.

No member of the Appeals Committee will be a member of The Committee or a member of the Club or Clubs concerned in the appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding.

b) The Appeals Committee shall allow the appeal if it considers that the decision causing the appeal, having regard to the evidence, is unreasonable or cannot be supported by the evidence presented, but in all other cases shall dismiss the appeal.

c) On an appeal against a penalty imposed by The Committee, the Appeals Committee may, if it thinks that a different penalty should have been imposed, quash the original penalty and impose such other penalty (whether more or less severe) in substitution therefore as it thinks should have been imposed.

(For procedure in connection with appeals see paragraph 13)

#### **6) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Association shall be held no later than 15 March each year and all affiliated clubs or bodies entitled to attend shall be given at least 14 days notice thereof.

This AGM shall form part of the GCB AGM and be classified under 'GCA Domestic Cricket'.

b) All persons connected with cricket in Guernsey may attend and speak at the AGM.

c) Clubs wishing to propose a Resolution at the AGM shall advise the GCB CEO in writing of the wording of the Resolution by 31<sup>st</sup> December, or earlier should the meeting be held prior to 31 December with the date for deadline for any proposed resolutions being advised with a minimum of two weeks notice.

#### **7) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.**

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened: -

a) At the request of The Committee when a question of urgent importance has arisen.

b) On receipt of a letter signed by officials of any five affiliated clubs, stating the precise reason for the request.

c) Voting powers shall be the same as at the AGM. All Clubs shall receive not less than 7 days written notice of such a meeting.

#### **8) CODE OF CONDUCT.**

The Committee shall have the power to issue and/or amend Codes of Conduct in respect of the behaviour and conduct of all teams and individuals taking part in

organised cricket in the Island of Guernsey, and shall have the right to deal with all complaints against any such teams or individuals, providing the complaints are made in writing to the Secretary. The Committee shall refer the matter to the disciplinary committee who shall deal with the complaint in accordance with the published code of conduct in force at that time. (the code of conduct appears as a separate page on the website [www.guernseycricket.com](http://www.guernseycricket.com)).

**Clubs are responsible for their members actions both during matches as players or spectators and in addition at functions run for or by the Guernsey Cricket Board, Guernsey Cricket Association, or their Club, and at all times when representing Cricket Guernsey.**

#### **9) AFFILIATION AND DUTIES OF CLUBS**

a) Any Club wishing to be affiliated to The Association shall satisfy The Committee that it is a properly constituted club and shall apply in writing by 31 December. The affiliation fee shall be £30, the level of which will be reviewed at each GCB AGM. Each team entered by an affiliated Club shall pay an annual competition entry fee for each competition for which it is entered by the Club. The amount of each competition entry fee shall be decided each season by the GCB Committee. Competition entry fees and the club affiliation fee will be invoiced by the Treasurer annually during April. 50% of the total amount payable as invoiced will be due for payment by 15 May and the balance by 31 July

In addition, each Club shall be liable to pay on or before 15 May an annual registration fee for every player that is registered to the Club on 31 March. The amount of the player annual registration fee shall be decided each season by the GCB Committee. (2011 = £20 per Senior Player and £5 per U18 as at 31/3/2011)

Failure to pay either the competition entry fee, club affiliation fee or annual registration fees by the due dates will incur an immediate fine of 10% of the balance outstanding for each calendar month after the due date for payment during which the fee remains unpaid. Failure to pay any outstanding amount within 30 days of the due date for payment may lead to further sanctions against the Club involved, including the possibility of expulsion from competitions or from the Association.

b) Each affiliated Club shall deliver by 31 January of that season in writing to the GCB, the names and email addresses of their President, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall also notify him of the competitions in which they wish to take part, stating which teams will participate in specified competitions.

Failure to do this shall result in that club being left out of all competitions for that season and the club having to apply for re-election at the next AGM of The Association and they will not be eligible to play in competitions for that year.

c) Any change of officials during the season shall be notified to the Secretary within one week thereof.

Failure to do so will result in that club being fined £25.

d) Should any player or club official be reported to The Committee for misconduct, and these be proven, he shall be liable to suspension and his club may be fined. Rules of appeal shall apply.

e) Any club or individual holding a trophy shall arrange relevant insurance. Any club unable to find insurance cover will take full responsibility for the security of the trophy and will be liable for the full replacement value of a similar trophy in the event the original is not returned for presentation to new recipients at the appropriate time.

f) Clubs shall provide one or more email addresses to the Committee for all correspondence between the GCB/GCA and the member Clubs.

#### **10) REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

a) Any Club wishing to participate in any of the Association's competitions must confirm its registered players by 31 March prior to each season. All Registrations are maintained on the GCB website ([www.guernseycricket.com](http://www.guernseycricket.com)) and Clubs will update this list accordingly by 31 March as above. This list will be considered as the definitive list for billing, together with any amendments sent in to the registrations secretary before March 31<sup>st</sup>. A list of each Clubs registered players shall be posted on the GCB website. Any registrations after 31 March shall require a signed form and cheque for the appropriate fee to be provided to a GCB official.

b) All players shall sign a registration form (\*) supplied by GCB stating for which Club they wish to play. A player may not sign for more than one affiliated club in any one competition, but may register separately for Evening and Weekend Competitions. Any player under 18 shall require the signature of a GCB Development representative on his/her registration form (\*) available from the GCB website

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1.1 It is the Management Committee's policy that only players who satisfy the following eligibility criteria shall be eligible to play in GCA competitive cricket.

1.2 Any person who:

a) currently resides in the Bailiwick (subject to 2.1 and 2.2 below); or

b) was born in the Bailiwick; or

c) spent a minimum of 3 years in secondary school education in the Bailiwick; shall be deemed to be a Resident.

1.3 Any full-time student whose family home is in the Bailiwick shall automatically be deemed to currently reside in the Bailiwick . A student who has completed his full-time studies will continue to be regarded as a student until he commences full-time employment.

1.4 Any person who is deemed to be a Resident under 1.2 b) or c) above, but who is not currently residing in the Bailiwick, will only be eligible to play in the Evening League, GCA Weekend Championship and GCA Bowl once 7 full days (defined as 7 x 24-hour periods) have elapsed since his most recent arrival in the Bailiwick. For the avoidance of doubt, this 7-day waiting period must be completed in respect of each visit by the player to the Bailiwick. The player must be able to immediately provide appropriate documentary proof of his arrival date in the Bailiwick, if requested to do so by the Hon. Registration Secretary.

1.5 Any person who is deemed to be a Resident under 1.2 b) or c) above, or who has played in at least 50% of any Guernsey club\_s domestic weekend first team fixtures in any 3 of the previous 5 seasons,

but who is not currently residing in the Bailiwick, will only be eligible to play in the GCA Championship once he has received advance clearance from the GCB Management Committee. No 7-day waiting period will apply to that player where advance clearance has been received . Applications for advance clearance must be submitted in writing not later than 20<sup>th</sup> April in respect of the season of that calendar year. Generally, any person seeking such clearance shall be required to pre-commit to play in a minimum of more than 50% of his club\_s scheduled GCA Championship fixtures for that season. If it becomes apparent to the GCB Management Committee that the player in question will subsequently be unable to honour that pre-commitment, then his eligibility to play may be withdrawn with immediate effect. The GCB Management Committee shall have full discretion to consider the impact of travel problems or injuries which affect that players ability to honour his pre-

commitment, and reserves the right to demand evidence of the players travel arrangements or medical condition when exercising such discretion.

1.6 The GCA Management Committee shall have the right to waive the provisions of paragraphs 1.4 and 1.5 at its sole discretion in exceptional circumstances, (for example in recognition of a players previous significant unremunerated contribution to the administration or development of Guernsey cricket).

2.1 Any new resident who does not satisfy the requirements of 1.2 b) or c) above, but who can satisfy the GCB Registrations Secretary that he (i) has already been resident in the Bailiwick for a minimum period of 7 days, and (ii) and intends to be resident for a period of not less than 3 months, shall be deemed to be "Resident" and shall be eligible to play immediately in all competitions upon receipt of his registration form by the GCB Registration Secretary.

2.2 Any other new resident who arrives in the Bailiwick but who does not satisfy the requirements of either 1.2 b) or c), or 2.1 above, will only be eligible to play after 28 complete days (defined as 28 x 24-hour periods) have elapsed since (i) his arrival to take up residency in the Bailiwick, or (ii) receipt of his registration form by the Hon. Registrations Secretary, whichever is the later.

3.1 The player's club has primary responsibility for ensuring that each of its players is properly eligible to play. In the event of a player's eligibility claim subsequently proving to be invalid, the club will be required to satisfy the Management Committee that (i) it took all reasonable steps to verify the player's eligibility status, and that (ii) it had no intention of making a false or inaccurate registration application in respect of the player.

3.2 Any player who is adjudged by the Management Committee to have deliberately misrepresented his residency status or intentions in order to be eligible to play in any match may be banned from all GCB cricket for any period of up to a year at the discretion of the Management Committee.

3.3 Any club which is adjudged by the Management Committee to have knowingly misrepresented a player's residency or eligibility status or to have not taken reasonable steps to verify the eligibility status or intentions of one of its players who subsequently is determined not to have been eligible, shall, at the discretion of the Management Committee, be fined a maximum of £100 for each match in which the eligible player took part, shall be deemed to have lost each match in which the eligible player took part, and may be expelled in the following season from all competitions in which the eligible player took part.

4.1 Any player who is granted advance clearance to play in GCA Championship cricket in accordance with above and who duly meets his pre-commitments in accordance with 1.5, shall be deemed eligible (a) to participate in that season's Channel Islands Club Championship, and (b) for selection for any Guernsey representative side (subject to the player also meeting any specific eligibility criteria for the match or tournament in question).

4.2 A player who is deemed eligible to play in GCB cricket under Rules 2.1 or 2.2 above shall only be only eligible for selection for a Guernsey representative side after he has resided in the Bailiwick for a minimum period of 3 calendar months (subject to the player also meeting any specific eligibility criteria for the match or tournament in question).

5. In the event of an advance query regarding a player's eligibility, the GCB Management Committee shall have the discretion to rule on the eligibility of that player on a case-by-case basis and the GCB Management Committee's decision in relation thereto shall be final and binding. The GCB Management Committee shall be

required to make and announce its decision in as short a time as is reasonably practical and in any event within a maximum of 7 days from the date of receipt of the eligibility query.

Note: The GCB Management Committee reserves the right to suspend the application of Rules 4.1 and

4.2 in relation to inter-island matches if similar provisions are not adopted by Jersey.

***Should any Club or player infringe these Registration Rules then the Committee shall meet to determine the appropriate penalty which will be either financial and/or points based.***

## **11) TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS**

- a) A player wishing to transfer from one affiliated club to another, must complete a Transfer Registration Form as appropriate, obtain the approval of his existing club, and forward the form to his proposed new club, who shall forward it to the Registrations Secretary, together with a transfer fee of £5 payable to the GCB.
- b) It is the responsibility of the players proposed new club to send the transfer form to the GCB Registrations Secretary and to check it has been received.
- c) If a players existing club object to his transfer, they should state the reason on the back of the form and return it within 7 days to the player. In the absence of such written objection when the GCB Registrations Secretary receives the form, then the players existing club shall be deemed to have consented to the transfer.
- d) If both clubs agree to the transfer, then the player may play for his new club immediately the club has checked with the GCB Registrations Secretary that he/she has received the said form.
- e) If a players existing club object to his transfer he may not play for his proposed new club until The Committee has considered the matter.
- f) No transfer may take place between the 30<sup>th</sup> June and the 30<sup>th</sup> September each year except at the discretion of The GCB Committee.

## **12) TRANSFER BETWEEN TEAMS**

A club wishing to transfer players from one of its registered teams to another team shall advise the Registrations Secretary in writing. The Registrations Secretary shall immediately inform The Committee who shall grant the application provided it considers that, of the teams concerned, the team in the higher division is not weakened thereby. A new registration form need not be completed and the transferred players will be eligible to play for their new team when the club has obtained confirmation from the Registrations Secretary that the transfers have been approved.

## **13) APPEALS PROCEDURE**

In the event of a player or an affiliated club objecting to a decision of The GCB Committee, and lodging an appeal, the following procedures will apply:

### **a) Appeal by an affiliated club:**

- i) An appeal against a decision by The Committee may be lodged no later than 14 days from the date of the decision appealed against. Such appeal must be lodged in writing with the Secretary and set out all the grounds of appeal relied upon.
- ii) The Secretary shall then convene a hearing at the earliest possible date and in any event not later than 14 days after the receipt of the written notice of appeal.
- iii) The said club shall pay a fee of £25 on the lodging of an appeal. Such sum to be refundable if the appeal is upheld.

### **b) Appeal by an individual:**

An individual registered member of an affiliated club may lodge an appeal against a decision of The GCB Committee, subject to the following conditions:

- i) The appeal must receive the written support of the individual's club.
- ii) The appeal must be in writing, and set out all the grounds of appeal relied upon by the individual.
- iii) The appeal must be accompanied by a fee of £25, refundable if the appeal is upheld.
- iv) The appeal must be lodged in writing to GCB CEO within 14 days of the decision complained of.

**c) Receipt of Appeal:**

Upon receipt of a valid appeal notice the GCB CEO will convene a meeting of the Appeals Committee within 14 days.

**d) Conduct of Appeal:**

- i) The Committee may send a representative to the hearing to make verbal representations.
- ii) If the appeal is by a club, then it may send a representative to state its case verbally to the Appeals Committee.
- iii) If the appeal is by an individual, then that individual has the right to attend the hearing in person or by a duly appointed representative to state his case verbally to the Appeals Committee.
- iv) The Appeals Committee may request the attendance of any other person involved in the disputed event.
- e) The decision of the Appeals Committee shall, if necessary, be determined by majority vote.
- f) The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding and shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary within seven days of the hearing.

**14) EXPULSION**

Affiliated Clubs or registered members thereof, may be expelled from The Association, or League as applicable, for serious infringements of the rules of The Association, or Codes of Conduct, or persistent infringement thereof. Such expulsion shall be subject to the rights of appeal of both the Club and the member set out in paragraph 13 above.

The power to expel an affiliated Club and /or a registered member shall be vested in The Committee.

**15) COMPETITION RULES**

The Committee may, from time to time, make and issue rules governing each of the competitions under the auspices of The Association, and the responsibility and authority of the Umpires in each such competition.

**16) ALTERATION TO THE RULES**

- a) The Committee may, introduce additional rules at any time, if necessary, to promote or protect the interests of The Association. These rules will be binding for the remainder of the season and will then be subject to ratification at the next AGM.

**17) GENERAL RULES**

In the event of a fixture not taking place due to the non-attendance of a team or teams the following Penalties/Fines shall apply;

- Where notice is received by the umpires, opposition and GCB a minimum of 48 hours prior to the fixtures due date - £25.00 per team
- Where NO notice is received by the umpires, opposition and GCB a minimum of 48 hours prior to the fixtures due date - £50.00 per team

Fines as levied to be paid to the opposing team accordingly. In the event both teams do not fulfil a fixture the fines will be retained by the GCB.

In the event that a scheduled fixture does not take place due to non-attendance of one team then the points or fixture will be awarded to the opposing team, in the event of both teams not attending the fixture the game shall be considered void.

Teams that field an under strength side will be monitored by the GCB and may be requested to explain their actions and if continued face the possibility of sanctions in the form of a fine at the discretion of the GCB.

***Any appeal against a ruling enforced as above shall be made in writing to the GCB CEO to be received not later than 7 days after the relevant fixture was due to have been played. The ruling of the GCB Committee in each case shall be final and will not in each case set a precedent to other future rulings.***

GCB Committee  
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