

## **1. Participation Policy**

- 1) To participate in any of the BCF competitions, clubs must be based in Belgium (see exceptions in article 2) and must be a member of the BCF or any of its recognized regional partners (e.g. Cricket Vlaanderen (CV)).

## **2. Participation Exceptions**

- 1) The BCFEC has the right to accept cricket clubs not based in Belgium or not being member of the BCF to participate in any of the BCF competitions.

## **3. Debt Policy**

- 1) The BCFEC has the right to disallow a club from playing in any of the BCF competitions, to force a team to forfeit any game or even suspend all its members if a club has any overdue debts towards the BCF or any of its recognised regional partners.
- 2) The BCFEC has the right to disallow any individual player from participating in any of the BCF competitions or events, be it national or international, when an individual player has any overdue debts towards the BCF or any of its recognized regional partners or any of their members.
- 3) Any debt not paid by the indicated due date on the invoice will be considered as overdue debt.
- 4) The BCFEC reserves the right to introduce fines for any late settlement of overdue debts.

## **4. Minimum registration**

- 1) A team must have a minimum of 15 eligible players registered no later than one week before a game at any time during the current season.
- 2) Clubs that would like to enter two teams in the either BCF league or the T/20 competition must have a minimum of 25 eligible players registered no later than one week before the start of the season.

## **5. Club Officers**

- 1) A club should identify a **Chairman**, responsible for communication with the BCF or any of its recognized regional partners.
- 2) A club should identify a **League Representative**, who should help the club chairman with the communication with the BCF and is responsible for all disciplinary transactions with the League Chairman, the Disciplinary Panel, the Appeal Committee, the BCF or any of its recognized regional partners (CoC Note 5). (This position can be held by any of the mentioned club officers).
- 3) A club should identify a **Secretary**, and /or a **Fixtures Secretary**, responsible for all league administration (which covers at least, but not limited to, registration, fixtures, results, ...).
- 4) A club should identify a **Treasurer**, responsible for all financial transactions with the BCF or any of its recognized regional partners.

- 5) A club should identify **Team Captain(s)**, (1 per team) responsible for some communication with the BCF or any of its recognized regional partners. A club must clearly inform the BCF and its recognized regional partners of the telephone number, electronic and physical mail address of the people holding the functions above. If one of those people is unavailable, the club must inform the BCFEC and its recognized regional partners who is replacing him/her.
- 6) It is allowed (but not recommended) that some of the above functions be combined but there should at least be a primary (League Representative) and secondary contact point that is identified
- 7) Ideally every club should provide a fixed and/or mobile telephone number, a valid email address and a fixed mail address (e.g. for registered mail) to maximize chances of contact. It is the club's responsibility to inform the BCFEC and its recognized regional partners of any changes in these contact details.

## **6. Renewal Policy**

- 1) A team shall be automatically subscribed for the next season if the team has participated in the BCF competition in the previous season and all eligibility conditions remain met at all times.
- 2) If the club wishes to withdraw from any of the competitions, it should send a notice of withdrawal in writing to be received at the BCF Administrator (BCFA) before the 1<sup>st</sup> of February of the competition year.

## **7. New Clubs**

- 1) For any new team to start in any of the BCF competitions, a request to do so has to be made in writing to be received by the BCFA office before January 15<sup>th</sup> of the competition year.
- 2) New teams must be members of the BCF and comply with all the Rules and Regulations.
- 3) New teams whenever applicable should also apply to join CV.
- 4) New teams shall play friendly games in the preceding season against 25% BCF affiliated club. These matches shall meet the following conditions for the team to be accepted to the league:
  - a. New teams should play at least six matches against different clubs.
  - b. At least 50% of these matches should have at least one BLACU registered umpire whose reports shall be forwarded to the BCF league chairman and the BCFA.
  - c. The new team shall be invoiced for umpires at the end of the year by the BCF.
  - d. All games shall be played according to the BCF League Rules and the Playing conditions for a normal 45 over league match, or a T/20. This will include a dedicated scorer, who shall be provided by the team.
  - e. The signed score sheet shall be sent to the League Chairman and the BCFA before 18:00 on the Monday evening following the game.
  - f. All the games must be recorded in a centralized BCF application accessible for verification.
- 5) By their second year new clubs shall provide the BCF with evidence of its executive committee structure.

# League Committee – Eligibility Conditions

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- a. See **5. Club Offices:** Para 1 through to 9.
  - 6) New clubs shall provide the BCF with details of its bank account in the name of the club, not in the name of a member of the club.
  - 7) New second teams of clubs currently in the league may not play in the same division as their first team for the first year, e.g. cannot both play in the third division. They will be treated as new teams.
  - 8) For the first year, new second teams will not be eligible to play in the same division as their first team. They will be treated as new teams.
  - 9) At the end of the season, the BCF LC shall analyse if potential new clubs have met the criteria specified in this section, taking into account mitigating arguments from the relevant clubs if any of the criteria are not met. The team will be asked to either:
    - a. Play another year of friendlies.
    - b. Join the BCF League.
  - 10) A decision as to the acceptance of new clubs to the league shall be made before January 15<sup>th</sup> of the competition year for which the new clubs have applied.
  - 11) If a club is refused entrance to the league, the league committee shall explain to the club in question which criteria have not been met.
  - 12) The decision by the league committee is final.
- 8. Code of Conduct**
- 1) By participating in any of the BCF competitions, a club acknowledges and accepts all the rules and regulations of the BCF competitions without giving up its legal rights.