



DIVISION III – TOURNAMENT
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01 Preamble

- 1.1 All Rules and Regulations for this Tournament, the Conditions of Play and the Applicable Laws of the Game, have been approved by the Interim Committee of the Sri Lanka Cricket(SLC) and will apply for the **Division III Tournament.**
The standard rules and regulations including penalties mentioned in the Rule book of SLC will be applicable to Div III tournament as well.
These set of rules will supersede any other rules the other district associations may put in force.
- 1.2 However, the Tournament Committee shall receive and study proposals for any appropriate amendments to them. If acceptable, they shall then recommend such proposals to the Executive/Interim Committee of SLC, for their approval and implementation, **from the subsequent year.**
- 1.3 The rules and regulations shall not be changed, after commencement of each year's Tournament.
- 1.4 The Tournament Rules and Regulations, the Playing Conditions and Applicable Laws of the Game and the SLC Code of Conduct and any other such that may come into effect for any reason, shall be applicable and receive the compliance of all the participating Provincial Cricket Associations, District Cricket Associations, Clubs, Individual Players, Club/Association Officials and Umpires.
- 1.5 They shall undertake to comply fully with (1.4) above, at the time of the acceptance of SLC's invitation to take part in this Tournament of (for Umpires) assignment to officiate at this Tournament.
- 1.6 Where the tournament is conducted by SLC, the Tournament Committee of SLC shall have the sole power and authority to deal with and take appropriate decisions, with respect to any dispute(s) arising out of,
- (a) Tournament Rules and Conditions and/or Playing Condition and Laws applicable, in conducting this Tournament, and or
 - (b) Other rules, regulations and conditions that may come into effect and/or
 - (c) **Any matter or eventuality for which no specific rule has been laid down nor provided for in these Rules & Regulations**

In instances where the tournament is conducted by a District Cricket Associations (DCA),

the respective District Tournament Committee will have the sole power and authority to deal with and take appropriate decisions with respect to any dispute(s) arising out of 1.6.(a),(b),&(c).

- 1.7 Where the tournament is conducted by the DCA,'s in the event of a violation of these rules during the preliminary Round, District Tournament Committees shall have the power to recommend a course of action(s) described below to the Executive Committees of the District Cricket Associations. Where the Preliminary Round and subsequent rounds are conducted by the SLC, the Tournament Committee of SLC shall have the power to recommend a course of action(s) described below to the Executive Committee/Interim Committee of the SLC. However, the Executive/Interim Committee of SLC and the Executive Committee of the District Cricket Association (where applicable) shall be final authority on the imposing of particular punishments. The Executive/Interim Committee of the SLC shall be the sole authority on the punishment to be imposed for the matches during the second & final round.
- (1) Fine of a minimum of Rs. 2,500/- to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/-
 - (11) Deduction of a minimum of 2.5 points obtained in the match. If the Club has gained no such points at the time it shall be set off if and when obtained by the Club.
 - (111) Suspension of the team for a particular period in that particular tournament. However, if there are any further violations whilst a suspension is in place, the Executive/Interim Committees of SLC & DCA's shall impose any punishment(s) mentioned in 1.7.(1).(11),(111),(1v) & (v).
 - (1v) Imposing of any punishments mentioned in paragraphs I, II,III and suspending it till the Tournament is completed. It will take immediate effect if that club violates any of the rules during this suspended period. In addition, additional punishments could be imposed after inquiry for the 2nd offence.
 - (v) Suspension of a team for a period not exceeding Two seasons and suspension of a player for a period not exceeding one(1) season.
 - (v1) Wherever, the world immediate suspension/suspensions has been used in these rules in part A or B, it shall not have any effect and till ratified by the relevant Executive/Interim Committees of SLC & DCA's.
- 1.8 Any action thus arrived at under (1.7) shall be final and binding on all the participants & officials of Clubs participating in the Tournament.
- 1.9 In cases where points are deducted as per paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 the respective Tournament Committees will have the authority to impose relevant penalties.
- 1.10 The term Tournament Committee applies for District Tournament Committee in respect of the preliminary round, except where SLC conducting the preliminary round. In terms of final round,

the PCA term Tournament Committee shall apply to the Tournament Committee of SLC(unless otherwise specified by SLC)

- 1.11 Wherever, the term Executive Committee of SLC has been used it shall apply to the Executive Committee /Interim Committee of SLC or to a Special Committee appointed by the Minister of Sports to administer SLC in place of the Executive Committee of the SLC.

Please note, all correspondence with SLC to be on letterheads of the respective clubs with club seal.

02 Tournament Format

- 2.1 The Tournament Committees of the District Cricket Associations will conduct the Preliminary Round of this tournament, and the Provincial Cricket Association Tournament Committees shall conduct the 2nd round. Final Round will be conducted by SLC.
- 2.2 The Tournament Committee of SLC or the District Cricket Associations shall decide the Groupings and the number of teams in a Group. Also SLC or the District Associations shall conduct a league tournament to select teams from a District to the Final Round.
- 2.3 The District Cricket Associations are required to inform the Tournament Committee of the SLC, the results within 14 days of completion of the Preliminary Round.
- 2.4 The matches will be of one day's duration (50 overs per side). Minimum 25 overs to be played to arrive at a decision.
- 2.5 Number of teams eligible to take part from a District to play in the Final Round of this Tournament will be as per the schedule in Rule 2.7.1.
- 2.6 The Tournament Committees of SLC/DCA's are required to complete the Preliminary Round matches by 31st of August. Starting of the tournament will be 1st of June. SLC discussion to be held prior to starting of the tournament. 2nd round to be completed by 30th September. Final round to be completed by 31st October.
- 2.7 The format of the Final round will be as follows :
- 2nd Round / final round to be completed by 31st October.
- 2.7.1 The following number of teams from respective districts will qualify for the Final round. Fixtures for the final Round will be done by the Tournament Committee of SLC.

Districts are as follows

Districts
Gampaha
Colombo
Kalutara
Puttlam
Ratnapura

Kandy Kegalle Nuwara Eliya
Galle Matara Hambanthota
Anuradapura Kurunegala Matale Polonnaruwa
Badulla Monaragala Ampara
Vauniya Jaffna Trincomalee Batticaloa

Teams will be selected on the following ratio

- 10 : 1 up to 50 teams
- 50 – 60 : 6 teams
- 60 – 70 : 8 teams
- 70 – 100 : 10 teams
- Over 100 : 12 teams

- 2.7.2 Each District shall inform the Tournament Committee of SLC the name(s) of team(s) qualified for the Final round by 15th August.
- 2.7.3 The draw of the Final Round will be decided by the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket and will be conveyed to the qualified teams.

03

Eligibility of Clubs

The Tournament Committees of SLC , DCA's & PCA's

- 3.1 May invite a properly constituted club which is eligible to be a member of SLC and participating in it's Premier, Sara Trophy or Donavon Andree Tournaments.
- 3.2 May invite a properly constituted club, which is eligible to be a member of SLC to participate in the Inter Club Tournament division III. The Chief Executive of the SLC should approve the constitution of a new club.
- 3.3. May withdraw the invitation extended in (3.1,3.2) above, to those clubs who have not participated or withdrawn or suspended in the Division III Tournament of the previous year.

3.4. May re consider the rule above, if the club provides valid and acceptable reason(s) to justify their non-participation/withdrawal.

04. Qualification/Eligibility of Players

- 4.1 A player to be eligible to represent a Club in the Tournament ;
- (a) Must be registered with only one club of which he is a duly elected member, to represent only that respect on this tournament in that particular year.
 - (b) Must sign personally, the registration form in duplicate, as per the tournament Regulation (5.6)(e), here below ;
 - (c) Shall ensure requirements as per (5.1), (5.3),(5.4)(5.6) & (5.7) all are fulfilled by his club with respect to his registration.
- 4.2 Any player may be permitted to represent another club, in other Tournament(s)
- a. Only on total completion of this tournament and
 - b. On fulfilling all requirements as per Rule 6.2 below.

Please note, It is always advisable to obtain permission from SLC on the above, before registering new players to avoid conflicts.

05. Registration of Players

- 5.1 All clubs that are eligible under Clause(3.1,3.2,3.3) above shall be permitted to register, players who are eligible as per Clause(4.1) above
- 5.2 Number of players that could be registered by a Club is unlimited.
- 5.3 The Registration of Players, shall be completed with the Tournament Committees of SLC and DCA's as per(5.7) and (5.8) here below and receive their acceptance not later than 07 days before the scheduled start of the Tournament or 7 days before the match.
- 5.4 Registration of any qualified player(s) after the stipulated time period in (5.3) termed as "Late Registrations" shall be permitted, only in the case of either.
- (a) The member concerned has been overseas, at the time of registration.
 - (b) Or the player concerned has joined the club as a new member.
 - (c) Or due to a valid reason, acceptable to the Tournament Committee.
- 5.5 Later Registrations shall be valid only if ;
- (a) Supporting documentary evidence of (5.4) above, and made available along with the relevant registration documents, and
 - (b) Registration of the Player concerned, is completed with the Tournament Committee as per (5.7) & (5.8) here below and
 - © Receive the acceptance of this late registration by the Tournament Committee, not later than seven (07) days before the scheduled start of match in which the player is expected to play.
- 5.6 For a registration to be valid, it is mandatory that the Club provides all following details in full, with respect to each player to be registered.

- a. Full name(First name and Surname are essential)
 - b. Date of Birth
 - c. Place of Birth
 - d. NIC/Passport No. if not available only then, the Postal ID No.
 - e. Personal signature by the individual player himself
- 5.7 The registration of all their players for this Tournament shall be made by the respective Clubs, in duplicate on registration forms provided by SLC/DCA's. The forms must,
- a. provide all details specified in (5.6) above.
 - b. be certified by the Captain of the team for this Tournament(name & signature) or the Cricket Secretary of the Club(name & signature) and club seal.
- 5.8 Registrations duly completed as per (5.7) above, should then either be,
- a. Handed over to the Secretaries of SLC/DCA's, PCA Tournament Committees or the person designated for the purpose. Clubs should keep copies of all registrations with them.
 - b. Or, forwarded by registered post, to the Secretaries of SLC/DCA's, PCA ensuring to meet Rule 5.3 above. Clubs should keep copies of all registrations with them.
- 5.9 Registrations should reach the DCA/SLC as per 03 days prior to the PCA commencement of the tournament or match
- 5.10 A club should be in possession of the copy accepted and returned by the Tournament Committee as a proof of registration of players.
- 5.11 Failure to show proof at an inquiry may result in the club being penalized for violating tournament rule/s on registration. Failure to obtain proper approval for registration of player/s by a club prior to commencement of a match will be subjected to an inquiry. Based on its outcome the Tournament Committee will recommend to the Executive Committee forfeiture of up to 01 point per match and immediate suspension of player/s for a period of one match up to one season.
- 5.12 The Tournament Committees of SLC/DC's , PCA shall have the authority to;
- a. to refuse or reject any registrations forwarded for valid reason(s)
or
 - b. to take appropriate action, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the SLC on either situation above

Please note, a copy of player registration to be submitted to the Provincial Operations Manager of SLC for record updates and easy references of player registrations. This has to be practiced from round one till the end of the tournament.

6. Transfer of Club/Players

- 6.1 No player shall play for more than one club, in this tournament
- 6.2 However, as per (4.2) above, a player if he wishes to, may be permitted to get transferred to represent a New Club, in any other tournament, only on

total completion of this tournament, provided that his current club does not have a Division 1 or Division 11 team participating in the Tournaments conducted by the SLC or as per rules specified in the respective tournament.

(SLC permission to be obtained for the above)

6.3 A player must receive fresh registration for his new club, not later than 7 days before the scheduled commencement of the other tournament/match he is to play.

6.4 The new club, requesting such fresh registration, shall ensure

(a) Regulations(5.1),(5.7),(5.8) and (6.3) all are fulfilled in forwarding the application

(d) Should be sent along with a release letter from the club where the player concerned represented during the season and an acceptance letter from the new club

7. Relegation of Players

The Tournament Committees of the SLC/DCA's have authority to permit relegation of players from a higher Division to Division 111. The following rule will apply for relegation of players from a higher Division to Division 111.

7.1 Relegation of any player who has played up to three (3) matches up to that date in The higher Division Tournaments in the current season, is permitted to play in any match(es) of the division 111 Tournament of that season (for the same club) based strictly on the following criteria of his performances in the higher Division Tournaments of that particular season, up to the time of the particular match concerned in which he is expected to play.

Further, if the player has qualified for the above,

The players who wishes to be relegated should not have the following criteria of statistics to be considered for relegation

1. Scored more than 150 runs with an average above 25 runs per innings or
11. Taken more than 10 wickets with an average less than 25 runs per wicket or
- 111.Scored more than 125 runs at an Average above 20 runs per innings and taken more Than 8 wickets in a higher Division Tournament of that season

7.2 Maximum of 4 players who have represented the higher division team of the current tournament could participate in one particular match of the Division 111 Tournament in the same club.

7.3 Players who have represented higher Division tournament cannot be included in the final round of the division 111 tournament if they have not represented the club for at least two matches in the preliminary round of the Division 111 Tournament.

7.4 For the purpose of the interpretation of rules under 7 above, any player who has been declared in the actual playing eleven shall be considered as a player who has played in a match.

7.5 Players who have played more than four matches in a higher division, in the same season, will

not be permitted to play in the Division 111.

7.6 Any player who has represented a higher division will not be allowed to take part in Division III even in a different club, without obtaining prior permission from SLC

Fixtures/Venues/Pitches/Ground Facilities

- 8.1 The Tournament Committee of SLC/DCA's PCA by registered post to all clubs eligible as per Rule 3 above, the date, time and venue of the fixtures meeting at least 10 days before the scheduled date. Such letters shall be addressed to the Cricket Secretary of the respective club at the address given to the SLC/DCA, PCA before and shall be accepted as evidence of receipt.
- 8.2 It is mandatory that an official representative of each club invited to attend the fixtures meeting as dates venues, pitches with respect to all matches as well as many other matters/decisions regarding the tournament shall be finalized at the fixtures meeting.
- 8.3 All matches shall be played, only on grounds arranged and/or recommended by the Tournament Committees of SLC/DCA's PCA.
- 8.4 (a) All participating teams shall strictly adhere to the program of matches/fixtures scheduled and finalized at the fixtures meeting.
- (b) No postponements/alterations shall be granted, except due to security reasons and/or national crisis.
- (c) However, the Tournament Committee, if necessary, may postpone, alter, re-schedule or cancel the Tournament/match(es) for acceptable reason(s) in the best interests of the game.
- 8.5 (a) All teams shall finalize the venues and pitch for all their respective matches at the fixtures meeting.
- (b) A pitch or venue confirmed for a match can only be changed on mutual agreement and after obtaining written consent from the respective Tournament Committee. Any such changes must be conveyed in writing (with the written consent of the opposing club) to the respective Tournament Committee two(02) days prior to the scheduled date of the match. In order to change a venue and/or pitch of a confirmed match, the following procedure shall be followed by the host Club;

Forward the request in writing with supporting evidence to substantiate the cause and their proposal to reach the respective Tournament Committee not later than two(02) days prior to the scheduled date of the match concerned.

Follow-up matters with the Tournament Committee and receive their approval not later than one(01) day before the scheduled start of that match.

Thereafter, contact the opponents immediately and ensure all details are informed to a responsible official of the club. (opponents acknowledgement required)

(c) The TC of SLC/DCA, PCA should within one week after the fixture meeting forward the fixture list with confirmed venues and the pitch to the participating clubs.

8.6 Failures to adhere strictly to Rule 8.5(a) & (b) shall result in the match being declared "Null and

Void” and the immediate suspension of the offending Club.

8.7 In the event of any Host Club is unable to finalize and the confirm the venue and/or the Pitch for any match at the Fixtures meeting itself, as per (8.5)(a) above, the opponents shall be given the option of confirming a Venue/Pitch/Covers, for this match on the scheduled date itself as per Rule 8.8 below. However, if the opponent does not agree to host the match, it is the responsibility of the host club nominated by the Tournament Committee to confirm a venue as per Rule 8.8.(b),(c) & (d).

8.8 If the opponent agrees to host a match, as per Rule 8.7 above, it shall confirm the venue/pitch within seven days(07) from the date of the fixtures meeting, as follows:

All details either must be hand delivered, faxed or forwarded by registered post to reach the Secretary of the respective Tournament Committee ensuring the immediate receipt of acknowledgement of such.

They must be forwarded as per Rule 8.8(a) above on an official letterhead of the Club and must be signed by the Cricket Secretary or Captain of the Team.

(c) Forward immediately by registered post/fax, a copy of 8.8(a) to the Cricket Secretary of the other Club.

8.9 If no official represents a Club at the Fixtures meeting, the option to host their matches shall be given to the opponents as per Rule 8.7 and Rule 8.8 above.

8.10 Failure to adhere strictly to Rule 8.5(a) above by two or more Clubs in the same group, shall result in the option being given to the Club/Clubs that would,

(a) Within two(02) days of the date of the fixtures meeting, make contact with the respective

Tournament Committee and forward valid reasons for not being able to comply with Rule 8.5

(b) First team(s) to meet the requirement of Rule 8.10(a) & (b) will be given the option as per Rule 8.8

8.11 (a) Any Club that does not follow Rule 8.10 above shall be considered to have “withdrawn from the Tournament by default” and the fixtures/matches shall be finalized accordingly three days after the date of the fixture meeting.

(b) Above shall result in the respective Tournament Committee holding an immediate inquiry and based on its outcome, a period of suspension varying from a minimum of 01 season up to a maximum of 02 seasons, commencing from the next season, will be recommended to the respective Executive/Interim Committee.

8.12 Host, when nominated by the Tournament Committee or the opponent if and when accepted to host a match (as per above) fails to host a match as per scheduled fixture list, an immediate inquiry

will be held. Based on its outcome, the result of the match shall be declared “Null and Void”. In addition, the Tournament Committee may also recommend to the respective Executive/interim Committee the suspension of the offending club for a period varying from one season to a maximum of 02 seasons(inclusive of the current season)

8. Points & Bonus Points

9.1 Basis of awarding the points in this Tournament shall be as follows:

- (a) Win 04 points
- (b) Tie or No Result 02 Points
- (c) Loss 00 points

9.2 Penalty for Slow Over Rate

It is the responsibility of the Officiating Umpires to enforce penalty overs as per prevailing playing Conditions

8.3 Non Receipt of Score Sheets & Other Reports

Following penalties shall be imposed on any club that violates the Tournament Committee Conditions 12.5 and/or 12.6

Forwarding incomplete/inaccurate score sheets as per Rule 12.1	0.5 Points
Non-forwarding of either the score sheets or the captain’s reports within 08 working days of completion of a match	01 Point

9.4 Players

(a) (1) Law(1.1) & (1.2) shall be strictly observed. Both Captains shall declare their full team in writing & exchange prior to the tossing. If the eligibility of any player is in doubt opposing Captain has the right to request to declare valid identity of such player(s).

(11) The signature of one of the Umpires should be obtained prior to handing over of the team lists to the opposing Captain. The opposing captain should also ensure that an umpire has signed the team lists prior to the tossing.

(b) In addition , the following shall also apply and will be **strictly** observed.

(1) The first name and the surname of all the 11 players nominated by the Captain to play, as per Law(1.2) shall be entered in the Score-Sheets and Score Books.

(11) All Teams participating shall have, if Batting or Fielding, at the start of the mach & continuously thereafter, a **minimum of Nine(09) players ready to play** on each day of the match, certified by

the Captains as per Rule 9.4.(b),(i). Failure to meet this requirement will be construed as a violation of Tournament Rules & Regulations.

- (III) (a) No match shall start/re-start, without meeting strictly the requirements in Rule 9.4(b).(11)
 - (b) Thereafter, Rule 9.4.(b)(111) above shall apply
- (iv) (a) The Captain of the opposing team and/or the umpires, shall report any violations of clause Rule 9.4
 - (b)(1), to the respective Tournament Committees of SLC/DCA in writing within two(02) working days after the conclusion of the match
 - © The respective Tournament Committee shall immediately proceed with appropriate inquiry/investigation and action.
 - (d) Failure to comply strictly with Rule 9.4(b)(11) shall result in the deduction of 02 point per match from the team concerned.
 - (e) Even after 60 minutes of the starting time, if a team still fails to comply strictly with Rule 9.4(b)(11) Rule(9.4(b)(1v)(a) shall be followed.
- (1) The respective Tournament Committee shall immediately proceed with appropriate inquiry/investigation and shall recommend to the respective Executive/Interim Committee immediate suspension of the Team from that particular tournament.
- (11) The Team shall also be liable for further disciplinary action as per the Tournament Rules.
- (f) Once a player is nominated to play in a Tournament match, he shall not be eligible to take part in any other cricket match or in any other sport or competitive recreational activity whilst the Tournament match is in progress/suspended.

9.5 Penalty Points

Penalty points shall be imposed by the respective Tournament Committee on a club on computation of the total Net Points obtained by the said club.

10. Violation of Tournament Rules & Regulations

A club and/or a player found guilty of violating following Tournament Rules shall have up to a maximum of 02 points deducted from the total Net Points gained in the tournament.

- (a) Eligibility/qualification of Players
- (b) Registration of players
- (c) Transfer of Clubs/Players
- (d) Relegation of Players
- (e) Fixtures/Venues/Pitches
- (f) Minimum number of Players at a match

If a club is suspended from the tournament and if the club has not completed their quota of matches in a particular round, then all the points scored against the club will be considered "Null and Void". This

will not apply if the club has completed the matches of the particular round of the tournament at the time of the suspension.

11. Determination of Group Placing/Match Winners

11.1 Preliminary Round

In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in the NEXT Round will be decided by the most wins in the preliminary Round matches or

If the teams have equal wins and equal points, the team which was the winner of the Preliminary Round match between them will be placed in higher position, or

If still equal, the team with the higher net run rate in the Preliminary round will be placed in the higher position. In a match-declared "Co result" the run rate will not be applicable.

The net run rate is calculated by deducting the average runs per over scored against the team from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition.

In the event of team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs it would have been entitled to.

Net Run Rate

A team net run rate is calculated by deducting from the average runs per over scored by that team throughout the competition by the average runs per over scored against that team throughout the completion.

In the event of team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its net run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not the number of overs in which the team was dismissed.

11.2 Final Round/Pre Quarter Finals/Quarter Finals/Semi Finals

In the event of a no decision /tie a toss of a coin will decide the winner.

Both teams should remain in the premises until the toss is made.

11.3 Finals

If the Finals had been completely washed-out and/or abandoned, without a ball being bowled, then, the two participating teams, shall be declared Joint-Champions.

11.4 Promotions

11.4.1 The winner of the Division 111 tournament will be promoted to play in the Donovan Andree tournament the next season and will automatically qualify to take part in under 23 qualifying tournament. If Division 111 has joint champions, both teams will be promoted to play in the Donovan Andree tournament the next season. If the winner is not eligible* to be promoted then the Runner up will be promoted to play in the Donovan Andree tournament the next season.

11.4.2 *The division 111 teams participating in the current Division 1 or Division 11 tournaments are not eligible to be promoted.

11.4.3 Promotions will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee, based on the Registrations of clubs to avoid duplication of teams in higher divisions.

12. Score Sheets/Captain's Reports on Umpires

Clubs shall be responsible to ensure that all details mentioned below are entered accurately, clearly and completely on score sheets and score books :

- a. First name and Surname of all eleven(11) players of the team declared,
- b. Total number of overs bowled, in each innings.
- c. Time taken for completion of each innings (total playing time) and total time taken for interruptions that are acceptable and valid
- d. Total number of runs scored in each innings
- e. Total number of wickets lost in each innings

12.1. The respective score sheets and the score books must tally 100% with those of the opponents(see Law 4.1)

12.2 The score sheets are certified by the Captain of the team or Cricket Secretary of the Club for accuracy of all entries made

12.3 Both the officiating umpires shall sign all pages of both score books and score sheets which are the only valid and acceptable documentary evidence in the event of a complaint, protest or inquiry

12.4 Completed score sheets must be either hand delivered or mailed by registered post to the Secretary of the respective Tournament Committees.

12.5 Completed report on the Umpires is also forwarded simultaneously in the same way as 12.5 above, but addressed to the Secretary of the SLC Umpires Committee.

12.6 Above details are vital & essential for the smooth conduct of the Tournament. Hence, must be forwarded within three(3) working days of completion of each match.

PLEASE NOTE, UMPIRES FOR ALL THE MATCHES TO BE SELECTED FROM SLC RECOGNIZED UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS.

13. Protests

13.1 Should a Club and/or player wishes to lodge a protest on any matter pertaining to a match (such as differences of opinion between Captains and/or Umpires, with respect to interpretation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations. Playing Conditions & Applicable Laws of the game or events not mentioned here in etc.)

the protest must be lodged on a letter head.

- (a) before the day's play commences and/or
- (b) When a day's play is in progress, and/or
- (c) immediately after the close of a day's play

In spite of any protest ;

13.2 The umpires must ensure that the match shall be started/restarted/continued. The Umpires must ensure the match is continued, even with any delay and shall explain the law on forfeiture to the captains(Law 21.3); if needed

13.3 Protests shall be made clearly, in TRIPLICATE on letterheads, not later than 20 minutes after the close of a day's

play and forwarded as below;

13.4 (a) one copy should hand over immediately to the Umpires

(b) one copy should be handed over to the Captain of the opposite side or in his absence to the Vice Captain or the Cricket Secretary, as soon as possible.

(c) the original shall be forwarded to the respective Secretary of the Tournament Committee, to reach him not later than two (02) working days after the conclusion of the match.

(d) a fee of Rupees twenty five thousand (Rs. 25,000 /-) + Vat shall be accompanied with each protest. (this will be refunded if the protest is upheld)

(e) no protest shall be entertained, unless accompanied by the fee specified in (d) above. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded to the club.

13.5 (a) The Umpires shall submit a joint report with a copy of the protest received to the Secretary of the SLC Umpires Committee within two(02) working days of completion of the match. The Secretary of SLC Umpires Committee shall forward a copy of the umpire's report to the Secretary of the respective Tournament Committee within two(02) working days of receiving the report from the umpires.

(c) In the event of a breach of any Rules & Regulations and/or Playing Condition by a Club and/or a player, the Umpires (even in the absence of a protest) shall follow the procedure detailed in Rule 13.5(a).

13.6 If a protest deals with a technical matter;

(a) the respective Tournament Committee shall immediately proceed with appropriate inquiry/investigation

(b) then shall recommend the decision(s) taken to the respective interim/Executive Committee for

ratification

(c) all decision(s) ratified by the respective Interim/Executive Committee shall be final and binding.

13.7 If a protest deals with a disciplinary matter ;

(a) the respective Tournament Committee shall immediately forward all reports to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLC through the HOCO/ Honorary Secretary or the Chief Executive of SLC for appropriate action as per Rule(3) of the Constitution of SLC.

(a) the respective Tournament Committee, may also forward their recommendations to the Disciplinary Committee of SLC through the Honorary Secretary or the Chief Executive of SLC.

14. Inquiries and Disciplinary Action

The Tournament Committee of SLC shall have the power to inquire in to any matter, arising in the course of conducting the Tournament, either on receipt of a written complaint or at their own discretion, and take necessary action to ensure the success of the Tournament within three(03) days of completion of a particular round of the tournament. The Tournament Committee does not have the authority to inquire into a matter three(03) days after the completion of a particular round of the tournament.

14.1 The Tournament Committee of SLC may forward any report(s) received or generated by them, to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLC through the Honorary Secretary or the Chief Executive of SLC for appropriate action as per Rule 30@,(d),(e) dc(f) of the Constitution of SLC.

14.2 The Tournament Committee, if necessary, may also forward through the Hony. Secretary/Chief Executive their recommendations to the Disciplinary Committee, perhaps for further action.

14.3 The respective Tournament Committee may inquire into any matter(s) pertaining to below mentioned areas :

- (a) Eligibility of players
- (b) Registration of players
- (C) Transfer of players
- (d) Fixtures/Venues/Pitches
- (e) Minimum number of players
- (f) Preamble to SLC Division 111 Rules & Regulations
- (g) Breaches of SLC Division 111 Rule & Regulations & SLC Constitution

15. Settlement of Disputes

15.1 Any disputes arising in connection with interpretation of rules and regulations or any decision taken by the Executive/Interim Committee of SLC shall be settled in mutual and amicable consultation between SLC and Club/Association.

15.2 If a mutually acceptable settlement cannot be reached with to a dispute(s) both parties shall arrange a discussion by their nominated representatives to settle same.

15.3 Should any dispute(s) fail to be resolved as mentioned above, it shall be submitted to an arbitrator agreed by both parties. The decision or the verdict of the mutually agreed arbitrator shall be final and conclusive.

15.4 If the teams cannot agree to an independent arbitrator, the Chief Executive of SLC shall appoint an arbitrator and the decision or verdict given by the arbitrator in consultation with the Chief Executive shall be final and conclusive. The cost of the arbitration will have to be borne by the party who is lodging the protest.

Please note, during a dispute, both teams should remain at the venue until the umpires decide on further course of action and conveyes.

NOTE

All Public and Mercantile Holidays shall be considered as holidays.

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