

## **Rules of the Association.**

(adopted in 1982, amended 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2011 and 2016.)

### **DEFINITIONS.**

Where not inconsistent with the text the following shall apply:- " ASSOCIATION" means the NEW ZEALAND CRICKET UMPIRES' & SCORERS ASSOCIATION (NZCUSA )"MAJOR ASSOCIATION" means Cricket Umpires' Associations directly associated with those Cricket Associations classified as Major Associations by New Zealand Cricket Inc. (hereinafter NZC). The "BOARD" means the Management Board of the Association.

### **1. NAME.**

The Association shall be called, the "**NEW ZEALAND CRICKET UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION**".

### **2. OBJECTS.**

The objects of the Association shall be :-

- (a) to assist NZC in the promotion of the game of cricket in New Zealand;
- (b) to provide a direct line of communication between constituent Associations and NZC on Umpiring and Scoring matters.
- (c) to ensure the wellbeing of constituent associations.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP.**

- (a) The Association shall consist of Life Members and Major Associations provided That such Major Associations are recognised by their respective Cricket Associations as its official Umpires' and Scorers Association.
- (b) Life Members may be elected at any Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Board. Life Members shall have the right to attend and speak at any general meeting but shall only have voting rights if they are official delegates of an affiliated Major Association.

### **4. GENERAL MEETINGS.**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than 30th. September on a day appointed by the Board and of which at least six (6) weeks notice in writing shall have been given to Major Associations and to all other persons entitled to attend.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in such place and manner as may be decided by the Board.

- (b) Each Major Association shall be entitled to appoint two (2) delegates to each General Meeting and shall have two (2) votes. Neither the President nor Board members shall have voting rights unless they are an official delegate of a Major Association. Any Major Association may, by notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, appoint a proxy to represent it at any General Meeting. No delegate or proxy shall be entitled to vote in more than one capacity, nor may a proxy vote be allowed, unless the proxy holder has received written instructions as to how s/he should vote on a particular matter. Affiliated Associations shall notify the Honorary Secretary in writing before the General Meeting of the name(s) of their delegates.
- (c) A quorum shall be made up of delegates representing not less than two-thirds of the maximum possible votes.
- (d) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - (i) to receive the Annual Report of the Board
  - (ii) to elect the President
  - (iii) to elect Board members
  - (iv) to consider any business of which at least six (6) week's notice in writing has been given to the Honorary Secretary.
  - (v) to transact any general business.
- (e) Four weeks notice of any remits to be placed before the Annual General Meeting shall be given to affiliated Associations.
- (f) A Special General Meeting of the Association shall be called by the Honorary Secretary on receipt of written requisitions from four Major Associations setting forth the objects of such a meeting. Special General Meetings shall be held at such place as the Board shall decide. Rules 4(c) and (d) shall apply to Special General Meetings.
- (g) General meetings of the Association shall be chaired by the President. In his absence the meeting shall appoint a Chairman.
- (i) Nominations for the annually vacated membership of the Board shall be called by the Honorary Secretary. The nominations shall only be received in writing from Major Umpire Associations and shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than four (4) weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. If no nominations are received the person acting as Chairman of the Annual General Meeting may allow nominations from the floor.

## 5. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) The President and Board members shall be elected by ballot.
- (b) All other questions submitted to a General Meeting shall be decided by voice in the first instance, then by a show of hands if the question is not clearly decided on voices. The final decision on the method of voting shall be decided by the Chairman in the event of a disputed decision.
- (c) The Chairman shall have a casting vote but not a deliberative vote.

## 6. PRESIDENT

The President's term of office shall be two years, and the President may be re-elected for a further term by the Annual General Meeting. The President shall:

- a) act as an advisor to the Board; and
- b) chair General Meetings of the Association.

## 7. MANAGEMENT BOARD

- (a) The management and control of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board which shall have all the powers of the Association which are not expressly required by these Rules or to be done or exercised by the Association in General Meeting or as otherwise provided for by these rules. The Board shall be the authority for the interpretation of these Rules and have power to decide on any point not covered by them.
- (b) The Board shall consist of four (4) members one of whom shall be elected Chairman of the Board. The term of office for a Board member shall be two years. Each year two Board members shall stand down and shall be replaced by persons elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Board members standing down may be re-elected by the Annual General Meeting if it so wishes. Board members will stand down in the order in which they were elected.
- (b) The Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
- (c) The NZC staff member with responsibility for the management and appointment of Umpires and / or Scorers shall be an ex-officio member of the Board but shall have no Vote.
- (d) *Deleted*
- (e) The President may attend Board meetings, but shall have no vote.
- (f) The Board appointed Honorary Secretary shall have no vote.

## 8. THE BOARD SHALL

- (a) appoint an Honorary Secretary to the Board.
- (b) at its discretion fill any vacancy on the Board or any sub-committee that may occur during the year;
- (c) meet as and when required for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Association. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be three (3) elected members;
- (d) have discretionary powers in banking, investment or disbursement of Association funds;
- (e) appoint such sub-committee(s) as it sees fit for the purpose of grading examinations or any other purpose deemed necessary. Any such sub-committee shall be wholly and directly responsible to the Board and all communications with Major Associations or with any other body must be made through the Board. Membership of such sub-committees shall not be restricted to members

of the Board. The Honorary Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of such committees but without a vote;

- (f) prepare and administer regulations for the conduct of examinations and in respect of such other matters as may be considered necessary; and
- (g) answer all questions on Laws and interpretations submitted to it in accordance with the policy in that matter from time to time approved by NZC.

## **9. DUTIES OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY**

The duties of the Honorary Secretary shall be as directed by the Board

## **10. FINANCE.**

Major Associations will not pay membership fees. Costs of Board meetings and other Association expenses will be met by NZC. Residual NZCUA funds are to be invested by the Honorary Secretary who is to report on the status of those investments at each Board meeting.

## **11. ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

No alterations shall be made to the foregoing Rules except by resolution of a two thirds majority of votes cast at an Annual or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

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