



## Constitution

### **1. Title**

- 1.1. The Association shall be known as the South Coast Panel of Cricket Officials and hereinafter referred to as 'The Panel'.

### **2. Affiliations**

- 2.1. The Panel will be affiliated to the Hampshire Association of Cricket Officials (HACO).

### **3. Aims & Objectives**

- 3.1. Provide competent and experienced officials to the premier leagues in the Panel area, and such other league appointments as may be possible from time to time.
- 3.2. Provide competent and experienced officials for representative and other competition fixtures in the Panel area.
- 3.3. Provide competent and experienced officials for any other fixtures in the Panel area.
- 3.4. To maintain close working relationships with all properly constituted bodies involved with cricket in the Panel area.
- 3.5. To enhance and improve the standard and status of Panel members.
- 3.6. The South Coast Panel of Cricket Officials is committed to supporting its members on a non-discriminatory basis with appointments and advancement being based on qualifications, ability, experience and commitment.

### **4. Membership**

- 4.1. There shall be two forms of Membership (Active Member and Non-active Member). When submitting an application for active membership of the Panel, an umpire or scorer shall provide evidence of suitable qualifications and appropriate insurance cover, and be in possession of a current DBS Disclosure Certificate. Only active members of the Panel are required to have insurance cover and/or a current DBS certificate.
- 4.2. All applications will be considered by the Management Committee, whose decision as to the suitability of these qualifications and acceptability of the applicant shall be final. Umpires shall not be considered for active membership unless and until the Committee is satisfied that it has adequate evidence of their on-field experience. All newly-admitted active umpire members should be formally observed/assessed during their first full year of membership or as soon as possible thereafter.

- 4.3. Membership of the Panel is voluntary, and appointments made by the Panel are made on the understanding that the officials concerned are undertaking the appointments as a hobby. The Panel is not responsible for any decisions or actions that umpires, or scorers might make (or fail to make) during the course of their officiating duties.
- 4.4. A member may be considered for Honorary Life Membership. Recommendations for Honorary Life Membership may be made by the Management Committee for ratification at the Annual General Meeting.

## 5. Subscriptions

- 5.1. The annual subscription shall be determined by the AGM and will cover the period 1 January to 31 December and be paid to the Hon. Treasurer by 30 April. Non-payment by 30th June may result in termination of membership (though where an active member has not paid their annual subscription by 30th June, the subscription cost shall be doubled and deducted from any expenses due to the member concerned).

## 6. Management

- 6.1. The Officers of the Panel shall be:

- Chairman
- General Secretary
- Appointments Secretary
- Assistant Appointments Secretary
- Treasurer

All offices are Honorary.

- 6.2. The Management Committee will consist of the Officers and up to ten ordinary Members. At least one of the ordinary Members shall be an umpire member and at least one shall be a scorer member. The Committee may co-opt one or more additional members. The Hampshire ACO County Development Officer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Elected Members only may vote. The Chairman may exercise a casting vote.
- 6.3. Officers and members of the Management Committee shall be elected to serve for one year, at the AGM. Nominations for Committee membership shall be in writing, signed by a Proposer and Seconder and submitted to the General Secretary as prescribed from time to time. Other than properly appointed ex-officio members, only Members of the Panel shall serve on the Management Committee.
- 6.4. The Management Committee will manage the Financial Affairs, Appointments, Assessments and Grading of umpires and all other matters relating to the good conduct of the Panel. The Chairman, Treasurer and other elected Officers shall be authorised signatories, any two required for Bank Transactions.
- 6.5. The Committee will determine dates and frequency of its meetings.
- 6.6. In the event of a vacancy occurring in between AGMs the committee will fill that vacancy with a member of its selection.

## **7. Match Expenses**

- 7.1. To be negotiated by the Committee and ratified by the AGM.
- 7.2. Expenses shall be paid in two instalments, normally August and October.

## **8. General Meetings**

- 8.1. The Annual General Meeting will be held each year on or before 30 November.
- 8.2. Resolutions shall be in writing, signed by a Proposer and Seconder and must reach the General Secretary not later than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 8.3. Notice of the AGM shall be sent to all members by not later than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 8.4. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or at the request of at least one third of Full Members. Such requests must be in writing to the General Secretary.
- 8.5. The Management Committee shall convene a pre-season meeting annually at a date determined by the Committee.

## **9. Child Welfare**

- 9.1. The Panel adopts the ECB Child Protection Policy – ‘Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket’ and its successors.

## **10. Voting**

- 10.1. A simple majority of those present and entitled to vote shall be sufficient to carry a motion except as follows:
  - A minimum two thirds of those present shall be necessary to pass an amendment to the Constitution.
  - A two thirds majority is required at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 10.2. Post or proxy votes are not permitted.

## **11. Assets**

- 11.1. The assets of the Panel shall be utilised solely for the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Panel or otherwise only if approved at a General Meeting.
- 11.2. In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets of any kind will be donated to an appropriate body concerned with the furtherance of cricket officials.

## **12. The Constitution**

- 12.1. This Constitution shall have effect and application from 13th November 2019.