



GICC Constitution

I. NAME AND PURPOSES

- Article 1 Under the name "**Geneva International Cricket Club (GICC)**" an association has been founded in compliance with Articles 60 to 79 of the Swiss Civil Code. Insofar as they are not modified by the present Constitution, the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code shall apply to the Association.
- Article 2 The seat of the Association shall be in Geneva.
- Article 3 The purposes of the Association shall be to promote cricket under all its forms and to help set standards of quality ensuring a fair-play sport environment and providing equal access to all interested in cricket.
The Association shall seek to achieve its aims by:
- contributing to development of cricket within Geneva international circles;
 - promoting and sensitizing cricket to young people, for the long-term betterment of the players and the game;
 - contributing to set a cricket's Ethics, basis for self-regulation for all those who are involved or interested to become involve in the cricket;
 - cooperating with public or government entities in charge with a view to increase cricket's international appeal, specifically in Swiss sports arena.
- Article 4 The purposes of the Association are exclusively of public general interest; GICC is a sportive and non-profit association, independent and neutral on the subjects of race, religion, colour, creed and politics.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- Article 5 Membership of the GICC is open to all persons at the appropriate category of member as determined by the Executive Committee:
- 5.1. **Full Members** consist of non-playing members and experienced players who are trusted with dedication to the GICC. They are subject to full membership fees and can attend all matches and national events. They have the right of vote at the General Meeting, can be nominated to the Executive Committee and can propose candidates for future membership.
 - 5.2. **Playing Members** are players newcomers to the GICC. They can attend practice sessions and may be selected to play friendly and competition matches by paying a reduced membership fee. They may participate to the General Meeting without the right of vote. They may apply to be Full Members providing they have been registered with the GICC for at least three consecutive years.
 - 5.3. **Affiliate Members** are the young players new to the game of cricket and taking coaching sessions with the GICC. They enjoy free admission to the Association. They may participate to the General Meeting without the right of vote.
 - 5.4. **Honorary Membership** is granted to supporters and contributors who take active part in the well being of the GICC or in the promotion of cricket. They do not have the right of vote but may participate to the General Meeting with a consultative vote.

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- Article 6 The Executive Committee shall decide, by simple majority of those present and voting, on admission of new members and continuance of membership.
- Article 7 Full Members shall pay the annual membership fee as adopted by the General Meeting. The said fees are not permitted to exceed CHF 300.-
- Article 8 Any Member whose membership fees are not settled within 60 days of the due date shall automatically lose the membership, unless the Executive Committee provisionally waived the payment. Fees are due at the latest by 1st of March.
- Article 9 Members shall not in any way be responsible for the financial commitments of the Association over and above the amount of their annual contribution.
- Article 10 The Association does not have accident insurance cover for its Members and other persons assisting it during the matches. Adequate personal insurance for accidents and civil liability during GICC matches is thus each Member's own responsibility.

III. ORGANISATION

- Article 11 The executive bodies of the Association are:
- The Annual General Meeting
 - The Executive Committee (referred to as "Direction" by the Swiss Civil Code)
 - The Auditor
- Article 12 **General Meeting** of Members of the Association shall be called by its Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee or within one month of receipt of a written request signed by no less than three-quarters of the Association Full Members.
- Article 13 The General Meeting is convened once a year as an **Annual General Meeting** which is the supreme authority of the Association and which have the following powers:
- a) amendments to the Association's Constitution and winding-up of the Association;
 - b) approval of the annual report of the Executive Committee and that of the Auditor and discharge the Executive Committee;
 - c) election of the Executive Committee and the Auditor;
 - d) approval of the annual membership fees;
 - e) decisions on all other points for which the General Meeting is competent.
- Article 14 The General Meeting is chaired by the President or, in his absence, by the Vice-president or another member of the Executive Committee.
- 14.1. Quorum for decision shall be 50% of the Full Members entitled to vote.
 - 14.2. The General Meeting shall take its decisions by way of vote on the basis of simple majority of the entitled votes expressed, unless otherwise provided.
 - 14.3. For the winding-up of the Association and for the amendments to the present Constitution, a majority of two-thirds of the votes expressed shall be required.
 - 14.4. Proxy votes from Full Members and given in due form shall be included to form the quorum and to vote count. Except in the case of vote for the Association winding-up where proxy votes are not authorized.
 - 14.5. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman has a casting vote.

- Article 15 The **Executive Committee** governs and represents the Association. It is empowered to take all decisions and to undertake any action that it deems necessary and desirable in order to achieve the Association purposes. It shall determine the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.
- Article 16 The Executive Committee shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than seven members. It shall consist of, but not limited to the following positions:
a) President, b) Vice-President, c) Treasurer, d) Secretary.
- Article 17 Upon invitation of its President, or in his absence, of its Vice-President, the Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year and as often as it deemed necessary throughout the cricket season.
- Article 18 The powers of the Executive Committee shall be exercised more particularly to:
a) co-opt a new member to fill vacancy till annual election;
b) decide on admission of new members and continuance of membership;
c) propose amendments to GICC Constitution;
d) propose the annual membership fees;
e) propose the Captain and Vice-Captain to annual election by the players;
f) propose the Auditor for election;
g) propose Honorary Members for election;
- Article 19 The Executive Committee may suspend or dismiss from Membership any person:
19.1. for non-payment of the membership fees, in application of above article 8;
19.2. in the event of serious misconduct on his part which prejudiced the Association's activities and brought disrepute to GICC name.
- Article 20 Quorum for decisions of the Executive Committee is three. The decisions must be unanimous in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
- Article 21 The term of office of the Executive Committee Members shall be for three years. Outgoing Executive Committee Members are eligible for re-election. Whenever a seat become vacant, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to fill it until the next General Meeting by co-optation of a new member.
- Article 22 The President founder of GICC shall be its President-for-Life.

IV. RESOURCES

- Article 23 The resources of the Association consist of:
a) annual membership fees paid by its Full Members,
b) subventions, donations and gifts,
c) other resources resulting from the Association's fundraising activities.
- Article 24 The Association's financial year shall coincide with the calendar year.
- Article 25 All financial decisions are subject to the availability of a statement of current club assets supplied by the Treasurer, or in his absence, by the Vice-President.

Article 26 The Association shall be legally bound by the individual signature of its President, or in his absence, by the individual signature of its Vice-President or by the joint signature of two designated members of the Executive Committee.

Article 27 The Treasurer, or in his absence, the Vice-President shall submit the annual financial report to the Annual General Meeting for approval and discharge.

The Auditor

Article 28 The Auditor shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and appointed by the General Meeting for a period of three years renewable. The Auditor shall present its report annually to the General Meeting.

V. WINDING-UP AND LIQUIDATION

Article 29 The decision to wind up and liquidate the Association must be taken by qualified majority of votes as stated under above article 14, para 3 and 4, at two consecutive General Meetings, with an interval of at least one month between the two.

Article 30 The assets of the Association shall not be redistributed among the members under any circumstances, nor used for their benefit, in whole or in part, in any manner whatsoever, but shall be transferred to an institution pursuing aims analogous to those of the Association.

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