

GENERAL RULES

Membership

1. (a) All cricket clubs, schools and cricket organisations in the North of Ireland willing to conform to the Rules shall be eligible for membership.
- (b) Application for membership shall be made in writing to the General Secretary. A copy of the club's constitution shall accompany the application.
- (c) The election of new clubs shall be by the Management Board and shall require the assent of two-thirds of those members present and voting.
- (d) An applicant club having substantially the same membership as a disbanded club shall not be eligible for membership until it has discharged any financial obligations of the disbanded club to the Union.

Affiliation Fees

2. (a) The scale of annual affiliation fees shall be:

clubs participating in Saturday league cricket	£25
clubs not participating in Saturday league cricket	£20
schools entering three or more competitions	£75
schools entering one or two competitions	£40
other organisations	£5
- (b) All annual affiliation fees and advance payments of registration and umpiring fees shall be payable on or before 31st May. A club or school that has not paid these fees in full by this date shall be fined 5% of the outstanding sum or £10, whichever be the greater. A club that has not paid these fees in full by 30th June shall lose all league points gained by all its teams prior to receipt of payment by the Union. A club or school that has not paid these fees in full by 31st October shall have its membership suspended until the end of the following season.
- (c) A registration fee of £3 shall be charged for each player registered, apart from school pupils, and shall be payable in full on or before 16th November.
- (d) A club that has not paid these fees in full by this date shall be fined 5% of the outstanding sum or £10, whichever be the greater. If payment has not been made one month thereafter, the Management Board may impose one or more of the penalties set out in Disciplinary Bye-Law 3(b).

Directorates

3. (a) There shall be Directorates, the number and responsibilities of which shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- (b) Each Directorate shall comprise:
 - (i) a Director and one or more Assistant Directors nominated by the Board;
 - (ii) up to three members nominated by clubs and elected at the Annual General Meeting;
 - (iii) up to three further members co-opted by the Directorate or nominated by the Board, as appropriate.

Appeals

4. (a) A club may appeal against any ruling of a sub-committee or official of the Union. Any such appeal shall be in writing and shall state the grounds of the appeal. It shall be lodged with the General Secretary within ten days of the ruling's receipt by the club, together with a deposit of £50.
- (b) The Appeals Committee shall consider any such appeal within ten days of its receipt by the General Secretary. During the intervening period, the ruling shall stand. The Appeals Committee's

consideration will normally be based solely on the written appeal and a written response from the committee or official responsible for the ruling in question. Alternatively, the club may request an oral hearing, in which case the Appeals Committee shall hear oral evidence from both parties and may ask them questions.

- (c) The Appeals Committee's decision, and the reasons for it, shall be communicated to the club in writing within seven days of its consideration of the appeal. The Appeals Committee shall also have the power, where it considers the appeal to be without merit, to order the deposit to be forfeited.
- (d) If the club, or any other club affected by the decision, is not satisfied with the decision of the Appeals Committee, it may make a further appeal. Any such appeal shall be in writing and shall state the reason(s) why the club considers the decision to be mistaken. It shall be lodged with the General Secretary within ten days of the decision's receipt by the club, together with a deposit of £50.
- (e) The Board shall consider any such appeal within ten days of its receipt by the General Secretary. During the intervening period, the decision of the Appeals Committee shall stand. The Management Board consideration will normally be based solely on the written appeals and the written response from the committee or official responsible for the original ruling. Alternatively, the club may request an oral hearing, in which case the Board shall hear oral evidence from both parties and may ask them questions.
- (f) The Board's decision on any such appeal shall be final. The Board shall also have the power, where it considers the appeal to be without merit, to order the deposit to be forfeited.
- (g) The conduct of appeals shall be in accordance with the rules of natural justice.