

CONSTITUTION OF LONDON T20 LEAGUE



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ARTICLE 1: NAME AND DEFINITIONS

1. **Name:** The league shall be known as the **London T20 Cricket League** (hereinafter referred to as "the League").
2. **Governance:** The League shall be governed by an Executive Committee elected annually by the member clubs.
3. **Definitions:**
 - *"T20"* refers to Twenty20 cricket format as defined by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and modified by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) laws, subject to the local variations outlined herein.
 - *"Midweek"* refers to matches scheduled exclusively on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings during the official summer season.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE AND AFFILIATION

1. **Objective:** To promote, organise, and manage competitive yet social evening T20 cricket within the Greater London area, ensuring a structured environment that accommodates the busy schedules of working professionals.
2. **Inclusivity & Spirit:** To foster a welcoming environment for players of all backgrounds and skill levels, strictly adhering to the **MCC Spirit of Cricket**.
3. **Affiliation:** The League shall operate in alignment with regional cricket boards and national governing guidelines where applicable.

ARTICLE 3: LEAGUE STRUCTURE & FORMAT

1. **Divisional Breakdown:** The League shall be structured into divisions (e.g., Premier, Division 1, Division 2).
2. **Match Timing:**
 - Matches must commence promptly at **5.30 PM**
 - A strict time limit of 80 minutes per innings applies to maintain the fast-paced nature of midweek cricket.
3. **The Competition:** Each team will play opponents in their division both home and away, or as dictated by the seasonal fixture matrix determined by the Committee.

ARTICLE 4: ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

1. **Club Membership:** Clubs wishing to join or renew membership must submit an official application form and pay the annual league entry fee by the deadline set by the Executive Committee.
2. **Player Registration:**
 - All players must be registered with the Play-Cricket before taking the field.
 - A player may only register and play for **one** club in the League per season.

ARTICLE 6: MANAGEMENT & COMMITTEE

1. **The Executive Committee:** The management of the League shall be vested in a committee consisting of:
 - Chairman
 - League Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Honorary Secretary
2. **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** An AGM shall be held annually to review the season, present financial statements, vote on constitutional amendments, and elect the Committee.

ARTICLE 7: FINANCES

1. **Bank Account:** The League shall maintain a dedicated bank account managed by the Treasurer.
2. **Fees and Fines:** The Committee has the power to set annual club subscription fees and levy fines for rule breaches.
3. **Financial Year:** The financial year of the League shall conclude on April 1st of each year.

ARTICLE 8: DISCIPLINE AND CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Code of Conduct:** All players, officials, and club representatives are bound by the League's Code of Conduct, which prohibits dissent, aggressive behaviour, and discriminatory language.

2. **Disciplinary Panel:** All disciplinary complaints must be formally submitted to the League Committee, which will review and govern the proceedings in accordance with the league's disciplinary policy.
3. **Sanctions:** The Panel has the authority to issue warnings, deduct league points, or suspend players/clubs for actions deemed detrimental to the League.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. **Proposals:** Any proposed alteration or addition to this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
2. **Voting:** No amendment shall be passed unless supported by a **two-thirds majority** of the member clubs present and voting at the meeting.

ARTICLE 10: DISSOLUTION

1. The League may only be dissolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) specifically called for that purpose.
2. The resolution to dissolve the League must be supported by a three-quarters (75%) majority of all fully paid-up member clubs present and eligible to vote.