

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE



GEORGIA SUPREME CRICKET LEAGUE

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Article 1. TITLE

This Association of member clubs shall be called the GEORGIA SUPREME CRICKET LEAGUE and hereinafter shall be referred to as the GSCL. It shall consist of those member clubs as determined by the Board of Directors (BOD).

Article 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the GSCL shall be:

- 1) The promotion, advancement, and protection of the interests of cricket.
2) To encourage the playing of cricket in accordance with the laws of cricket and in the best interest and tradition of the game.
3) To Improve, promote and foster the game of cricket in Georgia and neighboring states.

Article 3. OFFICES

The principal office of the GSCL for the transaction of business shall be located in ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA.

Article 4. MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.01 CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Membership shall be granted to any bona fide cricket club in the state areas of GEORGIA, TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, North Carolina, South Carolina, and FLORIDA that maintains a roster of at least 14 players, And having satisfy the conditions under section 4.02.
2) The Board of Directors can admit individuals to membership of the association with special recommendation from the Management executive committee and approval. Individuals admitted to membership shall be "associates Members".
3) Associate members cannot be part of the membership Committee but are eligible to participate on ad-hoc committees

Section 4.02 ADMISSIONS

Applicants shall be admitted to membership upon (a) written application, (b) Recommendation from the management executives. (c) Approval by the

Board of Directors, (d) payment of any fees or dues, (e) possession of the proper documents as the board of directors shall prescribe.

Section 4.03 **FEES & ASSESSMENTS**

- 1) The Membership fees payable to the GSCL by each member club shall be Determined annually by a resolution of the Board of Directors.
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- 2) Membership fees are effective from February 1st each year and are payable by the 15th of March.

Section 4.04 **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

The Association shall keep a membership list containing the effective date and membership status and the contact details including email fax and telephone number of each member club. Termination of the membership of any member shall be recorded, together with the date and circumstances under which such membership ceased. Any Director or member as provided in Article 5 shall keep at the Association's principal office or at such other place the membership list that the Board may order, and shall be available for inspection

Notwithstanding any other provision of the By-laws, the membership list shall not be available for inspection by any other person except as required by law and except when authorized by the President and Secretary in writing.

Section 4.05 **NON-LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

No member of this Association shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Association.

Section 4.06 **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY RESIGNATION:**

Any member club may resign at any time upon the delivery of a written notification to the Secretary of the Association. Fees are non-refundable

FAILURE TO PAY FEES, ASSESSMENTS, AND FINES: The membership of any member shall automatically be terminated upon failure of payments of Fees Assessments or Fines within the specified time as dictated by the by-laws.

REINSTATEMENT AFTER TERMINATION: The Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Management Executive committee may reinstate a terminated member on such terms, as they deem appropriate upon receipt of a written request addressed to the Secretary of the Association.

Section 4.07 **SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSION**

In addition to the termination of membership as provided in Article 4.06, a member may be fined suspended or expelled for a good cause as provided below:

GOOD CAUSE: As used herein requires that the member has failed or continues to fail to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association, or with any of the Rules and Regulations of the Association, has failed or continues to fail to pay any fines imposed.

APPEAL: Members that are terminated shall receive written notice stating that its membership is suspended and the reasons thereof. The member club shall have the opportunity to present its case before the Board of Directors. An appeal shall be made no later than 7 days from the date when such decision was conveyed to the members by certified mail.

VOTING ON EXPULSION: The decision to expel or suspend a member club shall require a 5/7 majority of the Board of Directors. With no eligible Vito votes being exercised.

TERMINATION OF RIGHTS: All rights of a member in the Association shall cease upon Expulsion.

Article 5. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Section 5.01 **STRUCTURES**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven delegates; one from each member club defined in Article 5.03 shall govern the GSCL. Each Director shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board, subject to restrictions outlined in Article 5, Section 5.09.

2. The management executive officers at its sole discretion can appoint two associate members to the board of directors from outside the association. Associate board members are not allowed to vote.

Section 5.02 **DUTIES AND POWERS**

1) The Board of Directors shall determine overall policy, approve budgets and set guidelines, priorities, and acting through the management executive committee manage the affairs of the GSCL.

2) The Board of Directors shall supervise all officers, agents, and employees of the association to assure that duties are properly performed. The Directors shall also have the responsibility to appoint, remove, employ, discharge, and except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents, or employees of the Association.

3) The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of the GSCL. Such authority may be general or specific, and unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent, or person shall have the power or authority to bind the GSCL, by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

4) Each board director from the founding clubs outlined in section 5:05 article 2. Shall have Vito rights on any voting process on proposed changes to: a) the constitution. b) Disbandment of a member club. c) Admittance of membership to the association.

Section 5.03 **QUALIFICATIONS**

Any person over the age of 18 who is a member of the original five founding clubs and the next two clubs to join the association are eligible to appoint a Director to the Association.

Section 5.04 **APPOINTMENTS OF DIRECTORS**

1) The representative clubs shall appoint such members to act as overseers, term lasting two years. The clubs can continue to send the same representative every two years if they so deemed it necessary.

Section 5.05 **TERMS OF OFFICE**

1) Each Director shall hold office until a member team as provided in Article 5.04 appoints a successor.

2) The five founding clubs: shall at all times have a representative on the board, except if such club should decline to send a representative, disband and cease to be apart of the association.

3) If any club has disbanded then the next most senior club of the association without representation shall replace such club on the board.

Section 5.06 **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 1) Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held a minimum of four times a year, one of these being the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and at least three others being held during the cricket season.
- 2) The AGM shall be held by the end of January at a time and place decided by the Board. Proposals other than those related to changes in the Constitution and by-laws and the Standing Rules, shall be carried by a 5/7 majority of those eligible to vote.
- 3) Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or on receipt by the Secretary of the Association of a request signed by each of the Directors of the Board of at least five member teams. Notice of Special meeting and its agenda shall be circulated to all member teams at least 4 days before the date of the meeting. No resolution shall be carried without a two-third vote of those present and eligible to vote. No other business except that indicated on the agenda shall be dealt with.
- 4) Notice of board meetings and Management Executive Officers meeting shall be given in writing by the secretary of the association to each Director by mail, email, or fax at least 7 days before the date of the meeting. Notice of the AGM shall be given at least 14 days and not more that 50 days before the meeting dates.
- 5) **QUORUM**: No resolution or business requiring a vote of the board may be transacted unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of 5/7th of eligible

voting Directors. Unless a greater number is expressly required by these by-laws, every act or decision done or made by the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. There is to be no voting by proxy.

- 6) **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**: The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall act as Chairman at Board meetings. The rules contained in 'Roberts Rules of Order Revised' <http://www.constitution.org/rror/rror--00.htm> shall govern all General Meetings and the meetings of the board of Directors and the Executive Committee, except where such rules may conflict with the Constitution and By-laws and the provisions of law.

The President, who acts as the chairperson of the board, is not eligible to vote on board matters.

Section 5.07 **RESIGNATIONS**

A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or to the Board of Directors. In case of such resignation, the representative club is required to send a representative within 14 days.

Section 5.08 **NON-LIABILITIES OF BOARD of DIRECTORS**

The Directors shall not be personally liable for the debts liabilities or other obligations of the Association.

Article 6. **MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVES**

Section 6.01 **NUMBERS & TITLES**

The Management executive's officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer. An officer of the Executive Committee cannot simultaneously serve on the Board of Directors. The Board may appoint other officers or agents as it deems necessary, and such officers shall serve such terms, have such authority, and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The total number of officers shall not exceed nine.

Section 6.02 **QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION, AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

- 1) Any member of a member team is eligible to be an officer of the Association.
- 2) New members cannot be part of the management executive committee until they have participated in the league for a minimum of two consecutive years, unless otherwise recommended by the Board of directors.
- 3) Each member club shall submit two representatives to the association to form the Membership committee. This committee shall elect the Management Executive committee of the association.
- 4) Election of Officers shall be held at the intervals and for the terms of office shown below:

- 5) The President shall hold office for a nominal period of Two years commencing immediately upon election by the Membership committee at the Annual General Meeting. (AGM)
- ☒☉ The Vice President, Public Relations Officer, Treasurer and The Secretary shall hold office for a nominal period of two years, commencing immediately upon election by the Membership Committee at the AGM.
 - ☞ Each Officer shall hold office until he resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his successor is elected.

Section 6.03 **FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVES**

The Management executives shall deal with all the administrative matters and shall prepare the business and accounts to be dealt with at the meetings of the board. The administrative matters shall consist of routine GSCL business activities, including correspondence, accounting, collection of fees, reimbursements, insurance matters, schedules of games, organization of social events and functions, announcements and preparation of notices. It shall also deal with all matters concerning umpires, grounds, and general facilities and shall transact any business delegated to it by the board. The Management Executive Officers shall not amend or suspend any provision of the Constitution and By-laws; the standing rules of the Association or motions passed by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 6.04 **REMOVALS AND RESIGNATION**

The Board of Directors at a Special meeting may remove any officer for good cause (4.08). The motion to remove an officer shall be promulgated in the notice of the meeting and shall be a Special Order of that meeting. The Board must vote by a majority of two thirds to remove the officer. Any officer may resign at any given time by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Association.

Section 6.05 **VACANCIES**

Any vacancy in the Management Executive office shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting or at a Special meeting of the Board of Directors except that the Board may at its discretion defer replacement of the President until the next Annual General Meeting. Election of officers at a Special Meeting shall be by a 2/3 majority.

Section 6.06 **MEETINGS**

The Management Executive committee shall meet at least 4 times per year as necessary to conduct the business of the Association, at the discretion of the President. Notice of meeting shall be as provided as per Article 5.06 here-in. Members of the board shall be entitled to attend all Executive Officers meetings.

The association shall have meetings with its Membership Committee members at least 6 times per year. All club members are welcome at these meetings, but only one club representative of the two can vote.

Section 6.07 **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

- 1) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall, in general, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the

affairs of the Association. The President shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties that may be required by law, by the Articles of Association, by these By-laws, and which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- 2) The President shall preside at all GSCL meetings. The President shall act as moderator of all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 3) The President shall provide leadership of the GSCL and shall strive at all times to ensure the enjoyment of the game by all participants, to promote the game in the local areas and improve the standard of fairness, umpiring, playing, and facilities.

Section 6.08 **DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

- 1) In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions of the president.
- 2) The Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub committees.

Section 6.09 **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall:

- 1) Certify the by-laws. Certify and keep the original, or a copy, of these by-laws as amended
- 2) Keep a book of the minutes of all meetings of the Directors and Executive officers, recording there in the time place of holding, whether a Regular or Special meeting and if Special how authorized. The record shall include the manner and date of the notice there-of, the names of the Directors and Executive officers present and the proceedings thereof.
- 3) Ensure that all notices of meetings and their agenda are duly given in accordance with the provision of these by-laws.
- 4) Maintain the membership list as prescribed in Article 4.05, here in.
- 5) Exhibit at all reasonable times to any Director or member of the Association, the by-laws, membership list, and the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- 6) In general, perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary as required by these By-laws and which the Board may assign from time to time.

Section 6.10 **DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

- 1) The Treasurer is responsible for keeping an accurate financial record of all receipts, disbursements, assets liabilities and retained earnings.
- 2) The Treasurer is responsible for filing proper adequate and complete tax returns where required under federal, state and city laws. He shall seek to maintain the non profit status under section

501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code

- 3) The Treasurer may not borrow money or issue funds or checks except as he is authorized to do so by the By-laws or the Management executive committee. The Treasurer and the President must sign all checks, disbursing Association funds.
- 4) At each Board of Directors meeting the Treasurer shall present a brief written report on the finances of the Association, he shall answer all questions on financial matters.
- 5) At the Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer shall present a complete and detailed financial report showing all disbursements and receipts of the Association for the preceding year. This final Annual Financial Report shall be audited by an audit committee appointed by the Board and shall be signed by the Treasurer. Upon acceptance of the report by the Membership committee, the President shall countersign it.
- 6) At the first Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, following the end of the fiscal year the Treasurer shall produce a projected budget for the forthcoming season.
- 7) Following the Board of Directors resolution regarding membership fees 4.03, the Treasurer shall send to the membership where applicable, notice of annual membership fees and any assessments fixed by the Board. All such fees and Assessments shall be payable within 30 days of invoice.
- 8) The Treasurer shall maintain complete, accurate, and current books relating to the financial status of the Association. An Officer of the Association or a Member of the Board of Directors may inspect these books at all reasonable times. These books shall be subject to audit by an audit committee appointed by the Management Executive Committee, at such intervals and times as directed by the Board or by the President.

Section 6.11 **DUTIES OF THE FIXTURES & STATISTICAL ADMINISTRATOR**

- 1) The Fixture & statistical administrator is responsible for the preparation of match fixtures and schedules for league games and all knock out competition games.
- 2) The Fixtures & statistical administrator shall be responsible for verification of score sheets of all matches played in the respective divisions and the computation and promulgation of the league standings and players statistics. The Fixtures & statistical administrator has the right to appoint a member of the association to help in this regard.
- 3) The Fixtures & statistical administrator shall be responsible for maintaining the eligibility roster for all players playing in the league.
- 4) The fixtures & statistical administrator shall be responsible for updating the website with the standings and any relevant league information.
- 5) The fixtures & statistical administrator shall be appointed by the Management Executive Committee as a special appointed executive.

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The Fixtures & Statistical administrator shall hold office as a Management Executive for a nominal period of two years, commencing immediately upon election by the Membership Committee at the AGM.

Section 6.12 **DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER (PRO)**

- 1) The PRO is responsible for all media promotion of the GSCL. The PRO is authorized to act on behalf of the Association in dealing with Newspapers, TV, radio, and other forms of mass communications.
- 2) The PRO shall be responsible for assisting in maintaining the web site of the Association and can appoint experts to help in this regard.
- 3) The PRO shall be responsible for the promotion and organization of all fundraising events held by the association.
- 4) The PRO shall be responsible for all promotions and Marketing events of this association. The PRO can form his own sub committee to promote and market events in the best interest of the GSCL.

Section 6.13 **NON-LIABILITIES OF MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Members of the Management Executive Committee shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Association.

Article 7. ARTICLE 7 **COMMITTEES**Section 7.01 **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

The Management Executive Committee may appoint ad Hoc Committees for specific purposes or activities from time to time.

Section 7.02 **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

The Disciplinary committee shall deal with all disciplinary aspects of the league. The committee shall have full authority to act, with their decisions. The board of directors providing there are new evidences shall deal with any appeals involving member clubs.

Section 7.03 **TERMS OF OFFICE**

Each committee shall serve until it has fulfilled its mandate as prescribed by the Management Executive Committee.

Section 7.04 **VACANCIES**

Vacancies on any committee may be filled, for the un-expired portion of the term in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointment.

Section 7.05 **QUORUMS:**

Majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum of such committee and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of committee.

Article 8. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

No part of the net earnings of this Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 9. **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the GSCL, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the association, dispose of all of the assets of the association exclusively for the purposes of the association in such a manner, or to such organization that shall qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Board of Directors shall determine, or to federal, state or local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes. The Superior Court of the County in which the principal office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or such organizations shall dispose of any such assets not so disposed of, as the court shall decide

Article 10. **CONSTITUTION TO BE BINDING ON MEMBERS**

Each member of the GSCL on being admitted shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution of the Association and shall thereupon become bound thereby. By accepting membership, each club recognizes the GSCL as the final tribunal on all matters concerning the game of cricket and shall obey all its decisions.

Article 11. **AFFILIATIONS**

The GSCL may affiliate with other cricketing bodies in the USA and elsewhere if deemed to be in the best interest of the GSCL.

Article 12. **BY-LAWS**

Section 12.01 BY-LAWS

These By-laws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption. Amendments to these By-laws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption unless the Board of Directors in adopting them, as hereinafter provided, directs that they shall take effect later.

1. **REGISTRATION OF CLUBS:** All clubs must have at least 14 players registered at least 30 days before the start of the season.

2. **FEES:** a) Each member club must make payment of fees set forth by the Board of Directors by the date set in section 4.03 of the GSCL constitution. After the start of the cricket season all fees are non-refundable. b) Member clubs entering two teams shall pay separate fees for each team entered.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership shall be granted to Recognized and properly constituted cricket clubs approved by the Board of Directors.

a) Any member club wishing to approach another league of joining with a view to possible membership of that league shall first obtain written permission from the association secretary. Such permission shall not be interpreted as resignation or dismissal and shall be granted within 10 business days, unless the club has failed to fulfill its financial obligations or has failed to observe the rules of membership.

b) Any club wishing to resign its membership shall inform the association secretary in writing by February 1 of its final year of membership.

c) Registration and membership fees are due February 1 and no later than March 15 of each year. Failure to do so will result in late fee of 10 percent or will result in suspension or expulsion from the association.

d) Members failing to pay dues by the due date shall not be eligible for inclusion in the league schedules or post season competitions.

e) Clubs can enter two teams as long they maintain a minimum roster of 14 players each.

4. **RULES FOR ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

a) Only bona fide registered members of the GSCL clubs shall be eligible to play in the league and cup competitions. No individual playing in another league shall be eligible to play in this league without special permission from the Management executive officers.

b) No player shall be eligible to take part in matches organized by GSCL unless registered for at least 7 days prior to July 31st of each season.

c) Players registered after July 31st may only play with the permission of the Management executives but are not eligible for the play-offs.

D) Unregistered players must register at least five days (5) prior to the next schedule game to be eligible.

a) No club shall have more than five players requested for special permission to play. Only a maximum of three special permitted players can represent a club in a game at the same time.

b) Special permitted players will have to play a minimum of 25 percent of total games played to be eligible for the play-offs/post season.

5. **TRANSFERS:**

a) All applications for transfer must be made in writing to the Fixtures & statistical administrator and clearance from the players' former club and support of such transfer from the member club

that the player is transferring. No Transfers will be accepted after June 31 of each season. Players' former club cannot block a player's movement and shall grant such clearance upon request.

- b) Clubs entering two teams shall not transfer any players between the two team of the same club after the start of the season.
- c) Any club in violation of this rule shall have two games match points deducted.

6. **AGM**

- a) The annual general meeting shall be held no later than January 31st of each year.
- b) A quorum of majority of member clubs is entitled to attend to vote.
- c) The AGM shall:
 1. Announce the results of elections and conduct elections in accordance.
 2. Receive and approve financial reports.
 3. Receive and approve auditors report for previous financial year.
 4. Elect officers.
 5. Consider any proposals for the amendment of the constitution and any relevant matters of which 1 month notice was given.
 6. Appoint Ad hoc committee and management executive.

7. **Election Procedure:**

- a. The secretary will write to all member clubs by mail or electronic mail to inform them of the AGM date at least two weeks prior.
- b. Voting cards will be provided at the meeting.
- c. A scrutiner shall be appointed at the AGM to supervise counting of all votes.
- d. The board of directors shall decide each year on what date to meet.
- e. The President shall serve for two consecutive years and will be eligible for re-election. The other management executives shall also serve for two years and are eligible for re-election.

8. **Amendment to the By-laws:**

- a) No amendment or addition to these by-laws shall be made unless due notice has been given to each voting member and then by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at the AGM or special general meeting.
- b) Proposal to alter the by-laws must then be presented to board of directors for approval.

9. **Discipline:**

- a) Before any penalty is imposed on any player, there shall be a disciplinary hearing before the disciplinary committee of the association. At least 7 days notice in writing of the hearing and of all offence alleged shall be given to the player or in case of clubs, its secretary.
- b) The club or player shall be entitled to attend the hearing, to call witnesses to speak on their behalf.
- c) The hearing is not a court of law. The chairperson of the disciplinary committee ruling on the conduct shall be final if no appeal is made within seven days of ruling.
- d) If the committee find the alleged proved, it shall have the power to impose one of the following penalties:
 1. Fines not exceeding \$100.00
 2. Suspension for one or more matches.
 3. Reprimand: Save that the player may be for the same offence both suspension and fines.
 4. Expulsion from the association.
 5. CLUB
 - a) Disqualification from post season play (Play-offs)
 - b) Deduction of points.

- a) A fine not exceeding \$ 200.00 save that a club for the same offence may be subject to both a deduction of points and a fine.
- b) Expulsion from the association.
- c) Players or club found guilty by the committee has a right to appeal to the Management executive Committee providing they have new evidence. In case of a club, such appeal shall be to the B.O.D.
- d) The management executives shall have the power to cancel, confirm, decrease, or increase any penalty imposed by the disciplinary committee. This appeals committee shall also have the power to dismiss, where they consider the appeal to be without merit.
- e) The decision by the management executives/appeals committee shall be FINAL and binding.
- f) If a Club is recommended for suspension or expulsion then the appeal is done before the Board of Directors, who then has the final say on such decisions.

10. **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- a) The league has adopted the following code and umpires should report any instances where it is broken.
- b). A very high standard, both on and off the field, will be observed in keeping with the true sportsmanship and tradition of the game.
- c) Players taking part in competitions under the jurisdiction of GSCL shall wear only normally accepted cricket clothing mandated by the Management executives. White cricket clothing and colored cricket clothing approved by the management executives.
- d) Intimidating, aggressive behavior or deliberate distractions of opponents are unacceptable.
- e). Foul language or verbal abuse is unacceptable.
- f). Dissent at umpiring decisions is unacceptable.
- g). Intimidating or indecent gestures are unacceptable.
- h) Incoming batsman should cross on the field of play the out going batsman.
- I). Players or teams walking off the field will result in disciplinary actions and deduction of full points for that fixture.

11. **FIXTURES:**

- a) All matches shall be played between April and October. Both inclusive and shall be played under the revised M.C.C. rules for I.C.C. one day cricket except as provided for in league rules.
- b) The fixtures and statistical administrator shall arrange fixtures.
- c) Any reschedule games shall only be made for exceptional reasons and with the sanction of the management executive committee, who shall be given 14 days notice.
- d) Matches may not be rescheduled if a fixture was not played due to bad weather, or one team failed to show.
- e) If a match was not played because of bad weather, the game shall be deemed a “draw” or “no result” and the points shall split.
- f) A team not showing up for a fixture such team shall forfeit match points to the opposing team.
- g) Any club refusing to fulfill its engagements shall forfeit its fees and will be expelled from the association after missing three or more fixtures.
- h) Any club expelled from the league, all matches that such club has played, no matter the result, shall be considered VOID and no points will be awarded to the other clubs.
- i) Each time a club fails to honor a fixture a \$ 100.00 fine will be imposed and points deduction if no prior permission was given to reschedule.

12. **MATCHES:**

- a) Toss for innings-Umpire will accompany the captains to toss. Before the coin toss, the team nomination will be exchanged and presented to the umpire.
- b) Regular league matches shall be 40 overs per club. With games starting at 12.00 noon.
- c) No matches shall start or restart after an interval or interruption whilst it is raining.

If a team is late arriving or caused the delay of a game, two overs for every 8 minutes late shall be deducted.

- e) e) 15 minutes grace period shall be given before any deduction of overs. However, the team arriving late shall be deemed to have lost the coin toss.
- f) Minimum amount of players to take the field is 8. If a team cannot field eight or more players they shall lose such fixture and \$100.00 fine.
- g) The team arriving on time shall bat their full quota of overs if the game was not interrupted by bad weather.
- h) If the number of overs has to be reduced because of no fault of both teams then the same number of overs shall be allotted to both teams.
- i) If the game has been interrupted by bad weather or any acts, which is no fault of either team, then to have a result each team must bat a minimum of 20 overs.
- j) Overall, run rate will be used to determine the winner.
- k) Example 1. **Team A** batted 40 overs but the match was interrupted so **Team B** was only able to bat 21 overs. The overall run rate would be calculated by taking the total score of team A and divide by 40 overs and then take team B total score and divide by 21 overs.
- l) If the run rate is identical then the same calculation shall be applied after the first 15 overs for both teams. If the run rate is also identical after 15 overs then the team losing the fewer wickets at (20 overs) will be the winner. If all run rate and wickets are still identical, the fixture shall be a "draw".
- m) It is the sole discretion of the umpire to determine if play is possible or will be possible.
- n) If it is found that an umpire is biased with such issues as playing conditions, then the umpires' secretary shall be notified and such umpire removed from doing GSCL games until further recommendation from his association.
- o) Each bowler shall bowl no more than eight overs per match. For other competitions, the fixtures secretary shall provide the rules and where the rules are not stated I.C.C. one-day rules apply.
- p) Teams shall not declare an inning before its allotted 40 overs or the required amount set by the umpires if the game is truncated.
- q) If applicable, the 30-yard circle will be used in GSCL organized games.
- r) ICC rules apply.
- s) When the league expands its membership to 14 teams, then two Divisions shall take effect. Top eight clubs form Division 1. The teams finishing ninth and lower plus new teams shall form Division 2. The final determination will be the results of the previous season final standings.

13. **UMPIRES:**

- a) Umpires who are not yet certified are required to pass an assessment test on the laws of cricket.
- b) Objective: To encourage the highest possible standard of cricket umpiring in all matches controlled by GSCL.
- c) The umpires association known as Georgia cricket umpires association (GCUA) formed in 2005 an independent body working closely with the GSCL following the rules and regulation that govern the league.
- d) The management executives can remove the services of the umpiring association at anytime if they refuse to follow the guidelines and regulation of the GSCL.
- e) The association shall provide the GSCL with any information concerning grade or certification of an umpire.
- f) The GCUA shall recommend a senior member of their association to be appointed Umpires coordinator by the GSCL. The umpires' coordinator will be one of the special appointed executives of GSCL.
- g) The umpire's coordinator of the league will assign umpires for matches. Keep record of umpire's grades, exams, disciplinary matters, and performances.

- h) Teams will pay umpire fees for matches.
- i) The management executives at the start of the season will determine umpire fees.

14. **HOME TEAMS:**

- a) Home teams are responsible for ensuring playing conditions.
- b) Home teams are responsible for ensuring the grass is adequate cut.
- c) Home teams are responsible for ensuring the pitch is adequately prepared. In addition, the matting is properly stretched and free of bumps, stones holes and free of wrinkles.
- d) Home teams are responsible to ensure boundaries are clearly defined and visible.
- e) Home teams are responsible for maintaining a clean environment.
- f) If the home is responsible for any unplayable condition, the home team shall be deemed to have forfeited such fixture and \$100.00 fine will be imposed.

15. **SCORE CARD:**

- a) Winning teams are responsible for imputing the scores ONLY on the GSCL website after each game. For games played on the weekends, teams have until Tuesday 12.midnight following the game to enter scores.
- b) Teams failing to submit scores on the website by the deadline shall be penalized 1 (one) match point.
- c) Matches that end in a draw, tie or no result, both teams are responsible to enter scores.

16. **FORMAT:**

The season shall be divided into (3) separate distinct competitions.

- a) The GSCL 40 overs league championship.
- b) The GSCL 30 overs knockout championship.
- c) The GSCL 20/20 Super championship family event.

The 40 overs league play shall be in a round robin format on a home and away basis. The winning team of each match shall be awarded 10 Points.

If a match is tied or "no-result", each team shall be awarded 5 Points.

At the end of the regular season, the top four teams shall qualify for the semi-finals.

Team 1 plays Team 4

Team 2 plays Team 3

The 30 overs Knockout: Teams shall be place in two brackets/groups. Games shall be played on a knockout basis. Top two teams from each bracket shall qualify for the semi-finals.

The 20/20 family event: teams shall be placed in two pools. The first round shall be a round robin play. The top two from each pool moves on the contest the semi-finals. Two winners shall play in the finals.

Section 12.02 **AMENDMENTS:**

Subject to any limitations imposed by the provision of law applicable to the amendment of By-laws of non-profit organizations, these By-laws may be amended as follows:

By a five-seventh (5/7) vote of the Directors at any Regular meeting or Special Meeting at which a

quorum is present. Written notice of such meetings in accordance with Article 5.06 herein shall state the intent to amend the By-laws and shall include the full text of each proposed amendment.

Section 12.03 **CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION** The original or a copy of the By-laws as amended to date, certified by the Secretary of the Association shall be kept in the principal offices of the association, and shall be open to inspection by the members' at all reasonable times. A copy of the By-laws and amendments shall be provided to all member clubs.