



SANCTION POLICY



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CRICKET TOURNAMENT / EVENT SANCTIONING POLICY

RESPONSIBILITY AND APPROVAL FOR CRICKET IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

With effect from 1st January 2015 and as revised from time to time, the following regulations for the approval of cricket in the Ontario are in accordance with the Regulations on Approved and Disapproved Domestic Cricket Events of the Cricket Council of Ontario (CCO)

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW:

Purpose:

This guide has been assembled to assist host organizer in the planning of a sanctioned tournament/event. CCO is committed to supporting sanctioned tournaments which follow the MCC rules, ICC and/or provincial playing conditions and regulations and adhere to the CCO policies and guidelines.

Our goal is to ensure all tournaments sanctioned by CCO adhere to the standards of a provincial championship and that sanctioned tournaments are running in the best interest of the cricket in the province of Ontario and all CCO members.

Rationale and Requirement for the Approval of Matches

1. Governing Authority

- a. The Cricket Council of Ontario (CCO) is the sole governing authority for cricket in the province of Ontario and is solely responsible for all cricket arranged and played in Ontario at every level.
- b. It is the exclusive right and responsibility of CCO to retain control over cricket matches, tournaments and cricket related events played within the ONTARIO and determine whether or not a particular match/tournament/event held and played in Ontario should receive its approval to take place.
- c. All cricket events held in the ONTARIO require the approval of Cricket Ontario unless they are Cricket Canada sanction/approved International events.
- d. CCO Administration is responsible for all domestic cricket played under their supervision and for ensuring that approval is sought from CCO. Where approval is granted this should be documented in a manner that protects every CCO interest.
- e. In determining whether a match/tournament and/or event should receive approval, it is the responsibilities of the CCO as custodian of cricket in the ONTARIO to determine whether the proposed match or event is in the best interest of the sport of Cricket and in the best interest of the CCO

2. Approved and Pre-Approved Cricket

- a. The list of matches which have received the approval of CCO will be posted on CCO website
- b. No further approval needs to be sought for these matches/events.

3. Procedure for Submitting Requests for Approval



Any application for approval of a cricket match/tournament and/or event must be made in writing to Cricket Council of Ontario not less than six (6) months in advance of the scheduled start of the match/tournament and/or event. However, in exceptional circumstances, the CCO may, in its sole discretion, consider applications received less than six (6) months in advance of the scheduled match/tournament and/or event.

Prior to submitting for the Tournament Sanction Approval / Permit, the host must ensure that:

- Host is a member of the Cricket Council of Ontario in Good standing
- Local League President has signed the form.
- Ensure all information as specified on the application is complete including all addresses, postal codes and phone numbers.
- Appropriate Tournament Sanction Permit fee is attached (draft in the name of Cricket Council of Ontario)

All applications should be sent by e-mail to:

- The Secretary of the Cricket Ontario **E-Mail: shivpersaud@cricketontario.ca**
- To discuss your application, please call:

4. Sanction Fee

a. Non Commercial Tournament/Event (not-for profit) – No prize money

- i. A non-commercial tournament/event host by CCO member leagues and/or affiliated members including junior cricket academies with no prize money to be distributed, **there is no sanction fee.**

b. Non Commercial Tournament Event (not-for profit) – with prize money

- i. A non-commercial tournament/event host by CCO member leagues and/or affiliated members including junior cricket academies that offers \$3000 or less than \$30,000 prize money, a **sanction fee of \$200 is applicable.** This is a non-refundable and payable upon the signing of MOU
- ii. A non-commercial tournament/event that offers greater than \$30,000 prize money, a **sanction fee of 10% is applicable.** This is a non-refundable and payable upon the signing of MOU

c. Commercial Tournament Event

- i. Any Commercial Tournaments/Events, an administration fee of \$1,000 application fee (non-refundable) applies as some applications may require extensive analysis by CCO staff and in some cases, a legal advice.
- ii. If the prize money offer is greater than \$3,000 or less than \$30,000, a **sanction fee of 10% of the total prize pool is applicable in addition to the mandatory application fee.** This is non-refundable and payable upon the signing of a MOU.
- iii. For tournaments/events that offer greater than \$30,000 in prize money, a sanction fee of will be negotiated between CCO and the relevant party. This is non-refundable and payable upon the signing of a MOU.

5. Criteria for Official Sanction

- a. Any conflict with matches or events already in the Cricket Canada International or CCO domestic cricket calendar and/or agreements to which CCO and/or the Cricket Canada International or other Members are party.



- b. A requirement to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of calendar space among different events and matches (including formats of matches) to create a properly structured calendar.
- c. The extent to which the match/event will have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport, or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.
- d. The maintenance and promotion of the health and welfare of players, including by the prevention of overplaying and by ensuring the safety and suitability of the proposed venue(s)
- e. The impact on existing members facilities and already scheduled 'competition(s)' in place.
- f. The impact of the event on the integrity and reputation of the game of cricket
- g. The safety and suitability of the proposed venue(s)
- h. The inclusion of a cricket game development element within the match/event
- i. Any other factor which CCO may consider relevant to the best interests of Cricket.

6. Form of CCO Sanction

- a. No Match/Event may take place unless and until CCO has given written notice to the applicant of its sanction (approval) for the specific match or matches to which an application relates and then strictly in accordance with the conditions to which the approval is subject.
- b. If a match or event has not been sanctioned by CCO, it will be deemed to be disapproved, for the purposes of these regulations.

7. Conditions of CCO Sanction

- a. At a minimum, the following conditions must be satisfied in order for approval to be granted.
 - i. Must be a financial CCO member or a CCO accredited/approved promoter.
 - ii. The Organizer must be eligible to participate in cricket matches/events played under the jurisdiction of CCO and, in the case of a Cricketer, he/she must not be suspended/banned/ineligible to participate by ICC and/or National Governing body and/or provincial Governing body and /or local Association
 - iii. A valid No Objection Certificate (NOC) has been issued in respect of each international player. This will also apply to ONTARIO & Canadian National players under contract with Cricket Canada or with their relevant Association. Relevant visa to enter and compete in the Canada will be provided to CCO.
 - iv. The Organizer must undertake to implement adequate safety and security arrangements, which shall be the sole responsibility of the Organizer. CCO shall not be liable in any way for safety and security.
 - v. The Organizer must undertake to observe all applicable anti-doping and anti-corruption rules, regulations and codes; observance of which shall be the Organizer's sole responsibility and not that of CCO.
 - vi. The matches shall not be held, and shall not be described as being held under the auspices of CCO. That is, CCO's name may not be used in the naming of the tournament or event.
 - vii. Appropriate warranties and/or indemnities that any actions on the part of the Organizer will not give rise to a claim against CCO under any of its commercial contracts
 - viii. Compliance with any requirements imposed by the ICC and Cricket Canada in



respect of the relevant match shall be the responsibility of the Organizer and not CCO.

- ix. The Organizer is responsible for ensuring compliance by players, venue owners and match commercial partners with all requirements, rules, regulations and conditions governing the staging of the match and this should be reflected in all contracts with relevant third parties.
 - x. The Organizer must satisfy CCO that he or she has obtained third party liability, public liability if required or any other insurance as required.
 - xi. Details of the game development component of the Tournament (girls and/or boys) to be clearly outlined.
 - xii. CCO approved qualified umpires must be used for the tournament/events
- b. Cricket Council of Ontario requires following information
- i. 30 days before the start of the tournament/event
 1. Copy of the invitation sent out
 2. Tournament Playing Conditions
 3. List of Tournament Organizers, including name of Tournament Manager with contact information
 4. List of Umpires to be used (CCO approved)
 5. Schedule of all games of the tournament (dates/times).
 6. List of competing teams
 7. Copy of the liability Insurance
 - ii. 15 days after the Tournament
 1. Tournament Manager Report
- c. Other conditions identified as unique and specific to the event for which approval is being requested will also have to be satisfied in order for approval to be granted.
- d. Cricket Council of Ontario has invested significant resources in the development of players, officials' coaches and administrators and we are committed to cohesive long term athlete development mode. Therefore CCO does not support the "outlaw" organization's member clubs participation in CCO sanctioned tournament.

8. Disciplinary Procedure for participating in a not CCO sanctioned Match or Event

If any CCO Administration, CCO Member or a Cricketer qualified to represent ONTARIO, participates in a cricketing event for which approval should have been sought under this code, but where approval has not been granted, or in the case of CCO Administration or CCO Member, allows such an event to be staged at any ground which has been used by that CCO Administration or CCO Member within the last two (2) years to stage Domestic Cricket then the matter shall be referred to CCO Disciplinary Committee who will be asked to review the situation and recommend the appropriate remedial procedure.



9. Breaches of the CCO Sanctioning Policy may result in;

- a. **CCO Administration:** Disqualification from staging National or International Cricket for a period of two (2) years
- b. **CCO Member:** Suspension of Member in Good Standing Status and disqualification from staging National or International Cricket for a period of two (2) years
- c. **Cricketer:** Disqualification from participating in CCO official matches or events for a period of one (1) year
- d. **Organizer:** Disqualification from cricket/events for a period of three (3) years.

10. Definitions

“Approved Cricket” means cricket for which approval has been sought and granted in accordance with these regulations

“Cricketer” means a player who has been selected to form part of ONTARIO Team or a Regional Administration Team

“Disapproved Cricket” means a cricket match or event which has not been approved by CCO in accordance with these regulations

“Domestic Cricket” means all crickets below international level, including first class Cricket, regional cricket or any cricket match or event played between Regional Administrations or among cricket clubs which:

- a) Is staged at a ground(s) which is used for international, first class regional cricket or regional one day cricket
- b) Involves 10 or more cricketers who are or have been named in an Administration team in any given year to participate in a regional CCO event
- c) May involve an entry charge for admission to spectators
- d) May be scheduled to be televised, whether in whole or in part and includes beach cricket and wind-ball cricket matches, but excludes noncommercial, leisure matches organized for recreational purposes, such as “village”, “backyard” or “street” cricket.

“International Cricket” means cricket played between one or more ICC Member Country within the ONTARIO, organized and hosted by CCO

“Organizer” means the individual or organization seeking approval of a particular cricket match or event

“Pre-Approved Cricket” means cricket which falls into one of the categories outlined in Appendix II and for which no application for approval is required.

“CCO Administrations” means Administration office established by CCO