



**ARK-TENN CRICKET LEAGUE
(ATCL)
CONSTITUTION**

CREATED: 2005

AMENDED: 2017

ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be “**Ark-Tenn Cricket League**”, hereinafter alternatively referred to as “**ATCL**” or “**Arkansas Tennessee Cricket League**”.

ARTICLE 2: Affiliation

The Ark-Tenn Cricket League shall maintain at all times an affiliation with the International Cricket Council as provided for under the regulations of that Council, either directly or through the designated United States affiliate body of the ICC.

ARTICLE 3: Purpose

Ark-Tenn Cricket League is organized for educational and recreational purposes and for fostering the sport of cricket locally and nationally, without bias to race, religion, nationality or ethnic background. ATCL shall govern the game of cricket under its purview subject to the constitution and by-laws, statutes of the United States of America, state of Arkansas and Tennessee, laws of cricket, rules and regulations stipulated by the International Cricket Council, ICC, and their designated United States affiliate.

ARTICLE 4: Objectives

The Ark-Tenn Cricket League shall be a non-political, Non-Profit organization.

1. ATCL shall be responsible for organizing season-long competitive cricket with locally and nationally.
2. ATCL shall organize an annual championship competition with teams under its authority.
3. To build diversified communities, promote, encourage, foster and cultivate interest in the sport of cricket at all levels and including Youth and Adults.
4. To initiate, sponsor, promote and carry out plans, policies and activities that would further the development and advancement of cricket in Arkansas, Tennessee and surrounding areas.
5. To work with State and National level entities such as Park Boards, Schools, and approved National Cricket Organizations to create infrastructure and promote the sport of Cricket.
6. To develop, foster and train amateur athletes for representation in state, national and international cricket competitions.

ARTICLE 5: Government

ATCL constitution and by-laws shall be the ruling document of this organization. A governing body which will be referred to as EC (executive committee) will be elected each year by all qualifying members at the beginning of season. EC will impose and follow the laws and constitution of ATCL. Their decision will be final in each and every case. To change or make amends to the laws of ATCL, EC is required to have unanimous vote.

There will be no limit on the number of times an executive committee member could stand for a position in the committee. If he gets elected he can continue for multiple terms. The person who wants to join EC has to be physically present during AGM and preference would be given to them. If there are no volunteers present in the meeting then a person would be considered who is not present but volunteered for the position. Eligibility for EC position is that the person has to be ATCL member in the past for at least one full year term.

ARTICLE 5.1: Executive Committee

EC comprises of President; Vice-President; General Secretary; Treasurer; Joint-Secretary

ARTICLE 5.2: Roles

The President

1. The President of ATCL shall be the chief executive officer of the association. He shall be the ex-member of each committee including super committee.
2. He shall appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary or as recommend by the executive committee.
3. He shall serve as liaison between the association and the designated US affiliate of the ICC.
4. He shall report on the state of the association at least once every six (6) months and shall at that time suggest the future course for development.
5. The president shall on his own authority call general meetings of the association and of the executive committee.
6. The president shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie in meetings of the association.
7. The president shall authorize all payments on behalf of ATCL.

Vice-President

In the presidents' absence the vice-president shall perform all the duties and exercise the power of the president, and shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions of the office of the president.

1. He is the prime communicator within and outside of ATCL.
2. Responsible for comprehensive and fair scheduling process.

3. Attend to disciplinary actions and impose laws.
4. Help promote league and enhance its publicity.
5. The vice president shall preside over meetings of the nominations and selection committee.

General Secretary

The general secretary of ATCL shall ensure that the proceedings of the association are fully recorded. He shall oversee the retention, filing of records, and shall be responsible for distributing the minutes of each general and executive meeting.

1. The general secretary shall keep and maintain a listing of the names, physical and email addresses, telephone number(s) of the delegates for each club. He shall oversee the activities and delegate to the assistant secretaries such duties as he sees fit.
2. He is responsible for informing members to upcoming events of the association to permit their attendance or participation.
3. Should the President and Vice-President be permanently absent from office, the general secretary shall assume the office and duties of president. Unless fewer than three months remain in the un-expired term the general secretary shall call a special election to choose a new vice president.
4. The general secretary shall, in the event of his disability, resignation, prolonged absence or succession to the presidency, be succeeded in office by the joint-secretary/treasurer.

Treasurer

The treasurer of ATCL shall be the chief fiscal officer of the association. Two (2) weeks prior to each general meeting he shall provide the members with a financial report.

1. The treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget in consultation with the secretary.
2. He shall oversee the receipt and disbursement of all funds on behalf of the association and shall be responsible for adopting and following generally accepted accounting principal.
3. Annually the treasurer shall provide necessary documents and account information to president for an audit. The audit must be completed at least (4) four weeks prior to the general meeting.
4. The treasurer shall accede to the presidency after the vice president and the general secretary. He shall be succeeded in office by the assistant secretary/treasurer.
5. His responsibility also includes tax-filing for the current year.

Joint-Secretary

The Joint-Secretary of ATCL shall ensure that the proceedings of the association are fully recorded. He shall oversee the retention, filing of records, and shall be responsible for distributing the minutes of each general and executive meeting. On Secretary's absence, he will be responsible for his activities.

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2. He is responsible for informing members to upcoming events of the association to permit their attendance or participation.
3. To make sure all teams follow the protocol and send the date within given timeline after each game is complete.
4. He will make sure all the weekly responsibilities of team representatives / Captains for confirmations, submitting the reports or any other information are done on timely basis.
5. His responsibility includes that tax-filing are done on time and will work with treasures to achieve that.

Additional Non-EC Positions:

Analyst and Associate-Analyst are appointed by EC and are paid positions.

Analyst

The analyst is in charge of league website, ATCL Facebook page (weekly updates), and all statistics associated with league game in timely manner.

1. Control the access to the website. Maintain it and update it from time to time. Website along with Facebook page is the main source of data and news for all the league members.
2. Keep all the statistics, tables and scorecards as record of games played and display them.
3. Advice EC to impose penalties as per laws of the league on faltering parties.
4. He will be responsible for providing information to Captains, Umpires when any issue arises regarding rules and regulations, guidelines, Duckworth-Lewis calculations and/or any other league based information. In case of conflicts or any decision making steps, will inform and advice EC on further actions.
5. Transfer of knowledge to Associate-Analyst and will make sure Associate-Analyst is up to date on all his responsibilities and ready to act as backup in his absence.

Associate-Analyst

The associate-analyst will work in conjunction with the Analyst and will help him wherever necessary. He will be responsible for learning everything that Analyst is responsible for and will tagged as backup person in case of Analyst's absence.

Director of Marketing and Media

His role will be to bring sponsors, do marketing and PR related work and in general would be responsible for planning, development and implementation of all of the Organization's marketing strategies, marketing communications, and public relations activities.

1. This will be volunteer position and can be appointed by EC if no volunteers are found during AGM. He can be paid only based on incentives as discussed below.
2. This new position would not have voting rights, will work independently and will report directly to the existing executive Committee as deemed necessary. He can create extended marketing and media team to help out in his job responsibilities. Extended team members has to be approved by EC before they join the extended team.
3. As an incentive to bring sponsorship to the ATCL league
 - a. 10% of the sponsor amount is to be given to the person (any league member) who brings the sponsors in (Direct). Total 10%.
 - b. 5% of the sponsor amount is to be given to the person providing referral for the sponsorship (Indirect), 10% goes to the PR team including the Director of Marketing and Media if successful in achieving sponsorship. Total 15%.
 - c. 10% would go to the PR team member who brings sponsorship, extra 10% to the remaining team including the Director of Marketing and Media. Total 20%.

Super-Committee

Super-Committee will be a 3-person special committee that will help teams in case of any conflicts with the EC. Super-Committee will only be used when a specific team wants to challenge the EC's decision. Other than that Super-Committee will not have any other purpose. In case of conflict of Super-Committee member (with his teams in question), the President will act as a tie-breaker. If only one Super-Committee member is eligible (due to 2 member team's involvement) then he has to work with President for the outcome of the issue.

1. Every year Super-Committee is selected at AGM and the members nominating for Super-Committee has to be present physically at AGM. If no volunteers found then this position can be extended to other eligible (absent) members of ATCL.
2. Nominations can be sent via Email to EC before 24 hours of AGM.
3. Eligibility for Super-Committee is to be EC member for one full year term in the past.

ARTICLE 5.3: Removal from office

Appointed persons may be removed from office, except as elsewhere provided for in this constitution. Removal must be accomplished by the same terms and by those responsible for the specified appointment.

1. Elected committee may be removed from office by a majority vote of the member clubs and may be done at a special meeting called expressly for this purpose.
2. Reasons for removal are but not limited to conflict of interest, breach of trust or other acts deemed detrimental to the game of cricket or the interest of ATCL. Such removal constitutes two parts:
 - a. A vote of no confidence by a two majority of the executive committee.
 - b. Majority of the member club must vote for removal.

ARTICLE 6: Membership

Continued membership in ATCL is granted to any club, association, organization, individual or business that accepts and agrees to abide by the provisions of ATCL constitution and it's by laws.

1. The first (2) two years membership is probationary. However, EC reserves the right to grant full membership after (1) one year based upon a review of the club's performance.
2. The number of clubs in ATCL shall be limited by the availability of acceptable playing facilities, proficient officials and umpires.
3. "Full membership" in ATCL shall be available without bias to any club, association or group whose main purpose is to play and/or teach cricket. Also Full membership will be offered or continued only if the club / team plays all formats of ATCL tournaments that includes shorter and longer format of the game (T-20, & T-30/T-35 to T-50 whichever applicable). Full membership will have voting rights.
4. There will be "Guest Membership" offered to the clubs/teams that needs to participate in only one specific tournament format. Guest Membership benefits / non-benefits will be defined by current EC. Guest Membership will not have any voting rights.

ARTICLE 7: Granting Membership

An organization's acceptance for full membership is based on the following criteria:

1. Club structured with a president/chairman, secretary, treasurer and at least (15) fifteen active cricketers.
2. Must have access to playing facilities with availability on Saturdays and Sundays from 10.00 to 7.00 PM from March to October.
3. The club shall be responsible for notifying the League of any e-mail address or phone number changes. Upon request they shall provide the e-mail address, phone number and any additional information of its players.
4. Applications shall be in writing and received by the general secretary of ATCL no later than AGM date. Exception can be considered by EC if majority of teams agree and there is odd number of teams available to play the tournament with a specific format.
5. A majority vote of the full member clubs is required before new clubs can be accepted into the league.
6. Upon receipt of an application the general secretary will forward copies of the constitution/by-laws and regulations of ATCL to the applicant. The same are also available on the ATCL website for teams to read the documentation as soon as possible.
7. Applicants must certify in writing to the general secretary that his organization accepts in full and will abide by the constitution and bylaws of ATCL. Additionally that organization must sign a contract of agreement to fully support all activities sponsored by ATCL.
8. On receipt of written acceptance of the constitution and by-laws from an applicant, the general secretary after review by EC, will present their application for membership to the

delegates at the next annual general meeting of the association. Applicants will be admitted once annually.

9. The applicant represents a club or group and is not in fact a single individual.

ARTICLE 8: Membership Withdrawal

A club may withdraw their membership from ATCL by informing the league of their intent in writing.

1. Prior to the withdrawal of club, payment in the form of dues, fees, assessments or fines shall be retained by ATCL.
2. Withdrawal of a club shall not excuse payment by that entity of any financial obligation prior to the formal written notice of withdrawal being received by ATCL.

ARTICLE 9: Expulsion / Suspension of a member club by ATCL.

Members of ATCL may be expelled or suspended if they continually violate the constitution and by-laws of the league.

1. Payments in the form of dues, fees, assessments or fines to ATCL are non-refundable.
2. EC by a majority vote may take disciplinary action against members.
3. Expulsion of member clubs requires a majority vote by the current membership of ATCL.

ARTICLE 10: Right to Levy Dues, Fees and Assessments

Ark-Tenn Cricket League reserves the right to impose fees, assessments and dues on its membership as may be adopted by a majority vote of the full executive committee.

1. There shall be no discrimination in the application of dues, fees or assessments imposed on members.

ARTICLE 11: Restrictions on Fines

Fines or penalties shall not exceed the current membership dues or as defined in Rules and Regulations document.

Dues shall be assessed against members as determined by the executive committee.

No backdated penalties: Fines or penalties shall be assessed against members and clubs at the time a decision is rendered and it must be consistent with the tenants of ATCL constitution and by-laws.

1. Hearing required prior to imposition, fines or penalties shall not be assessed by ATCL against members of the association without a hearing.
2. Failure to respond, by a given deadline, of an accused member or club to a written request to attend a hearing shall be construed as an admission of guilt and disciplinary action shall be rendered in absentia.

ARTICLE 12: Quorum

No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present. Quorum for meetings shall be as follows:

1. Annual General Meetings (AGM) and General Meetings: At least (2/3) two thirds of the current full member clubs must be present.
2. Executive committee meetings requires that (50%) fifty percent of the executive be present.
3. Special meetings, except for removal from office, requires that (50%) fifty percent of the current full member clubs be present.

ARTICLE 13: Sunshine" Clause

Meetings of ATCL and its committees shall at all times be opened to the general public.

1. An exception to the above rule shall be made when the business at hand violates the right to privacy of a club or individual in matters not connected with the playing, officiating, teaching or administration of the game of cricket.
2. Meetings dealing with confidential matters shall be conducted with the appropriate delegates and or committee. The president shall, at such times announce that the body is going to a confidential session "for reason of personal privacy." He shall announce a time at which the non-delegates may expect a re-opening of the full meeting. He shall request that non-involving persons absent themselves until the announced time.
3. The by-laws of the association shall contain provisions for clearing the meeting room as necessary to preserve order and to enforce the request for privacy.
4. Following the conclusion of the closed session, any delegate or other participant in such a session may challenge the propriety of its closing. Challengers are warned not to reveal any details of the alleged confidential matter until and unless the full delegate body of the association, in an open meeting, upholds the challenge.

ARTICLE 14: General Meetings

General meetings of ATCL shall be held annually.

Delegates, individual, full and associate members may be permitted to speak on issues brought before the general meeting.

ARTICLE 15: Special Meetings

The president may call special meetings, (2/3) of the executive committee or by a minimum of (60%) sixty percent of the full member clubs. Such a meeting may be called expressly to address specific issues, which must be stated in writing to the general secretary.

ARTICLE 16: Delegates

Full members of ATCL shall represent and vote on behalf of their organization.

1. Delegates shall be identified the general assembly prior to representing his organization.
2. The association may expel a person or delegate from a meeting by majority vote of the delegates. Causes for such action are personal violations of the rules of order, the code of conduct the associations' constitution and by-laws, disruptive or disorderly conduct.
3. Such expulsion will mandate the provision of a new delegate by the member organization, but will not adversely affect the organizations' standing with the association.
4. If an organization's delegate is expelled, both he and the organization must be informed in writing for the cause of such action.
5. Re-submission of the same delegate after such expulsion will result in the loss of voting privileges by that organization until a replacement is submitted. Expulsion of a person is for the current meeting or event.

ARTICLE 17: Amendments and Ratification

Amendments to this constitution must be proposed and ratified by a 3/4-majority vote of the full member clubs.

To amend and ratify the by- laws requires a (2/3) two-thirds majority vote by the executive, and a simple majority vote by the full member clubs.

ARTICLE 19: Discrimination

ATCL shall not adopt or support any regulation that provides for discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or gender; or on any other biases prohibited by the laws of the United States, the State of Arkansas and Tennessee or by the regulations of the International Cricket Conference or of its US affiliate.

ARTICLE 20: Prohibited Activities

No part of the net earnings of ATCL shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the league shall authorize and empower the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in this constitution.

ARTICLE 21: Code of Conduct

Please refer to the COC document which is published separately but is part of ATCL constitution.

ARTICLE 22: Laws and Regulations

Please refer to ATCL rules and regulations document which is published separately but is part of ATCL constitution. This document might change every year.